

Nominating Committee Report

Per Sail Canada's current bylaws and updated Nominating Committee Terms of Reference that were approved in 2023, the Nominating Committee for 2025 is again chaired by the past Sail Canada Board Chair and includes two current Sail Canada Board members not up for re-election as well as two individuals from outside of the Sail Canada Board.

Chair: Hugh McGugan

Board Members: Kate MacLennan, Barbara Pike

External Members: Jessica Lombard, Mac Morrin

The committee has been meeting over the past several months to discuss Sail Canada's "Call for Nominations" communications to members and to review all nominations received by the September 10, deadline for 2025.

A number of strong nominations for the Sail Canada Board have been received this year with a total of five nominations being approved by the Nominating Committee.

The list of approved nominations for this year's Board of Directors election includes the following names;

- Sandra Alsaffawi; bio and video speech – ON
- Torstein Braaten; bio and video speech – ON
- Dan Cloutier; bio and video speech – NS
- Matthew Sheridan; bio and video speech – ON
- Jennifer T Walker; bio and video speech – BC

This year's Board of Directors election is to fill a total of three vacancies with the departure of Board Chair Kate MacLennan (after completing two terms as Director and a subsequent term as Chair) and Director Barbara Pike (after completing two three-year terms). In addition, Director Torstein Braaten is standing for re-election after completing one three-year term.

Due to the gender equity provisions of Sail Canada's bylaws, the election process must ensure that there are no more than 4 Directors who self-identify as the same gender, not including the Athlete Directors. Should the number of Directors self-identifying as the same gender surpass 4, only candidates who self-identify as a different gender would remain eligible for candidacy until this threshold is satisfied through the election process.

Best of luck to all of the nominees for 2025 and thank you for your interest and enthusiasm in putting your names forward as Directors at Large for the Sail Canada Board!