



**Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey
Nominating Committee Selections for the Board of Directors**

Elections to be held at the Annual General Meeting on Monday, June 4th

Registration: 6:30 pm

Meeting start: 7:00 pm

Michael Goehring

- As a Partner at NATIONAL Public Relations, BC's preeminent public relations and public affairs firm, Michael co-leads a 20-person professional services firm with accountabilities in business planning, business development, human resources and client relations. He brings his clients more than 18 years of experience providing public affairs and strategic communications counsel to senior leaders in a variety of industries including energy, mining, forestry, technology and trade. Michael is well known for his acumen and ability to advance challenging public policy issues. He has expertise in a variety of communications disciplines, including reputation management, issues and crisis management, stakeholder relations, digital and media relations, government relations, advocacy and regulatory affairs. He chairs NATIONAL's energy committee, Canada's leading team of communications and public affairs experts specializing in the oil and gas, utilities, electricity, renewables and clean technology sectors.
- In a volunteer capacity, Michael has served on the Thunderbird's board of directors for one term as the Director of Recreational Hockey. He served as the President of Turning Point Recovery Society, where he presided over an 11-member board of directors providing governance to a non-profit service provider in the health care sector with a \$1.1 million budget. As part of this role, he helped set overall strategic direction and monitored performance of the operations and service delivery of seven staff at three properties, serving 29 clients in the Lower Mainland; developed the board business plan, governance model, policies and procedures; worked with board committees and the Executive Director to manage issues material to the organization; and acted as media spokesperson (TV, radio, newspaper) responsible for interfacing with the provincial government and health authority
- Michael is a Thunderbird alumni, having played minor hockey with the Thunderbirds and its predecessor associations from 1973-1984. He has two sons who played Atom Rep hockey last year and are entering Pee Wee in the coming 2018/19 season.

Steve Gully

- For the last 18 years, Steve has been the owner and CEO of Atimi Software, a 50-person app development company for Fortune 1000 class clients (including the initial apps for Canucks, Whitecaps, and Lions).
- He has served 4 years on the VTMHA board, currently working on larger projects and a member of the finance committee, and previously as treasurer and a member of the executive
- He has served 4 years on the Initiation Tournament committee, and served as chair for three of those years
- He is a parent of two players in Bantam and Peewee, who have moved between Rep and Recreational divisions



Frank Nishi

- His professional background is in finance in a variety of roles throughout his 20+ years as a Chartered Accountant.
- Currently he leads the Internal Audit department of BCAA, and has many years of experience leading finance and accounting teams in other companies.
- He specializes in audit and internal control, project evaluation, risk management, operations controllership, financial reporting, financial planning and analysis, financial modelling, and strategic planning.
- During his first term on the VTMHA board, he led the establishment and chairing of the Finance Committee, which provides financial governance in areas of financial reporting, budgets, financial policies, audit oversight, and banking. He has established financial controls and systems to support management with the day to day operations of the association, and enable effective cost control.
- Other volunteer activities include the role of Treasurer for the annual Mayfair fundraiser at Vancouver College for the past 6 years.
- He has one son trying out for Pee wee rep.

Steve Yan-Klassen

- Steve has a CPA, CMA accounting designation and spent over 15 years in public practice in accounting including 5 years as a senior manager at BDO Canada LLP. He has extensive experience in accounting, audit, and taxation of both corporate and not-for-profit entities. Expertise includes financial controls and budgeting.
- He is currently the CFO of a property management company, Talia Jevan Properties Inc., with commercial real estate in Vancouver and Phoenix. In this role, he oversees the budgeting process of several properties valued at over \$100 million, among other duties.
- Steve has acted as controller for numerous companies in a broad range of industries from real estate to mining and professional services, and assisted CFO's and executives in all aspects of their operations
- One of his greatest strengths is communicating complex financial disclosures with both experts - in technical language - as well as communicating with those with a non-financial background - in understandable terms.
- His son is in second year PeeWee trying out for Rep. His daughter played ringette but gave it up for rhythmic gymnastics and ballet. He has played hockey for over 40 years. He has coached minor hockey and ringette as a volunteer for 10 seasons of which 7 have been with VTMHA. He has also coached competitive swimming and water polo professionally for 7 years.



Jody Yau

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to run for the VTMHA board. I believe I have much to contribute. I have been a hockey parent in the VTMHA for five years, and during that time I have enjoyed volunteering in many different roles in the association. I believe I will come to the board with a true sense of Initiation and Recreational hockey in our association (I have a son at each level) at the ground level.

Career Background

I completed my Diploma in the Nursing Unit Coordinator Program at Vancouver Community College. I worked for over 10 years at St. Paul's Hospital working on many different Units but mainly the HIV in patient unit and Palliative Care. I then had the opportunity to run the Clinical Office for Dr. Julio Montaner, a world-renowned HIV Specialist based at St. Paul's Hospital. I was the Clinical Administrator for his group until I had my older son Marcus. My role as a Clinical Administrator included scheduling patients with specialists and/or procedures, and working closely with patients to ensure they completed necessary procedures e.g. blood tests.

Board and other Not-for-Profit Experience

I have gained valuable experience in leadership roles on not-for-profit Boards and committees over the past several years:

- PAC Chair at Norma Rose Point Elementary School for 4 years from 2013-2017. Highlights include:
 - I helped plan and fundraise for 2 playgrounds
 - I established a PAC run 5 day/week lunch program. With this program PAC raises close to \$20,000/year.
 - I established a program where all "in need" students at NRP receive free lunch through our program.
 - I worked to update the PAC Website to ensure improved communication between PAC Executives and parents
 - I established a monthly e-Newsletter to send to parents to keep them up to date on PAC and school activities.
- President and Board Member of University Hill Preschool for 3 years
 - There was a year during my time as president where enrolment was extremely low which put the survival of the school in jeopardy. The board and I worked to create a number of fundraisers to ensure the preschool would survive, and we were successful in doing so. Activities included reaching out to preschool alumni and conducting various other fundraisers

VTMHA Roles

I have greatly enjoyed my volunteer roles within VTMHA over the last several years, which have provided me with a strong knowledge of the association. These roles include:

- Team Manager for H2 in the 2016/17 season
- HCSP for H3 and Atom in the 2017/18 season
- Division Manager for H3 in the 2017/18 season
 - This role is a very time consuming one but one that I enjoyed immensely.
 - I enjoyed the challenge of balancing teams in a fair and transparent way



- Among other things, I focused on the need to communicate to parents, team managers, other division managers, the PCAHA and the VTMHA, as an integral part of the position.

During this time I have been able to see where the VTMHA is very strong and where there is room for improvement.

During this past season there were several incidents that required special attention. I believe through these processes I approached them each with respect and neutrality, and these experiences were very valuable.

Personal

Along with my love of volunteering I also share a love with both my boys of karate. We all currently train 2 days/week in Kyokushin Karate. At the Canadian Kyokushin Karate Championships on May 5th I won a Silver medal in Team Kata. I also go to the gym and run regularly. I believe that a strong body and mind are essential to being able to tackle the day to day stresses and decisions.

How I Can Contribute to VTMHA

There are several ways in particular that I feel I can contribute to the VTMHA board, including:

- My communication skills and my strong focus on ensuring information is communicated clearly and comprehensively and in a timely manner to key stakeholders.
- My belief in transparency in decision making.
- The fact I have been volunteering in leadership roles on teams and in divisions for the last 4 years (and will continue to volunteer with both my childrens teams) both in Initiation and Recreational and have a good sense of what the concerns are from parents of our players.

Thank you for considering me as a Board candidate.