

### **2018 BCSS Board of Directors Nominations**

The 2018 Nominees for the BCSS Board of Directors are as follows.

- Note: If Motion 1 at the AGM is passed, Mike Allina, Brent Sweeney & Rick Thiessen will be acclaimed into the positions noted below and there will be an election for the remaining three vacancies on the Board of Directors, from the four remaining nominees.
- If Motion 1 at the AGM is defeated, Mike Allina will not be eligible for the Board of Directors and the remaining six nominees will be acclaimed and a President will be nominated from within the Board, as per BCSS policies.

#### **President**

Mike Allina, Vancouver Technical Secondary School, Athletic Director



Mike has a passion for sports and teaching, he has been a teacher with the Vancouver School Board for the last 30 years. While teaching Mike has coached Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball. He is a 20 year veteran in the Athletic Director role at both Point Grey and Vancouver Technical. As President of the Vancouver Secondary Schools Athletic Association and a member of the soccer commission, Mike has contributed greatly to school sports in British Columbia. He has served as President of BC School Sports for the past two years and is looking forward to two more!

#### **Vice President**

Brent Sweeney, South Delta Secondary School, Athletic Director



Brent has served on the BC School Sports Board for the past two years and has enjoyed working with the current Board, Jordan, and the BCSS staff. He would like to continue the work that they have started. Brent has been President of the Delta Secondary Schools Athletic Association for the past three years, Athletic Director of South Delta Secondary School for the past five years, a Director of the BC Secondary Schools Soccer Commission for the past seven years, and the Commissioner of the Fraser Valley Secondary Schools Soccer Commission for the past nine years. This experience at a local, zone, and provincial level has provided him with the insight to understand what some of the changes that need to take place at BCSS are.

## **Director at Large (2 years)**

**Rick Thiessen,** Mennonite Educational Institute, Vice Principal



Rick has served on the BC School Sports Board for the past two years. He began his teaching career in the Mission School District but returned to his alma mater MEI in 1994 and has never looked back. Rick has been active in Girls Basketball for the past twenty-four years, from coaching grade 8 all the way to the Senior level at MEI. He has served as a league coordinator, Provincial Championship host, and a tournament director on many occasions. Rick has recently decided to leave his Vice Principal role and MEI and return to teaching and the Athletic Director role in the 2018-2019 school year.

### **Director at Large (1 year)**

Rick Lopez, David Thompson Secondary School, Principal



Rick is a Secondary School Principal for the Vancouver School Board. He started is teaching career in 2000 as a PE teacher and has held roles of PE Department Head and Athletic Director. Most of Rick's coaching experience over the past twenty-seven years is at the Senior Boys Basketball level, but he has also coached Cross Country, Golf, Softball and Volleyball. He was also a member of the Lower Mainland High School Boys Basketball Association Executive from 1998-2014. Rick has his B. HK and B.ED from UBC as well as a M.ED in Coaching and Instruction from UVIC. Rick believes his experience in high school athletics at various levels and roles will help him effectively serve as a Director at Large for BC School Sports. He has been a valuable asset to the BC School Sports Board for the past two years.

### **Director at Large (1 year)**

**Gerry Karvelis,** District Athletic Coordinator - North Shore Athletic Association



Gerry has been the Coordinator of Athletics for the North Shore Secondary Schools since 2007. Prior to this, he was a teacher and athletic director at Windsor Secondary where he coached basketball, soccer, badminton, and golf. Gerry has also been a zone representative for aquatics, badminton, cross country, track and field, and golf and has been an active participant at BCSS Fall Council Meetings and AGMs. Through his various roles and experiences, Gerry feels he has a broad understanding of the issues and concerns of the various schools, sports, and the people involved. Gerry was appointed to the BCSS Board in January 2018 to fill a vacancy.

# **Director at Large (1 year)**

Virgil Hill, Fraser Academy, Athletic Director



Virgil is an accomplished professional with a strong background in sports administration and coaching with a diverse skill set and is poised to excel in an educational leadership position. He has been a University Basketball Head Coach for 8 years as well as a high school basketball coach for 10. Virgil is currently the Athletic Director and PE Department Head at Fraser Academy in Vancouver and is pursuing a Masters in Educational Leadership & Administration at Thompson Rivers University. Virgil has strong organizational and operational skills that would be an asset to the BCSS Board.

# **Director at Large (1 year)**

**Tim Martens,** Kelowna Christian School, Athletic Director



Tim has an extensive school sports background, he has worked in the Athletics Department at Strathcona High School in Alberta for 14 years as well as worked 4 years at Medicine Hat College prior to coming to BC. He is currently the Athletic Director and Sports Academy Head at Kelowna Christian School.