

## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY FOR POSITION ON GLEPHA BOARD

### Nominations for President (1 received)

#### Richard Bent



I have been a member of GLEPHA since its inception, and was among a number of individuals who were involved in developing the initial concept of a global association and saw it through to creation and incorporation. I have served on the Board of Directors since early 2017, the last 2 ½ years as President, and previously as Vice-President of GLEPHA. I have been directly involved in policy creation for GLEPHA, and have been on the Planning Committees of several LEPH conferences.

I served 35 years in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the last 7 of which were in executive positions. I have considerable leadership experience being responsible the operations and administration of police services delivery under contract to the Province of British Columbia, with stewardship of a substantial budget, and responsibility for human and materiel resources. I served on many boards with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and on a number of external boards, notably the Ending Violence Association of BC and the Association of Specialised Victim Assistance. While in policing I dealt with government ministers and senior levels of all levels of government, and, was responsible for approval of operational policies. I have been at Simon Fraser University for 13 years, first as a Senior Research Fellow with ICURS and currently as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Criminology. The focus of my research is very much aligned with the objectives of GLEPHA. I have an MA in Criminal Justice.

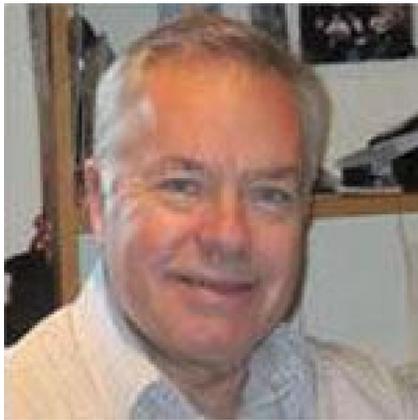
The three priorities for the GLEPHA Board are:

1. Fund raising - Expand the ability to grow GLEPHA by developing sustainable revenue sources to develop a permanent administration to support the Board, and realise our objectives of creating a LEPH Journal.

2. Membership – Growth of GLEPHA membership of GLEPHA to not only become financially self-sufficient, but also attract a more gender and geographically diverse membership base. Further, there should be specific focus on generating more members from low-middle income countries.
3. Building capacity – Developing strategic partnerships or alliances with academic institutions, government ministries, and LEPH practitioner organisations.

## **Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer (1 received)**

### **Bill Stronach**



Bill Stronach spent 18 years as the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Drug Foundation which is one of Australia's leading non-government organisations concerned with the prevention and reduction of drug related harms. Prior to this position, he was Director of Grassmere Youth Services located on the outskirts of Melbourne, working with juvenile offenders, homeless and sexually abused young people and their families. For twelve years before this he taught in secondary schools in the state of Victoria and the UK.

He was a Founding director and treasurer of Harm Reduction International (formerly the International Harm Reduction Association); a Director of the International Consortium on Alcohol and Harm Reduction and a member of the Victorian Child Death Review Committee. He has chaired the Boards of Anex (Association of Needle and Syringe Programs), Harm Reduction Victoria and the City of Melbourne's Safe City Licensees Accord Monitoring Committee.

He was previously a member of the Victorian Premier's Drug Prevention Council, the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Prevention Council, the Victorian Government's Alcohol Strategy Planning Group and the Advisory Committee for the Centre for Harm Reduction at the Burnet Centre, Melbourne, Australia

Bill was Chairman of the Organising Committees for the 3rd (Melbourne), 7th (Hobart) and 15th (Melbourne) International Conferences on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm and LEPH2012 & LEPH2014. He brings extensive conference organising and management experience both within and beyond the public health sector.

He has been a consultant and advisor on many policy matters and projects in Australia and overseas, and contributed chapters to a number of public health, drug prevention or harm reduction publications.

## **Nominations for Ordinary members (4 received)**

### **Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron**



**Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron** is an Associate Professor in Policing and Emergency Management at the University of Tasmania. She is an award-winning police educator in matters of vulnerability and law enforcement and public health, and is the lead senior researcher on the vulnerability and law enforcement and public health research streams at the Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies (TILES). She has published on the topic of vulnerability in policing, and law enforcement and public health collaborations for the past 15 years. She has expertise in policy and practice analyses, and how police and public health agencies collaborate to manage vulnerability in policing and criminal justice settings. Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron has sat on the Board of Directors of GLEPHA since 2020, and is a member of the prosecutions groups mentioned above. She maintains an active role in the Association, and has been chairing the GLEPHA Special Interest Group on Education since 2018, and in that role, created the first GLEPHA student awards, and led the first LEPH collection (Springer, 2022).

