



Board of Directors Candidate Nomination and Endorsement

Per the bylaws of OutSport Toronto (paragraph 29), a person is eligible to be a director of OutSport Toronto if

- (i) they are a member in good standing of a member Sports Organisation and have been endorsed by that member Sports Organisation's governing body to be a candidate for being a director of OutSport Toronto, or
- (ii) they are not a member in good standing of a member Sports Organisation but they nonetheless support the objects as set out in the letters patent or supplementary letters patent of OutSport Toronto and they are actively involved in sport.

“Governing body” here means the organisation's board, executive, steering committee, or group of members otherwise named that oversees the functioning of the organisation.

Directors are elected at OutSport Toronto's Annual General Meeting, and may also be appointed by the existing directors at any time during the year if there is a vacancy in the board.

Positions

The following are the positions on the board (note that the bylaws of OutSport Toronto allow for the combination of Secretary and Treasurer into a single position):

Officers

Chair: The Chair presides at all meetings of OutSport Toronto and of the directors. In addition, the Chair is the chief executive officer of OutSport Toronto and must supervise the other officers in the execution of their duties. The Chair is part of the Executive Committee of OutSport Toronto.

Vice Chair: The Vice Chair must carry out the duties of the Chair during the Chair's absence. In addition, the Vice Chair acts as the head of the advocacy committee, and is part of the Executive Committee.

Secretary: The Secretary conducts the official correspondence of OutSport Toronto, issue notices of meetings of OutSport Toronto and directors, keeps minutes of all meetings of OutSport Toronto and directors, has custody of all records and documents of OutSport Toronto except those required to be kept by the treasurer, has custody of the common seal of OutSport Toronto, and maintains the registry of members.

Treasurer: The Treasurer keeps the financial records, including books of account, necessary to comply with the Corporations Act, acts as the chair of the Finance Committee, and renders financial statements to the directors, members and others when required.

Non-officer Directors

Chair, Games Committee: The games committee is specifically named in the bylaws, responsible for co-ordinating participation of members in multi-sport competitions, and any other such inter-member event participation. Note that currently this committee and the Community Outreach committee are chaired by the same director.

Fundraising: As OutSport Toronto is a not-for-profit organisation that does not charge its member organisations a fee, this function and thus director position is of critical importance to the wellbeing of not only OutSport Toronto, but all of LGBT sport. This role is accountable to create and execute on a fundraising plan that will provide the necessary funds for OutSport Toronto to function.



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Marketing and Communications: The director who heads this committee is accountable for ensuring OutSport Toronto has visibility in all of the communities in which we operate. This is done through a combination of our website and other media options.

Director of Membership and Member Services: This director heads a committee focused on the member organisations, maintaining open communications with those member organisations, facilitating inter-organisation communication and liaison, and providing value-added services for member organisations, such as co-ordinating our annual Scrum.

Community Outreach: This director is accountable for executing on a specific element of our missions statement, which is the promotion of sport and healthy living in the broader LGBT community. This includes liaison with Pride Toronto, educational institutions, and the community at large.

Director at Large / Without Portfolio: There may be a limited number of director positions without a particular portfolio. OutSport Toronto is still a young organisation, however, and its board is a 'working board', so we do nonetheless expect that any directors without a particular portfolio will still be active with any number of the various committees of OutSport Toronto, as well as participate in the execution of the various initiatives we have throughout the year, such as our annual Scrum, Pride day involvement, advocacy, community outreach, etc.

Application / Nomination Process

OutSport Toronto is currently seeking candidates for any and all positions for the board, to be elected at the 27 March 2011 Annual General Meeting.

To notify the OutSport Toronto board of intention to stand as a candidate for the board of directors of OutSport Toronto, please complete the form on page 3 (both pages), and submit it to any one of the current directors of OutSport Toronto in person, or by mail to

OutSport Toronto
77 Carlton Street, Suite 1707
Toronto, Canada. M5B 2J7

The Board Development Committee will contact all candidates to ensure we have accurate information, perform any screening that may be required, and answer any questions any of the candidates may have. The Board Development Committee would like to have all candidate nominations by 14 March 2011, so that we may provide a roster of candidates to member organisations in preparation for the AGM on 27 March 2011, at which the elections will take place.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please eMail info@OutSportToronto.org with the subject "Board Nominations", and we'll respond as quickly as we can.



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Please print clearly

Member Organisation	
OR	Check if applying as an independent <input type="checkbox"/>

Candidate	Name	
	Address	
	Home Phone	
	Work Phone	
	Mobile Phone	
	eMail	

Board Position(s) of Interest:

See page 1 for descriptions. Check all that apply.

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| Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Marketing and Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vice-chair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Membership and Member Services | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> | Games Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> | Director at Large / Without Portfolio | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Biography:

Please supply here or alternatively attach separately a brief (no more than a page) biography of the candidate that we may publish to member organisations indicating both involvement in sport and life outside of sport. Please be sure to highlight past board involvement, contributions to the community, and skills the candidate brings.



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Candidate Agreement:

I, _____, agree
Name – please print

to stand for election as a director of OutSport Toronto at the 27 March 2011 Annual General Meeting.

Signature _____ *Date* _____ 20____

Endorsement (for candidates from a member organisation):

I, _____, as
Name – please print

Position – please print of the above noted

organisation and empowered to speak on behalf of its _____
Name of governing body (eg., 'board') – please print

certify that the above-noted candidate is a member in good standing with our organisation, and has been endorsed by us to stand for election / acclamation / appointment to the board of directors of OutSport Toronto.

Signature _____ *Date* _____ 20____