

## Message from CEO Robert Byers



As we welcome spring at Namerind, our team is busy with seasonal maintenance and repairs on our properties, checking in with our tenant families to see what needs to be replaced or fixed after the winter months. Spring is always a time of renewal and we look forward to another year of new projects and partnerships, while others continue to grow and move forward.

In this issue of Namerind News, you will meet two more of the dynamic individuals on our Board of Directors. We are lucky to have their support and advice and are thrilled that they share our passion for Namerind's work and excitement for the future. Both Directors featured this month have been a part of our board for nearly a year and have brought fresh thinking and new ideas to our team. We're so pleased to have them join us and give their valuable time to supporting our tenants and other business endeavours.

As always, we welcome your ideas, questions and comments about this newsletter or any of Namerind's projects and properties. Call or stop by our office anytime to learn more or to share your thoughts.

Happy spring,  
Robert Byers

## SPOTLIGHT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS: LENNARD YOUNG

Born and raised in Regina, Lennard spent the early part of his career as a high school science teacher before attending law school. He has spent nearly two decades as a lawyer working with various clients from legal aid to the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat. A Special Mediator for the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Lennard brings his background in education and law and a keen understanding of the trials and tribulations of Indigenous peoples to the Namerind board.



"I applaud Namerind for the work that they have done in providing economic tools and prosperity to the Indigenous community. We must give

individuals and families the opportunity to advance themselves and Namerind does just that. The thoughtful and deliberate approach taken to projects and clear vision for a path to economic prosperity stands them in good stead as the organization continues to grow. This is an organization with a true moral compass staffed by honest, openhearted, giving people. I look forward to the future and to seeing Namerind become fully self-sustaining through various projects focused on providing self-sufficiency."

## SPOTLIGHT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS: DANETTE EXNER



A high school Vice-Principal, Danette has spent her career teaching in Regina and joined Namerind's Board of Directors nearly a year ago. A

mother of three, Danette has enjoyed giving back to the community in various ways with her students during her years as a visual arts teacher. Joining Namerind's board is particularly meaningful for Danette as she understands well the needs of Namerind's tenant families, having lived in affordable housing with her family when she was young.

"Namerind does such wonderful work creating spaces that wouldn't otherwise exist. Social justice is important to me and Namerind's focus

on environmental sustainability is something I am proud to be a part of. I want to pass on a better world to my children and Namerind's environmental leadership

helps to create that world. I applaud the innovation and positive attitude displayed by Namerind's staff and look forward to being involved for the long-term."

Danette looks forward to being involved in Namerind Place, a development that Namerind has undertaken to provide affordable housing, daycare spaces, a grocery store and much needed parking spaces to aid in the revitalization of downtown Regina.



**Namerind's Resting Place Lodge** is located at 925 12th Avenue in Regina. We provide accommodations for those in Regina for medical appointments or treatments. Visit us at [www.namerindhousing.ca/resting-place](http://www.namerindhousing.ca/resting-place) for further information and nightly rates.

To reserve your room, please e-mail [restingplace@namerind.com](mailto:restingplace@namerind.com), or call 306-525-0147 during weekdays and 306-527-2193 evenings or weekends.

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## Meet our Staff



### Name:

Noel Joestar, Pharmacy Assistant

### Describe a typical day for you at work:

I work in the Winnipeg Street Pharmacy and spend most days assisting with compliance packaging for prescriptions for the patients we serve at Ranch Ehrlo group homes. As many of these patients have a need for prescriptions with multiple, often complex, medications, it provides a great learning experience for me on an ongoing basis. I spend my time logging prescriptions, packaging medications for each patient and entering billing information.

### What is your favourite thing about working at Namerind?

Everyone at Namerind is extremely friendly and open and the management is very focused on cultural diversity and inclusiveness. As a transgender person, I am happy to work in a place where everyone is considered equal and there is no judgment. Everyone at Namerind has been supportive and accepting during my transition. Namerind is truly a team – it feels like we are all working together to offer something unique to our community and that is wonderful to be a part of.

### Outside of work, what are some of your favourite ways to spend time?

After completing my Fine Arts degree, I moved to Toronto to complete Illustration courses at the Ontario College of Art and Design before returning to Regina. I love art and spend a lot of my time outside of work creating and appreciating art. I also love to travel and was lucky enough to have the opportunity to spend three years in Japan. I enjoy the opportunity to appreciate other cultures and like to travel whenever I can.

*Noel has been a part of the Namerind team for just over a year.*