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# 2026 Director Candidate Biographies

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## Andrew Kitchen – Candidate for President



Andrew Kitchen is seeking election for President after serving on the provincial board for the last 6 years. Andrew has served as Vice-President of the board since September 2022. Andrew is a dedicated educator who has given back to his profession for many years. He has been involved in soccer throughout his life as a player, coach, referee, and organizer, working with various members across Saskatchewan.

Andrew has a range of board experience with several organizations, including the Royal Canadian Geographic Society, Canadian Geographic Education, Saskatchewan Social Studies, the SSTI Provincial Democracy Board, and the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation. Andrew feels he has given his time to many boards related to his work as an educator and remains committed to giving back to the soccer community. He has enjoyed his time on the board for the past six years and is excited to help lead soccer into the 2026 World Cup and bring soccer to the forefront of sports in Saskatchewan.

Andrew's Skills and Expertise: Education, Governance, Relationship Building, Planning and Resource Development

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## Annie Beaumier – Director Candidate

Annie Beaumier is a dedicated educator passionate about sports and athlete development. She holds degrees in Kinesiology and in Education, a Master of Educational Technology, and an Applied Certificate in Indigenous Leadership, reflecting her expertise in athlete performance, learning, inclusive leadership, and governance.

A lifelong advocate for athlete development, Annie has coached volleyball, track and field, cross-country running, and spent 15 years as a provincial-level professional figure skating coach in Quebec and Saskatchewan. She understands performance standards, athlete pathways, and the discipline required to succeed in competitive sport. Through her family's involvement, Annie has gained various exposures to soccer organizations across the province, including Queen City United, FC Regina, Junior Huskies, Prince Albert Celtics, Astra Academy, Excel, and Team Saskatchewan. This province-wide experience has given her a broad understanding of the different levels of soccer.



Annie is a Standards & Quality Assurance Analyst with the Canadian Red Cross, Vice President of Membership at Toastmasters International (Prince Albert), and a Board Member of Canadian Parents for French. She has previously held executive roles with the Prince Albert Teachers' Association.

Professionally, she is an Online Bilingual Curriculum Developer at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, collaborating with national partners and leading a bilingual team in program development and quality assurance. Her work requires strategic planning, policy alignment, accountability, stakeholder engagement, and team leadership. These are the core competencies required for effective board governance.

Annie is strongly committed to advancing both grassroots and high-performance development, promoting equitable access for athletes in urban and rural communities, transparent decision-making, strategic growth for soccer across the province, and accountable governance. She believes Saskatchewan athletes deserve strong leadership, clear direction, and meaningful opportunities to compete and succeed.

**Annie's skills and expertise:** Provincial perspectives, community-focused and performance-driven, governance experience, bilingual leadership, coaching background

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## Brayden Gray – Director Candidate



Brayden Gray is a lawyer in Saskatoon, SK. He practices civil litigation, including administrative and regulatory law, where he advises professional regulators and similar bodies on governance and policy.

Brayden brings meaningful governance and committee experience developed through his roles as a prior member on various committees and associations, including as a Council Member for the Manitoba Bar Association and Vice-President of the Manitoba Law Students' Association.

Brayden has been involved in soccer his entire life, including as a player and coach. Originally from Winnipeg, MB, he and his wife have recently relocated to Saskatoon, SK, where Brayden hopes to grow his involvement in this soccer community. Brayden is currently playing on a men's team and coaching a women's team through Saskatoon Adult Soccer. He is passionate about growing the game and positively contributing to the community.

Brayden is excited and eager to contribute his time and abilities to further the mission of the SSA, including the development of great people and connecting healthy communities in Saskatchewan through lifelong participation in soccer, which he has benefitted from throughout his life.

When not participating in soccer himself, you can regularly find Brayden watching and supporting his team, Arsenal FC.

**Brayden's skills and expertise:** Regulatory law, advocacy, governance and ethics, risk management, communication, strategy development, and relationship building.

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## Ian Loughran – Director Candidate

Ian Loughran is an accomplished father, guitarist, stage-4 cancer survivor, cyclist, and Métis entrepreneur. He has been actively involved in the Saskatchewan soccer community since 2019. Although not a soccer player himself, he developed a strong passion for the sport by supporting his daughter’s progression from a division 3 player to a high-performance athlete.

Demonstrating his commitment to advancing soccer in Saskatoon, Ian joined the Aurora Soccer Club board in 2021. His contributions have supported the club through the challenges posed by Covid-19 and various staffing and governance transitions, with a primary focus on financial risk management and governance support.



Ian holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Physics) from the University of Saskatchewan, earned in 1995. His career spans eight years in telecommunications, eight years in the automotive sector, and fourteen years with organizations such as SaskPower, City of Saskatoon, First Nations Power Authority, and Urban Systems Ltd. Ian currently serves as principal engineering consultant at Vereco Consulting and Design.

His extensive board experience includes leadership and advisory roles with not-for-profit organizations such as the Cancervive Foundation of Alberta, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada (Saskatchewan Chapter), Saskatchewan Environmental Society’s Solar Co-op, Canadian Green Building Council (Saskatchewan Chapter), Build Saskatchewan Green Conference (Chair), and the Association of Professional Engineers of Saskatchewan Environmental and Sustainability Committee (two years as Vice Chair). In the private sector, Ian has served as Director of Enerquality Corporation in Toronto (nine years) where he contributed to the Audit and Finance Committee, One Tribe Indigenous Carbon (three years), and Vereco Consulting and Design (fourteen years).

