

## BC Wildlife Federation Elections Board of Director Positions

**Before agreeing to B.C.W.F. election candidacy, please carefully consider the following:**

### **Background:**

The Mission of the B.C.W.F. is to protect, enhance and promote the wise use of the environment for the benefit of present and future generations. That means ensuring public access to recreational and outdoor activities, fish and wildlife resources and crown land, as well as providing science and fact-based solutions for B.C.W.F. members and other stakeholders in the province of British Columbia.

Executing our Mission, achieving our Vision and living our Core Values is very demanding for a volunteer organization like the B.C.W.F. Our shared success depends on hard working, committed and effective people.

Our Vision is leading the conservation and wise use of British Columbia's fish, wildlife, and habitat.

### **Our Core Values are:**

1. **Stewardship** – advocating for public interest in natural resources, ensuring integrity, respect and transparency in all activities, and being clear on outcomes and rationale for B.C.W.F. actions.
2. **Education and Research** – providing science-based solutions and consistent recommendations, providing and supporting conservation education and outreach activities and providing professional advice and experience to represent conservation.
3. **Partnerships** – partnering with local governments, First Nations, and like-minded organizations to achieve common outcomes, as well as leveraging these relationships and increasing funding for watershed and landscape sustainability.

### **Board Member Responsibilities:**

A B.C.W.F. board member not only represents all members, but is a representative of the Federation when dealing with government, First Nations, or other non-federation persons or groups.

To be a successful board candidate, you must be a team player and:

- Support B.C.W.F.'s Mission, Vision and Core Values
- Understand the History and the Purposes of the Society as described in the B.C.W.F. Constitution
- Be self-motivated and solution oriented with keen organization and time management skills
- Commit the time required for board and committee meetings as well as special events
- Follow Bourinot's Rules of Order for all meetings
- Understand the fiduciary requirements of a Director per our By-Laws and the Societies Act, and you must avoid any conflict of interest
- Follow the democratic process of advocating for decision-making and accept the vote of the majority
- Maintain the confidentiality of board and committee meetings, as well as other B.C.W.F. business that have not yet been publicized
- Actively listen and demonstrate thoughtful reflection in considering issues
- Thoroughly research items before making any decision
- Uphold ethical and moral standards in all your actions
- Demonstrate special qualities and attributes that are an asset to the group
- Develop *principled* leadership skills
- Take on special assignments and serve on committees as a member or as Chair
- Consider being an Executive Member in the future

**Note: Overall you must be a person of good character. If there any activities in your past that you believe could adversely affect the reputation of the B.C. Wildlife Federation, you should carefully reconsider your candidacy as a Director.**