



Subject: APA Board Positions – Information and Clarification

Dear APA Members,

As we approach our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Board of Directors would like to provide clarity on board roles, the nomination process, and how you can get involved in shaping the future of pickleball in Abbotsford.

### **The Mission of the APA**

The Board's primary purpose is to follow our bylaws and execute our mission to facilitate the growth of pickleball by:

- Promoting health and social well-being for all skill levels and ages.
- Expanding the availability of permanent, dedicated courts in our community.
- Facilitating coaching, referee development, and instructional opportunities.
- Organizing competitive tournaments and scheduled play for all levels.
- Growing the sport through local community initiatives.

### **Time Commitment & Structure**

The Board consists of 11 members and typically meets for two hours once a month (historically the first Monday of the month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM).

Per our bylaws, there are four Executive positions: **President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer**. While these roles have specific duties, all board members may volunteer for additional committees or projects. Who fills the specific executive roles is determined by the new board shortly after the AGM, these roles are held until the following AGM.

### **The Nominating Process**

To ensure transparency, please note the following regarding our Nominating Committee:

- **Role:** The three-member committee exists solely to confirm that candidates are "qualified" under Part 6 of our bylaws.
- **Neutrality:** The committee has no authority to deny a qualified member or recommend one candidate over another.
- **Integrity:** Because the committee does not select winners, there is no conflict of interest if a committee member is related to a candidate.

### **We Need Your Voice**

We currently have **at least three vacant positions** as some members will not be seeking re-election. We are looking to enter the new term with a full board of 11 members.

If you are interested in joining or simply want more information, please reach out to any current board member. We would be more than happy to chat with you about the experience. Remember, those seeking to run must send the required documents to [nominations@abbotsfordpickleball.ca](mailto:nominations@abbotsfordpickleball.ca) no later than February 7.

Check our earlier notice at [abbotsfordpickleball.ca](http://abbotsfordpickleball.ca).

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The APA Board of Directors