Donna Hawrelko - FGA, FCGmA:
Nominated for President

Donna Hawrelko graduated as an FCGmA & FGA in 1992. Since then, she has been actively involved in education, having taught gemmology at Vancouver Community College and the CGA. She was the first Female and the first and only Non-American president of the Accredited Gemmologists Association (AGA). In 2019, she won the Bonanno Award for excellence in gemmology. In addition to being the current CGA president, she is proactively engaged with various gemmological associations.

Duncan Parker - FGA, FCGmA:
Nominated for Vice President

Duncan Parker is a gemmologist and jewellery historian as well as an appraiser and jewellery specialist. He is currently Vice-President of the CGA and Dupuis Fine Jewellery Auctioneers. Duncan is also a teacher and often speaks at gemmology and jewellery conferences across North America. He has also been doing informative, well-attended webinars for the CGA since 2019.

Adam Ostrow – FCGmA, GIA GG, MBAIEF, MBTax, CPA, CA
Nominated for Treasurer

Adam Ostrow is an Accredited Senior Gemologist providing Tax & Accounting Services to the Gem & Jewelry Industry - IRS / CRA Tax Appraisals for Gifts. He is also the Treasurer for the AGA and is the current Treasurer for the Canadian Gemmological Association.

Melanie Truscott - FCGmA, FGA:
Nominated for Education Director

Melanie has been on the CGA Board of Directors since 2024 as the Membership Director. She completed the Gemmology course at VCC, earning her FCGmA in 2022 and her FGA in 2024, and has since been involved in helping teach CGA Gemmology classes in Vancouver, such as Diamond Grading, General Interest and the Professional program.

Breanne Avender - FGA, FCGmA:
Nominated for Secretary

Breanne Avender is currently a Calgary-based Gemmologist and Jewellery Artist. She received her diplomas in Gemmology from the Gemmological Association of Great Britain (FGA) and the Canadian Gemmological Association (CGA) in 2007. She has been working in the jewellery industry since 2002 and is a Grad of the Alberta College of Art and Design. She was a teacher for ACAD's Gemmology class, has written and taught classes on Diamonds, and ran Gemmology labs for the students. Breanne is currently the Secretary for the CGA.

Lucy Cook – FCGmA, RMV:
Nominated for Director of Communications

Lucy Cook, owner of Lulu Jewelry in Vancouver, BC. Lucy is a goldsmith, gemmologist and appraiser in Vancouver; she is a FCGmA and a Registered Master Valuer (RMV). Lucy owns her own business and works on sourcing gemstones, working on custom orders, and appraising estates. When she is not busy at work, she is assisting the CGA with various projects. She has been a member at large on the CGA Board of Directors for the past 8 years.