

John Chalmers: Chairman of the Board of Governors

The Rev John Chalmers is Associate Secretary and Senior Pastoral Adviser responsible for the pastoral care and support and development of all ministries in the Church of Scotland. He was Depute General Secretary of the former Board of Ministry for six years. Previously, he was minister at Palmerston Place Church in Edinburgh and Renton Trinity in Dumbarton.

He has served on the Board of Donaldson's for 20 years and, for the last six years, as chairman. His interests beyond work and working with the deaf are DIY projects, golf, travel (especially travel with golf clubs) and he continues to think of himself as a beekeeper.

John Chalmers is married to Liz and they have one daughter Ruth, two sons, David and James, and one granddaughter.

Most recently John led a team ('Rev and Co') in this year's "Barcelona Bangers Rally" from Dunfermline to Barcelona in a Vauxhall Vectra purchased for £115! The money raised went to a home for orphaned, abandoned and abused children, located on the banks of the Rio Dulce in Guatemala.

John will retire as a governor during 2008.

Councillor Jeremy Balfour

Councillor Balfour has been a governor since 2006. He represents the Corstorphine/Murrayfield Ward.

He is an Assistant Minister at Morningside Baptist Church and a Director of Bethany Christian Trust, Scottish Churches Housing Action, Unity Enterprise, Glasgow, and Scottish Council of Human Bioethics

Richard Burns

Richard Burns (62) retired as senior partner of Baillie Gifford & Co, investment managers, in 2006. As well as being a Governor of Donaldson's, he is a Trustee of the National Galleries of Scotland and the Carnegie Trust for the Scottish Universities and a member of the Court of Dundee University. He is also a director of five listed investment trust companies.

Richard has been nominated as the next Convenor of the Board of Governors of the Donaldson's Trust

Morag Donaldson

Dr Donaldson holds an MA and a PhD in Psychology and is a Senior Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Edinburgh. Dr Donaldson has over 20 years experience of research and teaching in the university environment – mostly on children’s language development and cognitive progress including studies of children with language impairment. Dr Donaldson is a Member of British Psychological Society; the Linguistics Association of Great Britain; and the International Association for the Study of Child Language.

Dr Donaldson has been a member of the Donaldson’s Board since 2001

Kathleen Fairweather CBE

Kathleen Fairweather is a vice convenor of the Board and the Convenor of the Education and Care Committee.

Kathleen has a Diploma in Education and is a former member of the National Care Standards Committee for Scotland and the National Care Standards Committee for Scotland. Kathleen has 25 years experience of inspecting schools as an HM Inspector and was appointed HM Chief Inspector of Schools in 1995 and was appointed CBE in December 1999 for services to education.

Kathleen has been a member of the Donaldson’s Board since 2001

Councillor Leslie Hinds

Councillor Hinds, who currently represents Inverleith, has been a city councillor since 1984 and was Lord Provost of Edinburgh from 2003-2006. She is a previous Convenor of the Lothian and Borders Police Board and is currently on the Lothian Borders Fire and Rescue Board and has served in a wide variety of public posts including the Health Education Board for Scotland and is currently the Chair of NHS Scotland.

As Provost, Councillor Hinds was Chair of Edinburgh International Festival Council; Chair of Edinburgh Military Tattoo Board; President of One City Trust; Trustee of the National Library; Court member of the University of Edinburgh; Joint President (with Lord Provost of Glasgow) of Scotland/Malawi Partnership.

Previously, Councillor Hinds was a primary school teacher and holds an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons 2006; the Honorary degree of Doctor honoris causa for Edinburgh University (to be awarded June 2008); and the Honorary Fellowship of Telford College.

Councillor Hinds joined the Donaldson’s Board, for the second time in 2007, as the elected represented governor for Edinburgh City Council.

