

Marion Saunders, HAAO Past President



Joining the HAAO Board in 2011 as Secretary, Marion served as Director of Education, Vice President/President Elect and then President 2015-2017. Having previously served as Chair of the Lakeridge Health Board of Trustees, she is currently Past President of the Association of Hospital Volunteers Bowmanville, where she is also Treats and Treasures Café and Gift Shop Convenor and Chair of the Governance Committee.

Marion has been active in the field of volunteering, both as a certified Administrator of Volunteers (at the Toronto Military Family Resource Centre) and teacher of Volunteer Administration at George Brown College, as well as a life-long volunteer. She was Chair of Standards and

Certification on the board of OAVA and filled this position on the committee which formed PAVRO. She has served in leadership roles at the National level (e.g., President Canadian Forces Chapel Guilds and President Anglican Church Women of Canada); internationally as President Anglican Church Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and Chair, Canadian Vellore Ludhiana Committee (supporting Christian teaching hospitals in north and south India), as well as locally. She led in the founding of the Toronto Military Family Resource Centre. She directed church choirs for over 30 years.

She is the recipient of the Sovereign Medal (the Governor-General's Caring Canadian Award), the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and numerous commendations from Canadian Forces Base Commanders and the Chaplain General (the first civilian to receive this commendation). She was also awarded the Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow for her leadership in the healthcare sector in Durham Region.

She taught senior high school English, History, North American Literature, Latin and Grade 8 Math. A resident of Newcastle, she is married to Maj. (ret) the Rev. Canon David Saunders and has two children and 4 grandchildren.