



April 12, 2019

Memo to: Presidents & Executive Directors of all Member Associations, Individual and Family Members and the Inclusion BC Board of Directors

From: Bendina Miller, Chairperson - Nominations Committee

Subject: **Nominations for Consideration at the 2019 Annual General Meeting**

Attached for your information is the slate of nominations from the Inclusion BC Board of Directors that will be presented at Inclusion BC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday, May 24, 2019, 12:30pm at the Victoria Marriott, 728 Humboldt St. Victoria - Ballroom. Please discuss the nominations with your Board of Directors to give direction to your voting delegates. These nominations were received on or before the nomination submission deadline of March 22, 2019.

Only voting delegates can move, second and vote on nominations. All nominations must be moved and seconded by members who are voting delegates. However, anyone present is welcome to speak to the nominations according to the AGM rules and procedures.

We would like to draw your attention to the following section from the Inclusion BC Bylaws with respect to voting rights:

3.8 Non-Voting Members

Individual Members, Family Members, Affiliate Members and Honourary Life Members do not have a vote at General Meetings of the Society.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Bendina Miller at (250) 345-4048, bendina.miller@gmail.com or Karla Verschoor, Executive Director, at the Inclusion BC office at (604) 777-9100, ext. 516, kverschoor@inclusionbc.org.

2019 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board positions open for election this year are 3 three-year terms and 2 two-year terms for Director. These people have agreed to have their names put forward as nominees. Their profiles and pictures follow this report.

- **Directors - 3 year terms (3 positions):** **Angela Bond (Region 4)**
 Michael McLellan (Region 1)
 Kya Bezanson (Region 2)

- **Directors - 2 year terms (2 positions):** **Annette Delaplace (Region 2)**
 (remaining two year terms of a 3 year **Hilary Thomson (Region 2)**
 Director terms)

The Board is made up of the President, the Past President (1 year only), and 11 Directors (8 who are elected by the membership and 3 who are appointed by the Board and the Executive Directors' Network). At least 1 Director must be from each of the 4 regions. At least 2 of the elected Directors must be self advocates and 2 of the elected Directors must be family members of a person with an intellectual disability. The Board elects its Vice President and Treasurer.

Directors who have remaining terms on the Board are:

- **Fiona Whittington-Walsh, serving until 2020 as President (Region 2)**
- **Brent Tolmie, serving until 2020 (Region 2)**
- **Bendina Miller, serving until 2020 (Region 3)**
- **Cyndi Gerlach, serving until 2020 (Region 2)**

Please note that following the AGM, the Board will appoint Directors, as follows:

- **Inclusion BC Board Director - two year appointment by Executive Directors' Network (currently held by Greg Hill, Region 2)**
- **Inclusion BC Board Director - two year Indigenous representative appointment by Inclusion BC Board (currently held by Neil Belanger, Region 1)**
- **Inclusion BC Board Director - two year appointment by Inclusion BC Board (currently held by Jonathan Down, Region 1 - *one year remaining in two year appointment*)**

Regions:

Region 1 - Vancouver Island

Region 2 - Lower Mainland / Upper Fraser Valley

Region 3 - Interior

Region 4 - North

Respectfully submitted by Bendina Miller, Chairperson

Directors: 3 three-year term positions are open

Angela Bond – Terrace – 3 year term



Angela is a homeschooling parent and a creative thinker who is growing inclusive communities in Terrace, BC, through her work with Inclusion Families NorthWest. She has come to value relationship and personal connection as her primary work in advocating for a safe and vibrant future for people with diverse abilities and their families.

Proposed by the Inclusion BC Nominations Committee

Michael McLellan – Courtenay – 3 year term



My name is Michael McLellan and I live in Courtenay. My hobbies are tandem biking, traveling and bowling.

I am currently the past president of BC People First and am a part of ESATTA - Empowering Self Advocates to Take Action. I have presented at many different inclusion BC conferences and at ESATTA about supportive decision making.

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Kya Bezanson – Langley – 3 year term



My name is Kya. I am 23 years old and I have FASD also known as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder. I am a self-advocate. I am aboriginal, or so I'm told. We actually don't know how much I am. My real dad said that I might be 1/16 and my real mom said I am a third on her side. I am Matis and I think it's amazing that I am because I get to hear what my ancestors learned and taught.

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Directors: 2 two-year term positions are open

Hilary Thomson – Vancouver – 2 year term



Hilary Thomson is a lawyer and administrative tribunal member. She has experience in employment and human rights law and in commercial litigation. She is also the mother of four children, one of whom has cerebral palsy. Hilary has a particular interest in improving access to educational and recreational opportunities for children with disabilities, and in eliminating the social and physical barriers that prevent full inclusion in school and play.

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Annette Delaplace – Richmond – 2 year term



Annette is the proud mom of Emily, a beautiful young woman who lives with diverse abilities. Emily inspired Annette to become active as an advocate and because of this she has had the great pleasure to be involved as a board member with the Inclusion BC, Inclusion BC Foundation and Richmond Society for Community Living Boards of Directors.

A degree in Education and over thirty years administrative experience as the co-owner of a manufacturing business in Richmond are also part of Annette's background. Working with self-advocates in the RSCL Employment Program has provided the opportunity to realize the great benefits and value of having a diverse workforce. As a member of the RSCL Inclusive Education Committee and the Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children Ethics Committee she continues to advocate for resources that are readily available and accessible for all individuals with diverse abilities and their families.

Annette is excited to be a part of these organizations and their work towards ensuring ever more inclusive communities and she very much appreciates that it has been the tireless work and dedication of so many families, self-advocates, staff and volunteers that has created the opportunities for inclusion we now have and the foundation for even greater possibilities in the future.

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Courtney Fraser – Mission – 2 year Appointment



Courtney Fraser is Nova Scotian of Mi'kmaq, Mohawk, African Nova Scotian, Acadian French and Japanese descent. She moved to the traditional territory of the Sto:lo people 8 years ago. She married a Coast Salish Snuneymuxw man and they are raising their beautiful 2 year old daughter.

Her passion for community justice lead her to completing her undergrad in Law with a focus on Human Rights. Over the last 7 years Courtney has worked with the Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of BC. Throughout her work she has made a commitment to supporting the rights of Indigenous youth and adults in contact with the justice system. Over the last few years her focus has been specifically on supporting families and individuals with FASD and providing education and creating awareness in community. Courtney has a passion for working with marginalized community members with neuro-developmental diversities and exploring support systems to create an inclusive environment.

Courtney's work is grounded in the importance and promotion of cultural identity, cultural safety and making space to address the Truth and Reconciliations Commissions' Calls to Actions.