

2022 Nomination Report

There are 5 Board of Director positions scheduled for election during the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

The following positions are scheduled for election for 2-year terms:

- President
- Director of Finance
- 3x Director-at-Large

While nominations will be accepted from the floor in accordance with BC Artistic Swimming’s Nomination Policy and Procedures, the following individuals have been nominated in advance of the meeting and have demonstrated that they meet the criteria established in the BC Artistic Swimming Bylaws.

PRESIDENT

Mandy Curtis



Mandy became involved with the Kamloops Sunrays in 2013 when her daughter joined their recreational program. A year later, she volunteered for Club President. She went on to achieve her Level 2 judge certification and has recently been nominated for the national officials’ program. During her tenure, the Kamloops Sunrays executive team has worked hard to stabilize the club and create a foundation of programming for recreation, provincial, and national stream program.

Privately, Mandy works full-time as the Marketing Director for Kelson Group Property Management who operate over 4,500 apartments between British Columbia and Alberta, in ten different cities. She is a certified Accounting Technician and Graphic Designer. Currently she is working to complete her degree in Marketing and Communications. In her spare time, you can find Mandy camping with friends, travelling with her family or reading a good book beach side.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Ann Stirrat



I have had a long involvement with the sport of artistic swimming beginning as an athlete in my youth, as a parent of two daughters who competed as national stream athletes and who are now coaching in the sport, and as a volunteer. Currently I am a member of the Canada Artistic Swimming Finance Committee and have just completed a term on the BC Artistic Swimming Board as Director of Finance. Past volunteer roles in the sport include director of Pacific Wave Synchro (2011-2019), meet volunteer (including the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George) and Level 1 judge. All these experiences, together with watching my daughters and their teammates develop into confident and capable young

adults thanks to their participation in artistic swimming, inspire me to contribute towards promoting the accessibility, growth and excellence of the sport at all levels.

I am a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CGA) and have held senior financial management roles in the forest products and utilities industries. My focus has been in the areas of accounting, budgeting, financial analysis and reporting. In addition, I have participated in a number of large-scale financial systems implementation and business transformation projects. As a volunteer, recent roles outside of artistic swimming include serving as Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair for The University Women's Club of Vancouver, as a member of their Nominations Committee and I currently sit on their Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE (in alphabetical order)

Robin Bennu



I've been a resident of BC since 2011, and Campbell River since 2017. In the last five years I have built a practice providing legal services to the north Island. I practice primarily litigation. I try to find collaborative and cooperative resolutions to disputes that can put my client in a position to move forward in a more positive direction. I regularly deal with difficult personalities and high conflict situations. I consider myself a problem solver.

I came to love the sport of artistic swimming when I was 12 years old. I swam competitively for four years in Manitoba until I couldn't continue high performance training due to injury. These years were formative for me. I learned teamwork, dedication, hardwork, and self-confidence. I transitioned to a role as official, and briefly as a coach, because of my passion for the sport and for supporting young athletes to gain skills which will be useful to them for life, as they have been for me.

I took a lengthy break because my responsibilities as a single mother made it impossible for me to volunteer my time, and now that I am supported by a wonderful partner, I have been able to return and contribute my experience to the sport. I am looking forward to taking on a new role in governance and expect the skills I have gained as a lawyer will be an asset to the board.

Cybil Nomura



I currently teach Kindergarten at a community school in New Westminster. I recently finished my post graduate work in math and science and was on the dean's list throughout the entire program. I have been teaching for over 18 years, and have taught most grades from kindergarten to grade 7. Sport has always been a major part of my life; physical literacy is a pretty big deal in my classroom.

Before life as a teacher, I was a professional cyclist racing with Team Diet Rite, Elita as well as Team Canada. I raced World Cups, the Tour de France, and most international tours and World Championship events. Early in my career I was nurtured by coaches through the BC Cycling Federation. My love of cycling was fueled by positive experiences at the BC Summer Games, the Western Games and finished up with the

Canada Games. I realize the importance of these games, and how they helped make me the athlete I was. It was my springboard onto the national team, which led to signing a pro contract at 18 years old and racing throughout Europe and North America. Today, some of my fondest and worst memories come from sport. I won the Premier's Athletic Award and was lucky enough to get to represent cycling in the BC Hall of Fame. For many years of my career, I was Team Captain. I was selected for this role because I was able to put my teams' goals ahead of my own dreams and desires which is not something all athletes can do. I am strategic by nature and this has been a skill set that has served me well as a teacher.

My volunteer experience ranges from helping with used uniform collection, bake sales, and helping my children's classroom teachers as class parent. I mentor new teachers entering our profession, and one spring season was a volunteer soccer coach for my sons' team. Last year, I volunteered during a couple of the artistic swimming competitions as a runner, a scorer, and a panel referee. I also have experience developing grants for my daughter's club.

Tanya Rothe



Strategic and versatile technology executive who brings a global perspective and vision, focused on helping businesses identify and navigate risk and business transformation challenges in rapidly-changing situations. Extensive legal leadership experience and deep expertise in corporate governance, capital financings and international commercial agreements, as well as identifying and developing intellectual property. Curious and passionate about learning, able to quickly understand and evaluate complex, innovative technology and concepts. Thrives in changing situations that benefit from integrity, courage and diversity of thought. Asks

tough questions and provides frank assessments in challenging environments, while helping to manage conflict and disruption. Entrepreneurial spirit, having personally founded, built and sold a small business.

Recognized as one of Canada's most influential and innovative General Counsel, created and led a highly-skilled team that developed a portfolio of some of the world's most valuable technology patents, protecting visionary, extremely complex technologies. Key contributor to building an international business that is a first-mover in a rapidly-growing and changing market through to a NYSE public listing, bringing its unique technology to enterprises to help them solve complex business problems and derive business value.