

**Naming Committee - Appointment and Reappointment Recommendations**

Members	Appointment Term
<p><b><u>Appointments (2)</u></b></p>	
<p>Soni Dasmohapatra Shariq Wani</p>	<p>May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025</p>
<p><b><u>Reappointments (4)</u></b></p>	
<p>Debra Ayling Matthew Dance Erin McDonald Sara Sierko</p>	<p>May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025</p>

**New Appointee Biographies:**

Soni Dasmohapatra

Soni Dasmohapatra is a devoted consultant collaborating with individuals, groups, institutions, and agencies to shape tools that pave the way for inclusive platforms. Soni is currently a doctoral candidate at Royal Roads University in Victoria. Soni holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta, a master’s in public administration from the University of Victoria, and a certificate in gender studies and human rights from Oxford University.

Being born and raised in Edmonton, Soni’s childhood was filled with exploring dance, music, and cultural connections to her ancestral roots in India. Soni spent a substantial amount of her adulthood in Toronto, leading grassroots social innovation and philanthropy efforts.

Her career journey of thirty years spans roles as a senior project manager in the Government of Ontario and a consultant for the United Nations. Soni has worked in Kenya and India. She has worked nationally, provincially, and municipally for the public service, voluntary sector, philanthropy, and higher learning. Now living in Edmonton, Soni is a cultural entrepreneur driven to craft holistic ecosystems that ignite social innovation. Her passion lies in mapping arts, culture, and heritage ecosystems to drive social innovation. She is committed to fostering positive change and progress in all the projects she undertakes.

### Shariq Wani

Shariq Wani has over 10 years of experience in the Government of Alberta working as a trusted strategic advisor supporting initiatives that impact Albertans such as Alberta Cannabis Legalization and managing the Alberta Child and Family Benefit. Shariq loves to build connections and finds opportunities to help others through small acts of kindness. He is active in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives that strive to make the Government of Alberta a more inclusive workplace.

Shariq was born and raised in the United Arab Emirates and immigrated to Canada to attend McMaster University. He moved to Edmonton in 2012 and fell in love with the river valley and the many summer festivals. He volunteers to meet new people and to cultivate fun experiences. Shariq is a proud organizer of the Edmonton Story Slam where Edmontonians come to share their stories on stage.