

## 2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominations to the Board of Directors of Special Olympics Alberta are governed by the Bylaws of the Association. Directors are elected for 3-year terms.

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The following Directors will enter their final year of their second term of three years:

Deborah A. MacPherson

Dallas Sorken (Athlete appointment)

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The following Directors will enter the final year of their first term of three years:

Melissa Klebeck

Catherine Keill

Don Kwas

Jerry Tennant (Affiliate Rep - One term appointment)

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The following Directors will enter the second year of their first term of three years:

Caroline Barham

Chief Dean Lagrange

Brent Allison

Eric Kwas (Youth Rep – One term appointment)

We would like to express our sincere thanks to David Findlay, Walter Bretton

& Maria Borges for their service to the Board.

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### THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING NOMINATED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following individuals are being nominated for a 3 year term:

Mark Powell

Kimberly Brocanier

Jon Cornish

## Bios for Nominated Members

### **Kimberly Brocanier:**

**What is your profession / career?** I am currently the Assistant Principal at New Heights School and Learning Services in Calgary; a private designated special education school for individuals with ASD and similar learning profiles. I have held several roles throughout my career in Education: Teacher, Transition to Adulthood Coordinator, Learning Leader; always focused in either Physical Education, Special Education or the Not-for-Profit world (Special Olympics and Right To Play).

### **What has been your community involvement prior to SOA?**

Special Olympics Calgary AMC; Athlete Leadership Course Presenter; Director of Special Events - Special Olympics Alberta 2019 Winter Games; Special Olympics Coach; Event Director/Volunteer Coordinator/Team Management Coordinator - motionball Marathon of Sport; Education Champion/Intern/Presenter - Right to Play; Calgary Zone Representative - Alberta Schools Athletic Association; Community Coach (Basketball, Volleyball, Track and Field); Play Around the World program participant

**Why did you join the SOA Board?** I have always been drawn to the power of sport and play, the ability it has to bring people together, and the impact it can have on the lives of everyone involved. Having worked closely with individuals of all abilities in sport and education, I have become an ally and an advocate for change and inclusion; this is what drew me to join the SOA Board. I would like to continue to find as many opportunities to empower our athletes to be leaders in their sport and in their communities, and to have their voices heard at all levels of the organization.

**How many years have you been a member of the SOA Board?** New member.

**What SOA Board Committees do you currently sit on?** I look forward to finding out more about the current committees available.

**What are your favourite pastimes?** Spending time with my son, husband and pup; fitness; biking; travelling, volunteering; anything sports related!

**Favourite Special Olympics sport?** Athletics, Basketball, Bocce and Run/Walk Club

### **Mark Powell:**

**What is your profession / career?** I am a lawyer and partner at Bennett Jones LLP. I head our Trading & Derivatives group and work out of our Calgary office.

**What has been your community involvement prior to SOA?** Volunteering and sport has been an important part of my life since I was 12 years old. In addition to serving on the board directors of Big Brothers and Sisters Calgary, the Alberta Mentor Foundation for Youth and the Trailswest Hockey Association, I am a former hockey and softball coach.

**Why did you join the SOA Board?** I have three kids and, for the last few years, my volunteer activities relating to



sport have been directed to their activities and interests. My kids are now (almost) fully grown and I have been looking for volunteering options related to sports that are independent of my kids' lives. I cannot think of a better opportunity than joining the SOA Board.

**How many years have you been a member of the SOA Board?** New member.

**What SOA Board Committees do you currently sit on?** None right now (but I expect that this will change shortly).

**What are your favourite pastimes?** Golfing, running, walking my dog and hanging out with my family.

**Favourite Special Olympics sport?** motionball

**Jon Cornish:**