

G78 AGM Honours Roy Culpeper's Leadership, Welcomes New Chair, Board Members

Tribute to Roy Culpeper

On May 28, 2025, in Ottawa, the Group of 78's 2025 annual general meeting paid tribute to the superb leadership of **Roy Culpeper** as he stepped down from his role as Chair of the organization, a position he held for 11 years. A development economist, Dr. Culpeper was praised for his intellectual acuity, inclusive style, vast network of contacts, quiet sense of humour, and, above all, his unstoppable commitment to building a better world that prioritizes peace, climate and justice.

Roy has agreed to assume the post of Past Chair and will remain on the G78 Board and Executive Committee, where his dedication



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and
expertise
will
continue
to benefit

the organization.

Incoming Chair: Ted Jackson

Over 30 G78 members participating in person in Ottawa and online elected **Ted Jackson**, a public policy professor and development consultant, as the incoming Chair. "I'm honoured to build on Roy's fine leadership and aspire to meet the standards he has set," said Dr. Jackson. "Today Canada's sovereignty is under threat and the international order is in chaos. This is a moment when our organization must step forward and work even harder in this new context for progressive Canadian foreign policy and renewed multilateralism."

New Board Members Welcomed

The meeting also elected new Board members **Genevieve Harrison**, a Carleton University research administrator who will become G78's new Treasurer, and **Tierra Habedus-Sorensen**, an international affairs student at Carleton. Both will join the Executive Committee.

Contributions Recognized

Outgoing Treasurer **Gord Breedyk**, a leader in the peace and conflict field, stepped down from the Executive but will remain on the

Board. His diligent stewardship of the G78's finances, including improvements in our financial reporting, were important contributions and much appreciated.

The hard work and dedication of the Group's Executive Secretary, **Maude Stephany**, was recognized, as well.

With this reset, the Board of Directors of the Group of 78 has positioned itself to do even more to advance progressive Canadian foreign policy and renewed multilateralism in the coming years.

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