



ALBERTA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

The Governing Body of Soccer in Alberta

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Call for Alberta Soccer Association Board of Director Candidates

The Alberta Soccer Association (Alberta Soccer) is looking for new candidates for the Board of Directors. If you are interested, please read the information below and contact a member of the Alberta Soccer Nominations Committee with any questions.

Alberta Soccer is committed to the promotion of equity, diversity, and inclusion within the organization. We endeavor that this commitment be fully represented within the Alberta Soccer Board of Directors and encourage all qualified candidates to apply.

Vacant Positions at the Upcoming Annual General Meeting (4 total positions):

- Vice President (2-year term)
 - Incumbent – Danny Bowie
 - Elected by the Members
- Director of Finance (2-year term)
 - Incumbent – Julie Beschell
 - Elected by the Members
- Director-at-large (2-year term)
 - Incumbent – Maureen Keough
 - Elected by the Members
- Rural Director-at-large (2 year term)
 - Incumbent – Lonny Behm
 - Appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy

Board Structure for 2020

10 Positions Maximum

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| President | Shaun Hammond |
| Vice President | TBD – 2020 Election |
| Director of Finance | TBD – 2020 Election |
| Director-at-large | Adam Berti |
| Director-at-large | Phil Michalidies |
| Director-at-large | TBD – 2020 Election |
| Rural Director-at-large | Steve Cupit |
| Rural Director-at-large | TBD – 2020 Election |
| Public Director | TBD – Appointed in 2020 after the AGM |
| Past President | TBD – Appointed in 2020 after the AGM (if applicable) |



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Alberta Soccer Association Annual General Meeting

When: February 23, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Edmonton, AB (Delta Edmonton South, 4404 Gateway Blvd., Edmonton, AB T6H 5C2)

Alberta Soccer Association Board of Directors Candidates Forum

When: February 22, 2019 @ 4:00 PM

Where: Calgary, AB (Delta Edmonton South, 4404 Gateway Blvd., Edmonton, AB T6H 5C2)

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting

Although candidates are not required to attend the Annual General Meeting, it is **highly recommended** that they attend the Candidates Forum as well as attend the Annual General Meeting in its entirety.

About Alberta Soccer

The Alberta Soccer Association began in 1909 as the Alberta Association Football League, changing to the Alberta Soccer Association in 1915. Founders created the Association to coordinate soccer games and playoffs between the provincial districts. Since its creation, the Alberta Soccer Association has grown to be the province's largest individual sports association - reaching over 100,000+ members. These individuals make up 19 Member Districts and 3 Associate Members across Alberta.

With the goal of serving these Member Districts, Alberta Soccer:

- Promotes participation in, and enhances development of soccer in Alberta
- Promotes and supports all levels of soccer competition in Alberta including provincial and national selections
- Governs the sport of soccer in Alberta and produces supporting documentation such as policies and by-laws
- Encourages and fosters personal development and training of all players, coaches and referees in the province
- Coordinates provincial festivals, tournaments and cup competitions on an annual basis
- Promotes respect and equality in the game and is inclusive to all members of society
- Provides the necessary means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between Members, clubs, officials and players of the Alberta Soccer Association.
- Offers health insurance for soccer related incidents to all members.

The Alberta Soccer Association has a \$4,000,000 annual budget with nearly 50% of the annual revenue coming from registration fees paid by each player in the province.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BOARD ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENTS, SEE BELOW:

Interested candidates should contact members of the 2019/20 Alberta Soccer Nominations Committee:

- Jay Ruptash, Chair Jay.ruptash@outlook.com
- Doug Ratke, Member deratke@hotmail.com
- Debbie Ballam, Member D.Ballam@spdsa.net
- Robert Hayne, Member robert.hayne@vqt2000.com
- Shaun Lowther, Executive Director (ex-officio) slowther@albertasoccer.com
- Geraldine Ratcliffe, Office Administrator gratcliffe@albertasoccer.com

Please visit www.albertasoccer.com for more information about Alberta Soccer.

***If interested in becoming a Candidate please complete the ASA Board of Directors Declaration of Interest and send to Geraldine Ratcliffe & Shaun Lowther prior to 9:00am on February 3, 2020 via:**

Email: gratcliffe@albertasoccer.com
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Attn.: Geraldine Ratcliffe/Shawn Lowther



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Alberta Soccer Board of Directors Commitments

Mandatory Meetings

- Alberta Soccer Board Meetings
 - o 6 – 8 in person meetings and 2 - 4 conference calls
 - In person meetings are normally held on Saturdays and scheduled at least one month in advance
 - In person meetings include shorter meetings during the Membership meetings identified below
 - Conference calls are no more than two hours on Sunday – Thursday evenings
- Alberta Soccer Membership Meetings
 - o 2 weekends per year
 - Early November – Fall Planning
 - Late February – Annual General Meeting

Committee Membership

- All Board Members are expected to be active on a minimum of one Governance committee as chair or voting member.
 - o The Governance Committees include;
 - Governance & By-laws, Strategic Planning, Finance, Risk Management and Awards & Recognition
 - Ad-hoc committees as determined by the Board of Directors which currently include;
 - Development of Women in Soccer, Business Development, Harassment & Equity Committee
- Board Members have optional involvement as Board Liaisons to the three operational committees which are;
 - o Technical Development, Competitions, Referee Development
- Committee time commitments vary and Terms of Reference should be reviewed or discussed prior to commitment to a particular committee.

Public Events

- Board Members will be invited to attend various public events hosted by Alberta Soccer, Canada Soccer, our Affiliated Members or Partners and will be expected to attend a minimum of three events annually. Events include, but are not limited to the following;
 - o Provincial Competitions



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- National Competitions
- Invitational Tournaments
- National or Professional Team Games & Appearances
- Government of Alberta Events

Communication

- All Board Members should expect to be active on email weekly to monitor Board activity and committee activity.

Minimum Standards

- The Alberta Soccer Board of Directors minimum duties are outlined in the ASA By-laws. Specific attention should be paid to the following sections
 - Article IV.4 – Duties of the Officers
 - Article IV.5 – Obligations and Powers of the Board of Directors
 - Article IV.8 – Board Meetings
- All Board Members will be required to pass a Criminal Record Check to the satisfaction of the Alberta Soccer Volunteer Screening Policy.
- All Board Members will be required to sign the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy which include a declaration of professional and soccer affiliations.