### **Patricia Griffin**



Patricia Griffin is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Holy Family University (Philadelphia, PA, USA). She is a lecturer at Temple University (Philadelphia, PA, USA) and Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK, USA). Patricia serves as a Senior International Research Consultant with the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, Region of East Africa. She has held administrative appointments at Saint Joseph's University, Boston College, and Cabrini University.

Pat's research has examined resilience in policing. Using the methodology of Appreciative Inquiry, she has worked with police organizations to identify and strengthen pathways that support overall health and wellness of police and public safety personnel. She regularly consults with problem solving courts to carry out mixed methods evaluation to advance evidence based outcomes.

Patricia has been an active member of GLEPHA since 2017. Her aim as a Board Member will be to advance membership initiatives, enrich the social media presence of GLEPHA, and mentor students and practitioners.

## **Shahala Pervin**



Mst. Shahala Pervin has been working in Bangladesh Police for 19 years in Leadership Position. Now She is working in the capacity of Additional Deputy Inspector General of Bangladesh Police at Police Headquarters. She has been rendering her services as country Focal point of LEAHN Bangladesh since May 2018. She has presented papers in the fourth & sixth International Conference of LEPH in 2018 & 2021 on “women in policing: A Bangladesh perspective”, “Vicious cycle of violence against women: prosecution, prevention and protection in Bangladesh” and “women leadership in Bangladesh Police Administration: a review” which were held in Toronto, Canada & Philadelphia, USA perspective. She has shared her experience of police in the Covid-19 Pandemic in South Asian countries, representing the situation in Bangladesh in Global Law Enforcement & Public Health Association INC. in 2021.

She is contributing her services on behalf of Bangladesh Police in consultation meeting with UNAIDS, UNODC, BONDHU to sensitize and aware to the members of Bangladesh Police who are working in the grass-root level. She has arranged multiple seminars, workshop for the vulnerable people of her society specially Police, NGO’s, Third gender, Sex workers association etc. She is a member of national Taskforce on HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh.

She had been working as an executive member of Bangladesh Police Women Network (BPWN) since inauguration of the network in 2008. She has experience as Treasurer of this network from 2008 to 2016 and Joint secretary from 2016 to 2019.

GLEPHA’s top 3 priorities

1. She has been working last 19 years in Bangladesh Police in Leadership position. It’s easy for her to Co-ordinate with other government organizations like health & NGO’s like UNODC, UNAIDS etc to implement Global Law Enforcement & Public Health Association’s vision & mission.
2. As a country focal point of LEAHN Bangladesh, She has no limit to work within the country and beyond the border.
3. She can arrange awareness program and disseminate the issues easily who are working in grass-root level police personnel, sex workers, third gender and who injected drug users.

**Richard Southby**



Dr. Richard Southby is Distinguished Professor of Global Health and Dean Emeritus, Milken Institute School of Public Health, The George Washington University, Washington, DC. He is also Adjunct Professor of Military and Emergency Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD, where he directs the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Leaders (US Army; US Navy; US Air Force; US Public Health Service; and Veterans Affairs).

Dr. Southby is Honorary Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, The University of Melbourne; Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University; and Faculty of Medicine, The University of Sydney, Australia.

Since 1989 he has been a member of the Metropolitan Police Department Reserve Corps, Washington, DC. He has served as Reserve Commander in several Districts, Deputy Commanding Officer and Commanding Officer. He is currently Senior Educational Adviser to the Department.

In addition to being Dean of the School of Public Health, he was the Founding Director of the Police Science Program at The George Washington University. Dr. Southby has been affiliated with police education and training programs in Australia, Canada, Hungary, Malaysia, New Zealand, Thailand and the United Kingdom. He is an Editor and Contributor to 'Law Enforcement and Public Health: Partners for Community Safety and Wellbeing'. Springer, 2022. As a member of GLEPHA he has attended and presented at meetings in Toronto, Canada and Edinburgh, Scotland. Suggested topics for GLEPHA are to develop LEPH course content for police recruits and all levels.