

**May 21, 2025**

From: The Board of Directors

RE: Recommended Candidates for the Board of Directors

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We are delighted to bring forward these candidates for election to the Board at the Annual General Meeting of The ArQuives on May 26, 2025.

These individuals enthusiastically support The ArQuives' mission, are eager to share our stories, and are passionate about preserving the histories of our 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. Together, they bring a suite of skills and experience that will aid The ArQuives as we move forward in changing times. Candidates are presented in alphabetical order.

**Keith Bennie:** Vice-President of Programming for TIFF, Keith brings extensive experience in public programming, including to youth, public education, and fundraising, along with administrative and finance skills. He has also worked in areas of preservation and digitization of films.

**Ryan McCann:** Is a corporate communications manager at the LCBO with extensive experience in public relations, working with stakeholders, and fundraising. He developed and now leads the LCBO's Loving Pairs with Everything Pride Campaign which raises funds for multiple community groups.

**Leah Rakopoulos:** Is the Director, Major Gifts for the Toronto Public Library Foundation where she has led major campaigns, developed and sustained relationships with donors, stakeholders, foundations, and corporate partners.

**Ray Welsh:** Is a communications and media specialist, connector, and problem-solver whose marketing campaigns have achieved record-breaking outcomes. They have opened new communications channels, including newsletters, online training, and digital transformation.

**Lucas Wilson:** Dr. Lucas Wilson is a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Toronto Mississauga and was formerly the Justice, Equity, and Transformation Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Calgary. He is the editor of SHAME-SEX ATTRACTION: SURVIVORS' STORIES OF CONVERSION THERAPY. He has served on The ArQuives' Board of Directors for the past two years.