

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 2018, Triathlon BC has four (5) Board openings; Treasurer (1) Secretary (1) and Three (3) Members at Large. Advanced nominations are now closed (deadline May 15th), however, nominations from the floor are welcome.

TROYCE BEGLAW

Hello, I am Troyce and it is a pleasure to serve the members of Triathlon BC as the Association's Sanctioning Director since 2015.

I have been involved in Field of Play operations as an official for over 24 years, first as a Softball Umpire and the last 12 years as a Triathlon Official. I have had the fortunate opportunity to ensure safety and fairness at all levels of competition and ability, as this is what sport is truly about, from young children just learning new skills to seasoned professionals trying to achieve Olympic glory.

I take the responsibility of ensuring Triathlon BC sanctioned events are safe and fair very seriously, as the safety and athlete experience are paramount to our sport's success.

My family is also involved in Triathlon both competing and as volunteers. I would like to thank them for allowing me the many hours to volunteer for Triathlon BC. During the week I am employed in the province's Gas Utility (FortisBC) as an Electrical / Instrumentation Technician.

I look forward to many more years supporting Triathlon BC and the development of the sport in BC.

MICHAEL BROWN

As a recreational athlete throughout my life I only participated in my first triathlon after reaching the age of 50 and within 18 months I was competing in my first full IM in Whistler! Needless to say, I fell in love with the sport quickly and have been a champion for it ever since, including joining the race committee for the North Shore Triathlon for the past 4 years as one form of giving back to the triathlon community. Being both a participant (in various Sprints, Olympics and two full IM's) as well as an active member of a race committee, I am confident in my understanding of what goes into running the various events Tri BC is responsible for across the Province.

Along with my passion for the sport, my background in finance, general management and operations fits very well with the skillsets I believe you are looking for. From budgeting, financial analysis and reporting, contract negotiations, risk assessment and mitigation, human resources and volunteer management, to marketing and communication, I believe you will find my background to be well suited in all of these areas.

In addition to my executive-level management experience I also bring past success as a Board Member for the Certified Management Accountants Society of BC (which has now merged into the Chartered Professional Accountants of BC). That was a term I held for four years (2007-2011) as we navigated the strategic opportunities, operational issues, financial management and marketing/communications goals and objectives to drive that 5000 strong membership organization. For a more comprehensive review of both my business and educational background please refer to my LinkedIn page found here: Michael Brown, CPA, CMA (www.linkedin.com/in/mgbrown/)

KEITH IWASAKI

Keith has been in the role of Secretary for Triathlon BC for the past 13 years, and sits, or has sat, on several committees including the Technical Committee and bursary application review committee.

Keith joined the triathlon community in 2001 and has served it at the local, national and international level. He has “raced” everything from sprint distances to Iron distance, but now focuses on giving back to the community. He has been coaching track with the Pacific Spirit Triathlon Club for the past several years, and previously acted as the Run Director and Vice President for the club.

A major focus for Keith is ensuring the safety of athletes and the fairness of the sport through his role as a technical official. He started officiating at local races after taking the Provincial Level 1 course in 2001, and is now a Continental Technical Official with the ITU, allowing him to take on a variety of roles: everything from being a mount-line official at local races, to being the Race Referee for the WTS Elite race held in Edmonton 2016, to serving as one of the Technical Delegates for the WTS race in Edmonton.

PETER JONES

Peter is a Chartered Accountant who currently works in the Internal Audit and Risk Department at ICBC. He has completed two Ironmans and 5 half Ironmans to date and trains 15 hours a week. His upcoming events include Victoria and Whistler.

He is currently a Director of the ICBC Lower Mainland Social Committee in the Treasury role and has held other Directorships in the past. He has a keen business acumen and a love of triathlon. He loves improving process and making a difference.

He wants to get into coaching one day to pass on the knowledge he has gained through training and racing Ironmans

MURRAY MCCUTCHEON

As a former elite triathlete, a biotech executive, husband, and father of two, I would be honoured to contribute to the development of the sport by serving on the Triathlon BC Board of Directors. I have been passionate about the sport since 1995, when I first raced the UBC triathlon with running shoes and toe clips. Highlights of my 22 years of racing include being awarded Triathlon Canada’s Age Group Athlete of the Year in 2000, competing at World Championships in 1997 (Perth) and 2001 (Edmonton), and placing 10th overall and top amateur at Ironman Canada in 2004. After focusing on running while living in Boston from 2008-2016 (including running 9 Boston marathons), I have returned to multisport in recent years, and enjoy racing as a competitive age grouper while living an active lifestyle with my family.

In combination with my triathlon experience, I have a professional background well-suited to serve as an effective Board member. I work in a senior management role at AbCellera Biologics, a rapidly-growing B.C. biotech company named as the 2018 Life Sciences B.C. Growth Company of the Year. At AbCellera, I work at the interface of legal and business affairs to help set the overall strategic direction of the company, negotiate terms and contracts with partners, and manage the company’s intellectual property portfolio. Previously, I worked as a business development manager at Harvard University, where I helped to commercialize inventions emerging from research labs, and as a consultant advising companies on their technology development strategy.

FAITH WELLS

I am currently the Treasurer of Triathlon BC, and have been in this role since 2008. 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.

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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.