

Candidate Bios for 2025 Slate

Position: Director (2-year term), up for election in 2025

Incumbent: Alan Roessel

Alan has been the Hockey Calgary Treasurer since 2020. In joining our Board at that time, he has seen us through turbulent and unprecedented times while hockey administration was anything but status quo. Alan has been involved in hockey his whole life and has obtained many benefits from his experiences. Alan has been a committed coach as his 3 boys have progressed through the Trails West Hockey Association and enjoys seeing hockey from another angle as his boys age out of the system. His ongoing priority for Hockey Calgary is to ensure it remains in a solid financial position and continues to be financially responsible to the members. A further priority for Alan is to continue the push to bring hockey to under-represented communities and re-build the reputation of the game to encourage growth of the sport in Calgary.

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Incumbent: Gary Makar

Gary has served as a Director with the Hockey Calgary Board since 2022 and has been a valued member of the Safety committee. Gary works as a Marketing professional and is passionate about hockey. He provides Hockey Calgary with expertise in the areas of sponsorship, branding, facilities, mental health, and strategy. He has extensive hockey experience and involvement at the community level previously serving as a parent, coach, and volunteer for the Crowchild Hockey Association. Although he no longer has children playing in the Hockey Calgary system, Gary remains close to the game at the collegiate and professional level. He is motivated to continue to support Hockey Calgary in their efforts to improve the culture of hockey and engage all stakeholders in that effort.

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Incumbent: Sue Makarchuk

Sue has been a member of the Hockey Calgary board most recently since 2019. Her initial involvement in the Board was as a representative on the Hockey Calgary (and later Hockey Alberta) body checking review committees in 2011. Sue has served in the roles of Director, Board Secretary, and most recently Chair of the Governance & Nominations committee. Her professional background as a pediatric psychologist at Alberta Children's Hospital allows for a unique perspective on the Board to maintain a focus on safety, fun, and inclusion. Sue has community board experience, a strong sense of organization, and a collaborative vision. A focus on building and maintaining relationships between Hockey Calgary and its members, while ensuring transparency and accountability, continues to be an ongoing priority. Sue wants to make the broader community aware of the many benefits of involvement in hockey such as building confidence, developing resiliency, and encouraging cooperation so more kids can benefit and get involved.

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Incumbent: Kurtis Grenkow

Kurtis is a Human Resources professional with an interest in giving back to the hockey community. He is involved as a coach in the Bow River Hockey Association and has seen first-hand the benefit of involvement in our sport. Kurtis works to advise non-profit boards in the community and has expertise in the areas of strategy, risk, finance and governance. Kurtis has experience as a Director for various community boards and has the skills to support the Nominations and Governance committee. Diversity and inclusion have been a professional focus for Kurtis, and he is excited to bring this expertise to Hockey Calgary along with support to improve the brand of hockey in Calgary, remove roadblocks to participation, and build bridges to the community.

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New: Janis Rogers

Janis has had three boys come through the Hockey Calgary program and has served on the board of the Northwest Warriors Hockey Association (NWW) for the last 10 years. During that time, Janis led the Game and Conduct Committee, served as President (through the COVID pandemic years), was involved in the Hockey Calgary boundary revisions and led the organization through the official amalgamation of the Westwood Warriors and Crowchild Blackhawks organizations to form the NWW, which involved rewriting bylaws, amalgamating financial statements, banking and society registration. As President, Janis represented the NWW on the Hockey Calgary President's Committee in its interactions with Hockey Calgary's Operations Committee and the Hockey Calgary board of directors.

Janis is a designated Chartered Management Accountant/Chartered Professional Accountant and currently is the Chief Financial Officer of Rising Edge Technologies Ltd. Janis will bring additional expertise in the financial oversight and governance functions of the Hockey Calgary

board, and her community experience would provide beneficial insight for policy development. Janis looks forward to serving as a director of Hockey Calgary as the next chapter in her service to the Calgary minor hockey community.

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New: Matt Fuller

Matt has been involved in hockey for his entire life, as a player, referee, coach, and now a hockey parent, with his young son recently beginning his involvement in the Hockey Calgary program.

Combined with his lifelong involvement in hockey, Matt brings over 20 years of experience as a Chartered Professional Accountant, which has equipped him with strong skills in financial oversight, strategic planning, and organizational leadership, which he looks forward to bringing to the Hockey Calgary board to assist with the effective governance of Hockey Calgary. Matt's professional experience includes 15 years of experience in the audit practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, where he worked closely with audit committees and boards, which has provided him with a strong understanding of board-level priorities, especially those related to financial governance and oversight. Matt also has conducted financial statement audits and advised not-for-profit organizations on accounting matters.