Gavin Hogg

Gavin lives near Inverness where he runs a hostel and chairs a marketing company for the hostel business in the Scottish highlands. Gavin has 2 deaf children, one of whom is a residential pupil at Donaldson's. He has been vice-chair of the Highland Deaf Children's Society for the past seven years and is actively involved with improving national services for deaf children, especially with regards to social inclusion, sport and leisure. He is also a lay member of the HM Inspectorate of Education and is an active member of the Disability access panel in Fort William.

Gavin has been on the NDCS Board of trustees since the end of November 2005.

Gavin has been a Governor of Donaldson's since 2005.

Jenny Honey

Jenny holds a BA in Psychology and is a Senior Marketing Executive for Scottish Enterprise and previously held a number of PR and Marketing roles for organisations including the CBI; the Arts is Magic; and Strathkelvin District Council. She holds the Chartered Institute of Marketing Diploma.

Jenny has been a governor of Donaldson's since 2005

Provost Tom Kerr

Tom Kerr was appointed Provost for Linlithgow in May 2007. Councilor Kerr was brought up in Linlithgow and was elected as a Conservative Councilor representing St Michael's Ward (1992 to 1999) and Kingsfield Ward in Linlithgow (1999 to present).

Tom has his own business, TK Marine, which he started in 1992. Tom is Treasurer of the Linlithgow & Bo'ness Rotary Club and Honorary President of Linlithgow & Linlithgow Bridge Children's Gala Committee. He is also Chair of the Town Centre Management Group and an active member of several other local Committees and Groups.

Provost Kerr was appointed a Governor of Donaldson's in 2007

Katy Macfarlane

Katy Macfarlane ran the Scottish Child Law Centre for 8 years during which time she specialised in education law, particularly as it relates to children with additional support needs. She is a qualified solicitor, safeguarder for the Children's Hearing System and lecturer in Law at the University of Edinburgh. Katy is also a qualified secondary school teacher having taught Economics and Accounting for seven years.

Katy is chair of the Parent/Teacher Association and has been a governor since 2007

Professor George Montgomery MBE

George is a chartered psychologist and is the Secretary of the Donaldsonian Association of former pupils. He was previously a senior lecturer and researcher managing an Applied Psychology course and Psychology of Deafness course at Edinburgh University and subsequently Professor of Deaf Studies at Gallaudet University in the United States. He was on the Board of Management of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID) for 15 years and on the Board of Scottish Workshop Publications and the editorial boards of a variety of deaf journals and is acknowledged throughout and beyond the deaf community as a renowned and highly respected researcher into deaf education and history. Professor Montgomery has a doctorate in Psychology and was appointed Hon D Litt while in the USA. He was appointed MBE in 1997.

Dr Lawrence Rolland

Dr Rolland is a consultant architect and former senior partner of the Hurd Rolland Partnership involving 45 years of conservation and restoration and new buildings. He is a general Trustee of the Church of Scotland; non-executive Board member of the National Trust for Scotland; and past Chairman of the Court of the University of Dundee where he remains the Chancellor's Assessor. He is a Past President of the Royal Institute of British Architects and of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland. Dr Rolland is a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Dr Rolland has been a Governor since 2002

Alastair Salvesen

Alastair Salvesen was educated at Fettes and subsequently qualified as a Chartered Account and completed an MBA at Cranfield in 1966. He became Chairman of Dawnfresh Seafoods Ltd in 1983 and has also chaired Dovecot Studios Ltd and is a Director of New Ingliston Ltd. He was President of the British Foods Federation from 1995-97 and President of the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland from 2001-02. In 2007, he became Chairman of the Shellfish Committee of the Food and Drink Federation. He established the Alastair Salvesen Art Scholarship in 1989 and is also a Governor of the Fettes Trust, and Compass School. Alastair Salvesen is author of *Slekton Salvesen 1552-1995*. Most recently, a generous gift from Alastair allowed Dovecote studios to relocate to the beautifully refurbished Infirmary Street Baths.

Alastair has been a governor of Donaldson's since 1997

Ian Thom

Ian Thom is a retired teacher with 30 years service in Special Education. He taught for 8 years at Dr Guthrie's Boys' School and was, for 22 years, the Headteacher at Edinburgh Council's Howdenhall Children's Unit. He has an MA and a Diploma in Social Administration. He is heavily involved in Scottish rugby: both in schools' rugby and as an SRU referee coach.

