

## Candidate Bios for 2023 Slate

**Position:** Chair of the Board (2-year term)

**Recommended Candidate:** Karen Pirie

Karen has served as the Chair of the Hockey Calgary Board for the past 4 years, and as a Director since 2016. She has guided the organization through challenging times including the COVID-19 pandemic and is looking forward to a full return to hockey “business as usual”. Karen is a Lawyer by profession and has had a litigation practice for over 30 years. She has extensive board experience, both within hockey and in the community, serving on the Executive Committees of several not-for-profit organizations with extensive involvement in governance and strategic planning. Karen has had a long relationship with hockey as a parent, volunteer, Board member and Vice Chair in the Glenlake Hockey Association before joining the Hockey Calgary Board. Her motivation for joining the Hockey Calgary Board was to be involved with hockey on a broader scale for the benefit of players across Calgary. As Chair, she remains focused on the priorities of growing the game, by broadening its reach within all Calgary cultural communities, ensuring a safe and respectful experience for all stakeholders, improving the availability of ice and expanding the pool of qualified referees at all levels.

**Position:** Vice Chair of the Board (1-year term)

**Recommended Candidate:** Dave Guebert

Dave has served with the Hockey Calgary Board since 2022. He has been a valued member for our Audit and Finance committee, a natural fit for his professional background as a CPA. Dave has had previous volunteer experience in hockey as a long-time member, and former president, of the McKnight Hockey Association. Dave has areas of expertise in finance, governance, strategy and risk management and a strong vision for the future of the organization. He has extensive board experience both in and out of the sport, with a major focus on good governance and strong financial accountability. Dave has a sincere desire to give back to the hockey community, a group that has brought so much to his life. His priority for the future of Hockey Calgary is to ensure that hockey becomes more accessible to our diverse Calgary communities, emphasizing that hockey really is for everyone!

**Position:** Treasurer (1-year term)

**Recommended Candidate:** 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.

**Position:** Director at Large (2-year term)

**Recommended Candidate:** Andy King

Andy has served as a Director with the Hockey Calgary Board for the past 2 years and has been a valued member of the Audit and Finance committee. Andy has a financial background and works as a Portfolio Manager for RBC. He provides Hockey Calgary with expertise in the areas of risk management, finance, facilities, and strategy. He has extensive hockey experience and involvement at the community level previously serving as a parent, coach, and President of the Trails West Hockey Association. Although he no longer has children playing in the Hockey Calgary system, Andy is motivated to support hockey in Calgary and the hockey associations who administer the sport. Andy sees growth of the game through increased inclusivity and fun as a major priority for Hockey Calgary moving forward along with the importance of advocacy for additional facilities and maintenance of respect for hockey volunteers and administrators.

**Position:** Director at Large (2-year term)

**Recommended Candidate:** Gary Makar

Gary has served as a Director with the Hockey Calgary Board for the past 1 year 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.

**Position:** Director at Large (2-year term)

**Recommended Candidate:** 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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**Position:** Director at Large (2-year term)

**Recommended Candidate:** 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.

**Position:** Director at Large (1-year term)

**Recommended Candidate:** Jim Chan

Jim is an experienced professional who specializes in Strategic Operational/Business Management and Engineering. As a former coach in the Bow River Hockey Association he has seen the impact of participation in hockey on his own family. Jim did not play hockey growing up but has found the community developed through hockey to be invaluable to the development of his own children. Although his kids have now graduated from the Hockey Calgary program, he has a strong desire to give back to the game. He has board experience, a financial background, and expertise in the areas of strategy, risk management, and marketing/sponsorship. Jim is well equipped to contribute to the Audit and Finance committee of Hockey Calgary. Jim has a desire to encourage others to become involved in the sport of hockey, dispelling myths about cost and time commitment, and advocating for financial supports and a more affordable game for all.



**Position:** Director at Large (1-year term)

**Recommended Candidate:** Chad Schneider

Chad a corporate lawyer by profession, has been involved in hockey at various levels. He played junior hockey in Saskatchewan and has coached with the Glenlake Hockey Association as his son progressed through to the Royals. Chad has considerable board experience and works in an advisory role to many non-profit organizations and boards in the area of corporate governance. His professional expertise makes him a natural fit for the Nominations and Governance committee of Hockey Calgary. Additionally, through his education and experience in the Calgary business community, Chad brings with him human resource, risk management, legal and financial expertise to contribute to board discussions. Chad is excited to expand the game of hockey, especially to non-traditional participants, and to reinforce and build on the positive impact that hockey can and should have in Canada for players, coaches, volunteers, and everyone involved with the sport.

**Position:** Director at Large (1 year term)

**Recommended Candidate:** Bart Chudleigh

Bart has a long-standing relationship with hockey. As a former junior hockey player and an ongoing recreational player, Bart has also had a son and daughter progress through Hockey Calgary programs such as the Bow Valley Hockey Association and the Buffaloes. He has contributed as a coach and tournament volunteer and now sits on the sidelines to cheer on his son. Bart works as Associate Director of Bow Valley College with experience and knowledge in many aspects of business strategy, governance, and finance. He also has relationships with many individuals new to Canada and Calgary and works hard to collaborate with others to develop an inclusive sense of community. Bart will bring a unique perspective to the Safety Committee with Hockey Calgary, helping to generate interest in the sport with people new to the hockey experience. Bart also has desire to remain responsive to the general community, increasing the affordability and accessibility of hockey for all.