

Volunteer leaders serving on the Board of Directors possess passion and an essential skillset necessary to lead the Association. The slate of candidates, found below, are inspired leaders with motivation and desire to actively engage and make a difference in moving Triathlon BC forward. They join a group of dedicated and knowledgeable Board members ready to drive and deliver extraordinary value to our stakeholders across the province.

In 2017, Triathlon BC has **three (3) Director-At-Large positions** and two **(2) Executive positions; Chair and Treasurer** open for election. Nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

BRENT CHAN (AT LARGE)

Please consider this as my expression of interest to fill one of the vacant Director at Large positions with the Triathlon BC Board of Directors.

I am currently the Director of Information Technology Service Delivery for BC Assessment Authority and have had a long career in public sector IT. This professional background has given me the opportunity to develop skills in legal and risk management, policy development and management, and corporate experience across a variety of topics. My committee responsibilities include Business Continuity, Security, Finance, and Training and Development. I am the Corporate Recovery Manager for BC Assessment responsible for restoration of all business functions in the event of an interruption. As a senior leader, I have budget responsibility for approximately \$16M in capital and operational expenditures and leadership responsibility for a team of 40.

My Board experience includes presentations to the Board of Directors responsible for BC Assessment, and I previously sat on the Board of Directors, primarily as a Director at Large, of the Search and Rescue Society of British Columbia. (www.sarbc.org)

From a triathlon point of view, I began racing in 2011, have participated in the Age Group World Championships twice (Chicago 2015, Auckland 2012), and completed race distances from sprint format to Ironman Canada (2014). I have completed the community level coaching program and recently became a Technical Official in the spring of 2017. I frequently volunteer at many events.

JAYANA DARRAS (AT LARGE)

Partner in the Deloitte Vancouver Audit & Assurance group with over 15 years of experience in public accounting. Includes presenting and participating in Board Committee meetings. Raced first triathlon in 2008. Have since run countless Olympics, 5 Half Iron distance and 2 Ironman Races.

Professional affiliations/certifications:

- Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC)
- Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta (ACPA)
- Member of TriBC 2011- present

Education

- Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario – 1998-2000
- University of New Brunswick – 2000-2002

Community affiliations

- Past Board Member Leading Edge Triathlon
- Member of Leading Edge Triathlon Club
- Member of Team Ossenbrink

SUSIE ERNSTING (AT LARGE)

Susie Ernsting is a lifelong triathlete, race director, administrator and coach. Competing in her first Kids of Steel race as a 10 year old, to completing several long distance triathlons, Susie has always had a passion for the sport.

Susie has a background in competitive swimming, earning a swimming scholarship to the University of Arkansas. After her swimming career, Susie went on to coach swimming at the NCAA Division I and II levels while completing her MBA before moving to Vancouver with her husband Mark.

Susie was able to turn her passion into a career as the Co-Owner of M1 Sports Management Inc. Susie, her husband Mark and their team have orchestrated a variety of sporting events across Western Canada, specializing in cycling, triathlon and running races. M1 Sports Management has hosted many recognized international events for cities, sponsors and private organizations, as well as building brand recognition at sports specific expos and other related venues.

Most recently Susie acted as the Race Director for the 2017 ITU Multisport World Championship Festival in Penticton where she directed six World Championship events over a 10-day period. Susie will also take over the Race Director position for the 2018 Kelowna Apple Triathlon.

Susie has spent time locally coaching for the Exceleation Triathlon Club and the Swim Fast Swim Club, served as a Board Member for the North Shore Triathlon Club and is a current volunteer Race Committee Member for the North Shore Triathlon.

LARRY FEAGAN (AT LARGE)

I am seeking re-election for the position, Director at Large for Triathlon British Columbia. I have held this position since 2012 and gained valuable experience that provides me, the leadership and skills needed to assist the organization for continued growth. I am a seasoned team player that participates in various committees but is equally effective working individually as required.

I have a full appreciation and understanding of the culture and the organizations objectives. The Director's position has provided the opportunity to work varies committees, attend meetings, create awareness through social media and promote Tri-BC at various functions. I have been heavily involved in the planning and execution of the annual Gala events. More recently, I have been working towards, promoting and recognizing our BC Masters.

As an athlete, I have had the privileged to compete in approximately fifty triathlons in BC since 2007. I have participated in seven Canadian Ironman's and enjoyed competing in all distances. My professional experience provides direct exposure with the Triathlon community. I have dealings with organizations that host triathlon including Ironman, Coaching organizations and ITU. I am privileged to have dealings with media, pro-athletes, age groupers, event organizers, clubs and others that allows me to understand what is needed to ensure the success of the sport in BC. Other aspects of my position provides the business skills needed to provide real value for Tri-BC as a non-profit organization. This includes a solid background in finance, legal, sales, marketing, promotions, public speaking and training.

Athletic History

- Played various team and individual sports.
- Started running in 1970 and have since completed many road races, including 8 marathons. including Boston Marathon twice.
- Started competing in triathlons in 1986, having completed around 70 sprint and Olympic distance triathlons, ten half iron distance triathlons, and Ironman Canada once.
- I am currently BC provincial champion for M65-69 division in long distance triathlon.
- I have competed as part of the national triathlon team at the ITU World Championships in Gold Coast in 2009 and in Edmonton in 2014.