Ian has been a Governor of Donaldson's since 2000 and is a Vice Convenor of the Board of Governors.

David Wilson

David Wilson is a former pupil of Donaldson's and is a representative of Donaldsonian's Former Pupil Organisation. His career was in the field of Electronic and Mechanical Engineering Design and he is President of Scottish Deaf Golf Association.

David is Chairman of the Deaf Broadcasting Council and played a key role in the successful campaign to provide sub-titles to television programmes which has had a significant effect on literacy levels in the young deaf community.

David Wilson has been a governor of Donaldson's since 2002

Ken Wimbor

Ken Wimbor is the Assistant Secretary of the Educational Institute for Scotland and sits on the Board of Donaldson's as the EIS elected member.

Ken has a BSc in Science and was a science teacher from 1978 to 1990 when he took up his role with EIS. Ken is also a Board member of Support Scotland.

Ken has been a member of the Donaldson's Board since 2005.

Jamie Younger

Jamie Younger qualified as a chartered accountant in 1992 and chartered tax adviser in 1995 and was awarded an Institute medal for his exam performance during his training contract. He is a partner with Chiene + Tait, Chartered Accountants, and deals with a wide range of audit, business support and tax clients. He has particular expertise in the audit work in the charity and education sectors.

Jamie has been a governor of Donaldson's since 2004

Ken Pye RIBA RIAS MaPS: JM Architects

Ken joined JM architects in 2005.

He completed a Diploma in Architecture at Edinburgh College of Art and an Honours degree in Architecture at Heriot-Watt University.

Prior to joining JM Architects, he spent over 25 years with Wheeler & Sproson. Since 1989 he has been responsible for various educational and housing projects including student residences, teaching centres, mainstream and special needs housing. Major projects include St Andrews University New Hall; a variety of projects at Herriot Watt University including a new student union and halls of residence; and sheltered housing for the Bield Housing Association. A major restoration project was undertaken for the Fife Historic Building Trust, West Wemyss, which included restoration of thirteen derelict houses on the north shore of the Firth of Fort and this project received a 2003 Civic Trust Award.

John Dunn

John is the Managing Director of PMP (UK) Ltd, having founded the company in 1992.

John is a Chartered Building Surveyor and Project Manager and was involved in providing strategic advice to Donaldson's for the relocation from West Coates and the various options proposed for the sale of the original building. John also oversaw the selection process for appointing the full design team for the new build project.

Philip Bell

Philip was the client representative and Project Manager for the new Donaldson's building throughout the construction period and oversaw maintenance requirements for the West Coates building prior to handover.

He is a Chartered Building Surveyor with 21 years of extensive professional experience in commercial Building Surveying and Project Management and, previously, 9 years contracting experience gained with major national contractors. He is Director in charge of Project Management for PMP (UK) Ltd.

Jim McGregor

During the build of the new campus, Jim was Head of Projects for Donaldson's with overall responsibility for construction and the relocation from the West Coates site.

Jim has 28 years experience in Facilities Management and Project Management with Wood Mackenzie, Hill Samuel, and NatWest. He has worked throughout the UK, Europe, North America and Asia.

On returning to Edinburgh, Jim became a house husband and worked part time as Support Manager for The Compass School, Haddington, where he managed the

extension of the school building and the refurbishment of the existing accommodation prior to working for Donaldson's as JMG Consultancy.

Alastair Montgomery

Alastair Montgomery is the Clerk to the Board of Governors

He served as a pilot in the Royal Air Force and commanded the Vulcan detachment in the South Atlantic in 1982 and, later, Royal Air Force Manston. He took early retirement as a group captain in 1997 and has subsequently worked in Further Education and as Bursar of an Independent School. He was appointed MBE in 1983 and OBE in 1995. He has been Clerk to the Board since December 2007.