

Board Nominees

2022 Annual Meeting



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Colin Bell



I have had the privilege of fulfilling many roles in the sport of biathlon from athlete to event management. Competing on the Junior and Senior National teams in the early 2000's gave me that crucial on snow perspective, working for Biathlon Alberta as Technical Director was a great way to learn about NSOs, PSO's, OTP and a lot of other acronyms :). I really enjoyed working with Biathlon Bears while coaching at the Foothills Club in the mid 2000's, it was so rewarding to see athletes go from intro to the sport to competing at international competitions. My most recent experience with Biathlon was with VANOC where I received an education on what it takes to run large events from porta-potties to parking. For the last decade I've had the honour of leading the awesome team at RecycleSmart, one of Canada's fastest growing cleantech companies.



S. Gail Niinimaa



Gail Niinimaa was introduced to Biathlon in 1980 when FNSC purchased its 1st rifle and the biathlon program started. She competed from 1981–86 with her top result being 5th place in Holmenkollen. After retiring from the National Team, she lobbied for equality in the sport resulting in the acceptance of women into the 1992 Olympics. Domestically she worked on sport development programs to increase participation of Jr. Women, Boys, Girls and Masters Women in the National Championships. In 2003–05 she completed a Diploma in High Performance Coaching and worked part time with the National Jr Teams in Canmore until 2006. Her parallel career has been in the Museum field where she's trained as Textile Conservator and runs a consulting business. She and Veli live in Calgary and have a home in Canmore and split their time between both places.



Anne Olszewski

I am a marketing professional and trained lawyer, leveraging business and legal expertise to produce measurable, goal focused growth. I have a proven track record of leading teams, driving innovation and increasing brand awareness for Tier 1 companies including Tim Hortons, Google, Loblaws and Kraft. After obtaining my HBBA from Wilfrid Laurier University, I went on to earn my JD from the University of Windsor Faculty of Law. Although successful in my legal career, I soon recognized that my passion lay in marketing and I transitioned into that dynamic industry over five years ago. Since then, I have worked in a variety of business roles, including my current position as an Associate Marketing Manager at Rich Products.



Ntala Quintilio

I have been involved with biathlon for over 30 years first as an athlete with international experience and now as a coach. I also serve as a member of the Board of Directors for Biathlon Alberta. My passion is coaching. I enjoy watching my athletes grow and develop as athletes and as individuals challenging themselves. One of my goals in biathlon is to make a positive difference and help to come up with ideas and problem-solve in areas of need. I have helped to edit Biathlon Alberta's hosting policy each year so we can run an efficient race series, manage employees, and help develop selection criteria. I have first-hand knowledge of the domestic series for racing and also have previous experience on the international scene. I raced internationally on the Women's USA biathlon team from 1989–1998.

Michael Walker



Mike Walker has been in organized sport as an athlete, coach, official and administrator for 46 years in nordic skiing, rowing, and in biathlon in Saskatchewan and the Army in the 80s and 90s. He is in his first term as a Biathlon Canada Board Member and chairs both the Nominating and the Human Resources and Compensation Committees. He has had a number of leadership roles at all levels in sport, including President of a large rowing club, President of Rowing Canada, and chairing numerous committees provincially. This has given him deep insight into the leadership of a national sport organization and key issues, such as Safe Sport and the Nordic Strategy. He is also an experienced senior executive, serving 34 years in the Army and the federal Public Service and now works as a Senior Consultant in the area of federal real property.