

About us

The BC Seniors Games Society (BCSGS) was founded in 1987 with the assistance of the Recreation and Sport Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture (now the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport). The premise was that sport and recreation development for seniors would have a direct bearing on the quality of life for older British Columbians and for the province as a whole.



The concept of a provincial Seniors Games was presented at a meeting of 30 representatives of seniors' groups from all parts of the province on November 6, 1986. The concept was unanimously endorsed and a steering committee was formed.

BCSGS is a volunteer-based charitable organization and is responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the annual 55+ BC Games. BCSGS established 12 zones throughout the province and each zone is responsible for recruiting members and participants in the Games.

Our mission

The mission of the BC Seniors Games Society is to improve the health, lifestyle and image of British Columbia's 55+ population by:

1. Organizing the 55+ BC Games as an opportunity for the 55+ population of BC to participate in physical and social activities.
2. Providing a forum for participants to continue to compete.
3. Promoting community awareness of the contemporary image of the 55+ population as physically active and socially engaged.
4. Encouraging year round participation at the zone level through relationships with community, recreation and sport organizations.

Our funders

The BCSGS receives core funding of each year by the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. Additional funding comes through annual memberships, a portion of the Games registration fees, donations and sponsors.

Application

To assist potential members, this package includes further details. We hope you will consider joining us.

Email completed applications to - Diane Murphy, Nominating Committee Chair
nominations@55plusbcgames.org

After reading through this package, if you have further questions or are interested in learning more about our organization, please feel free to contact Diane at 604-834-2891. Thank you for your interest.

Our board

The Board of Directors consists of the Executive Committee, 12 zone representatives and 2 appointed positions. The BCSGS President is the Chief Executive Officer responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Society. This recruitment package is focused on recruiting positions within the Executive Committee only.

Voting delegates from each of the 12 zones elect six of the seven Executive Committee positions at the annual AGM.

For the 2023 AGM, the following positions are up for election:

1. **Secretary/Treasurer – 2 year term**
2. **Chair – Marketing/Sponsorship Committee – 2 year term**
3. **Chair – Communications Committee – 2 year term**

The Board of Directors is committed to gender equity and representation that reflects the diversity of the province.

Board responsibilities and accountabilities

Role

The role of a board member of the BC Seniors Games Society is to establish the governing structure with broad policies and results to be achieved. It is also to foster the Games short and long-term success consistent with the values and key directions of the organization. In addition to being a policy board, board members are expected to be involved in the day-to-day operation of the Society in their areas of responsibility.

Collectively, the Board of Directors should have the necessary personal attributes and competencies required to add value, establish strategy, review risks and opportunities and account for the performance of the organization.

Personal Attributes & Competencies

- Knowledge of sport
- Previous board or volunteer experience for a membership driven organization
- Understanding of board and staff relationships
- Policy and program development
- Team player
- Commitment to the strategic plan

Responsibilities

- Policy development
- Overall strategic direction
- Budget and financial decisions
- Establishing fees
- Support the operational plan
- Ensure compliance with requirements of the Shared Cost Agreement with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Time commitment

The Board of Directors generally meets virtually every 3rd month on the second Wednesday. Meetings are approximately 1 to 1.5 hours in length, beginning at 10:00 am. The board meets in person during the annual Games in the host community; this is also when the Annual General Meeting is held. The board also meets in November for a two day planning meeting. This meeting is held in person in the community where the upcoming Games will be held and is typically held 8:30 am to 4:30 pm during the week.

Executive Committee members also chair committee meetings based on a schedule that works for other committee members. These meetings are typically held virtually.

Term

Directors are appointed for 2-year terms with no maximum number of consecutive terms. The president, vice president and chair of the development committee are elected in even years. The secretary/treasurer and the chairs of the marketing/sponsorship committee and the communications committee are elected in odd years.

Compensation

This is a volunteer position. Travel for out-of-town board members will be reimbursed as per the travel policy and financial policy

Confidentiality and Conflicts of Interest

Our members are required to sign a confidentiality statement, which covers confidentiality issues related to Society activities. Members are expected to read, sign and adhere to the Conflict of Interest policy

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Recruitment and nomination

Potential board members may be identified and nominated by the existing Board of Directors or any person can submit an expression of interest by submitting an application form and submitting a resume and cover letter. Nominations from the floor during the AGM are permitted.