

2019 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.

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

Paavo Montandon

Gerry Lorente

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

Dave Findlay

Kirsten Kirwer (One term appointment)

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

Maria Borges

We would like to express our sincere thanks to **Wilma Shim, Brian Simpson, Mark Thompson, Rick Taylor, Ed Grose and Scott Laluk** for their service to the Board.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING NOMINATED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Deborah A. MacPherson has completed a three year term and is being nominated for a second term of three years

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

Walter Bretton

Trevor Daroux

Catherine Keill

Melissa Klebeck

Don Kwas

Jerry Tennant (Affiliate Rep One term appointment)

Dallas Sorken (Athlete Rep one year appointment)

Bios for Nominated Members

Deborah A. MacPherson

Deb is a tax partner with the Edmonton office of KPMG – she has been with KPMG for over 30 years and a partner for 20 years. She is the Tax Business Unit Leader for KPMG’s Regions West practice, comprising 9 KPMG offices from Prince George to Winnipeg. She is also the leader of the Edmonton tax practice and former leader of the Enterprise (private company) tax practice in KPMG’s Calgary office. She has extensive experience serving a wide range of growing private companies. Over the years, Deb has assisted clients with innovative solutions to Canadian taxation challenges including acquisition and divestiture planning, tax-effective reorganizations, business combinations, holding company strategies, multi-jurisdictional tax strategies and remuneration plans.

Deb has been a frequent speaker on tax topics to clients, associations and a lecturer with CPA Canada. She has also authored an extensive number of articles relating to taxation over her career.

Deb is the mother of 3 adult children, one of whom is special needs and a Special Olympics athlete in a number of sports, most notably advanced swimming, with the Calgary team.

Walter Bretton

Walter is a member of the Saddle Lake Cree Nation who now resides in Edmonton with his family. He is happily married to his wife of 14 years, Cesley, and father to four children, Roman, Samson, Ebonie and Malachi. Walter is currently the Indigenous Engagement Manager with the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate and the co-chair of the National Child Day provincial planning committee. He has 18 years of experience in the Child and Family Services field. Walter has worked in both Alberta and Saskatchewan and is well known and respected in the community. He has dedicated his life to improving outcomes for the children, youth and families that he has served.

Trevor Daroux

Trevor is District Commander Southern Alberta District for the RCMP. District Commander Daroux is a graduate of the University of Calgary, the United Kingdom Strategic Command Course, and the Senior Management Institute for Police.

Throughout his career, District Commander Daroux has held a variety of operational, investigative and administrative positions including the RCMP Director General National Crime Prevention and Indigenous Policing Services Chief Superintendent, Deputy Chief of the Calgary Police Service, the Drug Unit, the Criminal Intelligence Section, the Community and Youth section, the Tactical Team, the Priority Crimes Team, Executive Office and Street Patrol. In 2001, District Commander Daroux served on the G8 Summit Security Planning Team where he was responsible for the coordination of international intelligence agencies.

District Commander Daroux currently sits on the National Board for the Boys and Girls Club and was a member of the Special Olympics Alberta Board briefly in 2016 before having to move to Alberta for a post with the RCMP.

Deputy Daroux has been a member of the Law Enforcement for over thirty years serving with both the Calgary Police Service and RCMP.

Catherine Keill

Catherine Keill has more than 25 years of experience in strategic communications, public relations, government relations and policy development in private, public, and not-for-profit sectors.

Catherine has been at the helm of Keill & Company Inc. since 1999 and her client work spans across the strategic communications spectrum from speechwriting, to market lead for product launches, to change management and issue management, to government and media relations training. She has built Keill's body of work based on her extensive experience: Catherine has held senior executive positions in municipal, provincial and federal governments working closely with decision-makers engaging stakeholders at all levels. She has also held the positions of Vice President of Development for a large, local not-for-profit agency, Group Leader of Public Affairs for Alberta and Senior Account Director for a multi-national communications firm, and she was the Director of Communications and Partnerships for a national, not-for-profit organization. Catherine is excited about the diversity of the work her client's bring to the Keill team, and she prides herself on her deep relationships she builds with clients through all her projects. She has been a member of several not-for-profit boards serving and she continues to be a committed member of Alberta's volunteer community giving of her time to causes close to her heart. Currently, Catherine is a University of Alberta Senator, Vice Chair of Shadow Theatre, and a committed Rotarian.

Catherine has a B.A. in English and Communications, an M.A. in Communications and Technology. She has received a certificate in Project Management and completed her Management Essentials certificate through Alberta School of Business Executive Education, including Change Management Bootcamp.

She loves her husband and son, enjoys her time with her corgis, and relaxes reading whatever book she has handy. She is also bilingual in French (but needs a lot of practice). Her next personal challenge is to learn American Sign Language.

Melissa Klebeck

Melissa is a senior manager in assurance services at MNP where she works with a diverse group of clients including working with not for profit groups in various sectors. Throughout her 9-year career with MNP she has worked across western Canada including stops in Prince Albert, Saskatoon before finally settling into the Edmonton office for the last 5 years. Melissa holds designation as a Chartered Accountant, Certified Professional Accountant and has both her bachelor's degree in commerce and master's in professional accounting.

Outside of work, Melissa's favourite hobby has and always will be curling. She has been involved in the sport since she was 10 years old and proceeded to compete in competitive curling since high school and into the early stages of her career. Now Melissa's involvement in leagues is purely for fun and fitness. Throughout her life Melissa has always loved to give back to the curling community, whether it be through teaching beginner and intermediate curling (for both children and adults), being on various Board of Directors for her leagues as well as sitting on the Saskatoon Women's bonspiel committee during her time in that city. She has her level 2 certification for Canadian coaching and has coached a junior women's team as well being the assistant coach for high school women's curling.

Don Kwas

Over his 30 year public service career, Don Kwas has worked with both the Governments of Alberta and British Columbia in a variety of roles, primarily in intergovernmental relations and post-secondary education. Don is currently serving as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Relations with Alberta Executive Council.

Don has been married to Dianne for 29 years and they have three children: Brittany, David and Eric. David is a Special Olympics athlete, while Don and Eric both volunteer as coaches with Special Olympics Alberta – Edmonton’s track and field program.

Don has volunteered in many capacities. He is finishing up a nine year term as a member of the Board of Directors for the Centre for Autism Services Alberta, including two terms as Chair. From 2014 to 2016, Don was a member of the Affiliate Management Committee for Special Olympics Alberta - Edmonton. He was a member of the Advisory Committee to the Edmonton Public School Board’s Special Needs Task Force, which developed a Board policy and administrative regulations on inclusive education. Don has also served as Chair of his Ministry’s United Way Committee and was the Ministry representative on the United Way Provincial Coordinating Committee for several years. Don won an award as the United Way Employee Campaign Chair of the Year for the Government of Alberta in 2012.