

Board of Directors - Director-at-Large

Position Type: Volunteer. 2-year term

Region: Ontario (organization based in Toronto)

Application Deadline: November 10th, 2021



**ONTARIO
PARA
NETWORK**

Excellence in
Adaptive Sport

Organization:

Ontario Para Network (ONPARA) is the provincial governing body for three (3) wheelchair sports throughout the province of Ontario: Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby and Wheelchair Tennis as well as providing programming for Wheelchair Athletics.

We provide support and a variety of programs and services to our athletes and clubs in order to encourage athletes with a disability to get active, have fun, and challenge themselves through the power of sport.

- We connect people looking for local wheelchair athletics, basketball, rugby, or tennis club/programs.
- Our **Bridging the Gap** program provides opportunities to for “have a go” sessions and other introductory wheelchair sports sessions to try out our sports first-hand.
- We provide awareness of wheelchair sports through our **Schools Program**, in partnership with Wheelchair Basketball Canada.
- We provide opportunities to **compete** at tournaments, meets, and events at the local, provincial, and national level.
- We provide sport wheelchairs through the ONPARA **Wheelchair Loans** program.
- Our **Enabling Change** program teaches the importance of accessibility and inclusion in the classroom or the workplace through participation.
- We provide our wheelchair athletes with funding opportunities through provincial programs, bursaries and grants.

The Board of Directors and staff have developed a Strategic Plan (2020-2023); a three-year roadmap to grow adaptive sports across Ontario. This plan charts our key deliverables over the next three years and identifies the key performance indicators that will keep us focused and accountable.

VISION

Stewards of inclusion through adaptive sport

MISSION

Together with our partners, grow awareness and opportunities for adaptive sports in Ontario

VALUES

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| ▪ Integrity | ▪ Collaborative – stronger together | ▪ Inclusive |
| ▪ Respect | ▪ Exceptional experience | |

Board of Directors

Composition of the Current ONPARA Board of Director:

1. Diane Elliot, President
2. Jeff Harris, Director of Finance
3. Melanie Hawtin, Sport Director (Basketball)
4. Joel Cruz, Sport Director (Tennis)
5. Erika Schmutz, Sport Director (Rugby)
6. Dianne Christophe, Sport Director (Athletics)
7. Rod Cummings, Director at Large (Public Relations)
8. Greg Wamsley, Director at Large
9. Angie Lynch, Director at Large (Sponsorship)
10. Athlete Representative (vacant)
11. Dr. Emily Newell, Director of Classification
12. Dena Coward, Immediate Past President
13. Doug Hannum, Director (ex-officio)

Responsibilities:

Ontario Para Network is currently seeking a Board member for a Director at Large position. Desired competencies include sport system knowledge. Knowledge of adaptive sports is not required.

The Board is responsible for the development of the organizations Strategic Plan, development and oversight of the organizations Policies & Procedures, budget development and oversight, and revenue generation.

Depending on the activities of the organization, Board members may be asked from time to time to lead activities or sit on or Chair committees to support the work of the organization.

ONPARA Board of Directors are required to be a member of ONPARA - <https://ONPARA.ca/product/ONPARA-membership/>. Membership is \$25 annually.

Term of Office:

The term of office for the Directors shall typically be 2 years. Terms will be staggered ensuring not all positions expire at the same time. Board members may only serve 3 terms in the same position. The Board of Directors are expected to attend 4 to 6 Board meetings per year in addition to the Annual General Meeting.

New Board members will be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the organization (November 17-21). A Nomination Form is required to be completed and submitted prior to the AGM.

How to Apply

Individuals who are 18 years of age or older who have an interest and/or passion for increasing the awareness and opportunities for participation in adaptive sport are invited to apply. Please send a resume and statement of interest to Diane Elliot, President c/o info@onpara.ca

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