

Springboard Chairperson's Report
Annual General Meeting. June 26, 2023

Onward and Upward. Because we do live in interesting times.

At our strategy session in April - when we established five goals for the Board's Strategic Plan for the future, we did so in conjunction with the Leadership Team. Together, the board and the team themed our project: Onward and Upward.

That open-ended expression recognizes that our world is always changing and it acknowledges how a good plan - one that's well thought out and realistically aligned to support Operations - can help guide Springboard through whatever comes its way.

We know it matters that we do our best for our clients. So qualitative sustainability is paramount. It matters that we find ways to add meaning, fulfilment and promise to the lives of our staff. It matters that we keep abreast of social, cultural and political realities of the disabled community and also, of our wider society in general. It also matters that we remember to take care of all the little things we have to do ... to ensure they don't become big things of the negative kind.

So how are we doing? We're dealing with the residue of Covid (I so hope it's really over). We're settling into our new premises. We're fast becoming accustomed to the progressive and decisive qualities of our CEO, Romeo Concepcion, and his leadership team. And I am grateful to the folks on our board. How they each stepped in - and stepped up - to do whatever was asked of them.

Growth and expansion are likely in our future. And I know, uncertainty is always in the air; yet Springboard Centre for Adults with Disabilities has always shown itself to be creative and resourceful. I believe we can expect more of the same, in the years to come.

George Roberts,
Board Chair