

Special Olympics PEI 2022 AGM Nomination Report

Good evening special guests, athletes, volunteers, and supporters.

My name is Craig Watson, and I am the current Vice-President of the SOPEI Board. Tonight, I will present our slate of directors and officers for the 2022-2023 year.

To begin, I would like to start by thanking our retiring board members. This group of individuals have given so much to the Special Olympics PEI Board and we are grateful that they chose us to give their volunteer time to.

I have a short citation to read about each of these amazing individuals and then at the end I would ask Jamie to help me in presenting them with a small token of our appreciation.

Since 2015, Laurie McNally has been the parent representative on the board. She has provided a progressive view during many Board discussions coupled with her experience as both a SO Mom and a career in health have added tremendous value to the Board. Thank you, Laurie!

Kevin Stonefield joined the SOPEI Board in 2010. With a background in education and a passion for inclusion, Kevin has ensured that the Board decisioning making as been equal parts sound and practical. Thank you, Kevin!

In 2004, Donna Campbell was recruited to the SOPEI Board as the West Prince rep under a Community Council structure. While the structure turned out not to be the right fit for SOPEI, Donna sure was. Her commitment to ensuring equity for our athletes combined with a strong foundation of physical activity have enable SOPEI to grow in many areas. Thank you, Donna!

While his latest term has been 2010 onward, Cecil Villard has been part of the Special Olympics family since he brought the movement to PEI in the late 1970's. His gift for process and professionalism have ensured a strong foundation for the movement and will be felt for years to come. Thank you, Cecil!

Please join me in welcoming to the stage Laurie, Kevin, Donna, and Cecil! ***(Initiate applause)***

With four members of our board completing their terms, we have the following positions open and up for election at this time.

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Directors at Large

All other positions are not up for election or renewal at this time.

The positions of President, Vice-President and Athlete Rep have been filled as part of our Board pathway.

It is my pleasure to present the slate of directors and officers for the 2022-2023 year:

Past-President: Jamie Arsenault

President: Craig Watson

Vice-President: Robert Horne

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Clifford Lee

Athlete Rep: Ellen MacNearney

Directors at Large: Melanie McKenna Heidi Mallet

Rebecca Gill Lynda Hontscharowicz

Can I please have a motion to approve the Election of Officers and Directors for the 2022-2023 year?