Volunteering History

- I have been volunteering almost continuously since 1971, in athletic, industry, church, youth camp, and social services organizations, and with Rotary,
- I have been on many boards of directors as well as president and chair of many organizations.
- I have been a triathlon official for about 8 years, and have recently achieved my National Technical Official certification.
- I am a Community Coach.
- I was on the board of Triathlon BC for 6 years, during which I was responsible for event sanctioning.

Professional

- Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from Royal Military College in 1974
- Four years in military and 35 years in construction industry
- Co-owned a Structural Engineering consulting firm from 1998 to 2009. Worked at home as a Structural Engineering Consultant from 2009 to 2015.
- I am now retired.

Contribution to Tri BC Board

- Experience working on not-for-profit boards and committees.
- I work well with people.
- I am good at organizing people and tasks.
- I have a passion for triathlon.

VICKI LUNDINE (AT LARGE)

Sports has always been a part of my life in some capacity whether working as a swim instructor, ski instructor, life guard or for my own enjoyment as a recreational runner and biker.

For 30 plus years I was a teacher – primarily teaching students with special needs, which taught me creative thinking and patience. The last 15 years, I worked as a career counselor and directing the career programs for a school district on Vancouver Island.

In 1993, my husband did his first triathlon and I started volunteering. I continued volunteering until 12 years ago when I decided to take up officiating and have been officiating ever since.

As an official, I have been fortunate enough to work at many major races around the world – Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, England, USA, Holland and of course Canada.

I enjoy officiating as it gives me an opportunity to work with a very healthy and enthusiastic group of individuals. In order to maintain fair and safe racing, it is essential that we encourage individuals to take the training for officiating. With my background as a teacher, I am passionate about continuing to teach official clinics on Vancouver Island. I have also helped organize triathlon events in both Victoria and in Comox. Also this year I am working with a team to organize a new race in the Comox Valley. I believe the key strengths that I offer as a director are: team building, problem solving, leadership, communication and organizational skills.

With my passion for the sport and my organization skills I believe I am an asset to the board.

BIGGI WEISCHEDEL (AT LARGE)

Application for Director at Large for 2017/18

Relevant experience:

- Active triathlete (4 Ironmans, countless Olympic and half ironman races; ITU Worlds and 70.3 Worlds)
- Marketing Director for the Kelowna Apple Triathlon from 2007 to 2015 (non-profit) as part of the Organizing Committee, as well as website administrator for the Kelowna Apple Triathlon until 2015
- Marketing Director for the Across the Lake Swim until 2014, now marketing advisor
- TriBC Official since 2009 (various events in BC; ITU LD Worlds in Immenstadt & Penticton)
- Professor for Marketing, Internet Marketing, Marketing Strategy and Marketing Research at UBCO and TRU
- Undergraduate degree in Business Admin, MBA, Ph.D. in Marketing/Internet Marketing/Web Analytics
- Consultant for Online and Traditional Marketing including Marketing Plans and Web Analytics; website development and maintenance consultant
- One of the oldest members of the Kelowna Triathlon Club!
- Passionate about triathlon, analytical, organized.

FAITH WELLS (TREASURER)

I have held my professional accounting designation since 1998. Current designation is CPA,CGA. I have worked in senior positions within several different industries, including Organic Foods, Interior Design, Entertainment, Architecture, Biotech and most recently, SierraSil where I am Controller/Vice President-Administration.

My volunteer experience includes being the Treasurer for the Women's Hospital Auxiliary (2000 to 2008), CGA Audit Committee (2000 to 2005) and my current role, as the Triathlon BC Treasurer (Since March 2008). In 2013, I had the distinct honour and privilege of receiving Sport BC's President Award in recognition for the time spent as Treasurer, a special acknowledgment that I shared with my daughter and her husband. In 2016, I received an Outstanding Service Award from TriBC. Also, in 2016, I competed in the America's Masters Games and received a gold medal in my age group for the Sprint distance. Since then it has been mainly marathons, Berlin, Mississauga and in October, Chicago.

Since I have been with Triathlon BC, the Executive Director, Program Coordinator and I have brought the Association from a completely manual system including hand written cheques to a fully functional, contemporary, computerized business system. Together, we continue to look for efficiencies to streamline the business process. Since I am only working at SierraSil four days a week now, I am able to give the time and attention that is necessary to achieve this goal.

I look forward to continuing to help them both develop the administrative processes. Since we receive funding grants, we are required to have a review every year and even with the changes in reporting requirements by CRA, this process has also been refined so that it is relatively painless.

DUNCAN WOOD (CHAIR)

Duncan is passionate about all sports and in particular, Triathlon. During his involvement with Triathlon over the past twenty five years he has seen the sport develop and evolve to what is today. He has had the privilege of representing Canada, as an Age Group athlete, at multiple Triathlon and Duathlon world championships and is committed to identifying new opportunities for Triathlon in British Columbia for all levels of membership. Duncan has served on the Board of Triathlon BC, in varying capacities, for 8 years. He currently serves as a board member of a First Nations Environmental Consulting company and was the former President of the Society of Project Management Professionals of Greater Vancouver.