Through a diverse range of board appointments and experience in large private enterprises, Crown corporations, municipal government, engineering consulting, entrepreneurship, and not-for-profits, Ian has developed a comprehensive understanding of business operations, legal and financial matters, and organizational governance.

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## Riley Meloche – Director Candidate



Riley has grown up in the Saskatchewan soccer system. He's played at the highest levels, attending national competitions and country-wide tournaments, but he's been involved with programs for all different skill levels too. Our players, their families, and our associations have unique challenges, and he wants a system that supports all types of players in Saskatchewan. All our associations should have a voice and know where that voice is being heard.

As a City Projects Manager for Regina, he helps teams make progress towards their goals and finds ways to improve their processes, and he'll bring that mindset here. Riley was a board member with FCR for a number of years, as the Adult Representative and then as the Adult League Chair. He continues to be active in coaching his daughters, and continues playing at different levels of adult men's, co-ed, and masters leagues.

**Riley's skill and expertise:** Project management, strategic leadership, communications, relationships building, and technology leadership.

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## Gord Quinlan – Director Candidate

Gord Quinlan is one of Saskatoon’s most recognized figures in soccer, best known as a match official and referee educator. For more than 27 years, he has been a key contributor off the pitch, helping shape the game across Saskatchewan through governance, education, and community leadership.

Gord has showcased his leadership and governance skill through his time serving as a Director on the Saskatchewan Soccer Association Board, President, Saskatoon & District Referees Association (10 years) and in leadership roles with Special Olympics Saskatoon (2 years).



Gord has committed his time to developing referees from grassroots to the province’s top levels by delivering entry-level referee clinics across all corners of Saskatchewan, contributing to SSA operations and strategic planning. Gord is eager to support officials at every level as the game evolves and excited for the launch of the Prairies Premier League (PPL) in May 2026.

Gord has acted as a Nationals representative at the U-17 Nationals (Moncton, NB, 2023), the Senior National Futsal Championships (Calgary, AB, 2024) and the Masters Nationals (Winnipeg, 2025).

Gord’s Background includes Métis ancestry. He holds a Certificate in Business Administration from University of Saskatchewan and has worked for 42 years in sales and marketing.

**Gord’s Skills and expertise:** Sales, Marketing, Soccer governance and Referee development

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## Jakub Rogowski – Director Candidate



Jakub Rogowski has been a member of the Saskatchewan soccer community for over 20 years, starting with grassroots in Saskatoon before going on to play 5 years with the Huskies. Throughout this time, Jakub has been involved in a variety of volunteer and leadership positions both on and off the pitch while completing his Undergraduate and Master’s degrees in accounting at the University of Saskatchewan.

Jakub is currently the Financial Controller at Rise Air in Saskatoon and is a qualified Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA). Jakub has also served and contributed to the SSA Board and Audit & Finance committee for the past 5 years and Chaired the Audit & Finance committee in 2025.

**Jakub’s skills and expertise:** include accounting and financial analysis, audit/assurance, and general business expertise.

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## Amanda Stith – Director Candidate

Amanda is seeking her second term on the Saskatchewan Soccer Board of Directors. She is currently the Chair of the Governance committee and sits on the Audit and Finance Committee.

Amanda is a Delivery Manager at Accenture, an Information Technology consulting firm. In her role she provides oversight for both IT projects and daily operations, develops and implements strategic plans, manages all aspects of projects including budgets and risks, is accountable for achieving performance objectives, and manages a team of IT professionals in delivering a quality service to the client. Amanda holds a Bachelor of Kinesiology in Recreation and Sports Administration and a Master of Business Administration in Leadership. She has experience on volunteer leadership committees including Saskatchewan Winter Games, Grey Cup, Juno Awards, and IIHF World Jr. Hockey Championships.



Amanda has been involved in the soccer community as a youth player representing both club and Saskatchewan then playing with the University of Regina Cougars before continuing to adult soccer. She was the Venue Volunteer Manager in Edmonton for the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015.

**Amanda's skills and expertise:** planning, delivery, project management, governance, analysis, facilitation, and Information Technology.

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## Nicole Tryhorn-Sharpe – Director Candidate



Nicole Tryhorn-Sharpe grew up playing soccer in Regina. She continues to live in Regina and remains dedicated to the soccer community.

Soccer has continued to be important to Nicole as it is the first team sport that she played. Nicole credits soccer to shaping her core values of cooperation, dedication, perseverance, and the confidence that comes from working toward a shared goal.

Nicole completed her Bachelor of Business Administration at the University of Regina. During her time at the University of Regina, Nicole competed for the University of Regina on the women's wrestling team. Nicole has also obtained a Diploma in International Business and a Certificate of Economics.

Nicole completed her law degree at the University of Saskatchewan in 2022 where she played on the law school's futsal and soccer teams. Nicole graduated with a dual degree: a Juris Doctor from the University of Saskatchewan and a Certificate of Common Law in French from the University of Ottawa.

Nicole is currently a lawyer at McDougall Gauley LLP in Regina. In that role, Nicole routinely provides advice about good governance, risk management and solution-oriented problem solving. Nicole's attention to detail is a necessity in her professional role. These skills and experiences translate to her role as an SSA Director.

Nicole also teaches business law at the University of Regina as a sessional lecturer.

Nicole has served as an SSA Director for the past 5 years and is seeking reelection. She has served on most of the committees during her time on the board. She is seeking reelection to continue to be able to give back to the community and help grow soccer in Saskatchewan.

**Nicole's skills and expertise:** law, business planning, fundraising and event planning.

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