



Board Nominations Bio's for review and voting at this year's AGM. We have 5 positions to fill and renew. Please read each bio so you are informed when voting to fill these 5 spots Of Board of Directors

### **Toni-Marie Lashta**

Toni-Marie has been on the board for the past 6 years and is our current Treasurer. She is an asset to the league and is on the Finance committee and Grant Committee. She is instrumental in helping us with our budget and presently our transition over to a new accountant and accounting system. Tonie-Marie is a CPA, GGA with 25 Years experience and is currently working in the Aquaculture service and manufacturing. She has played in the MWSL league for many years with the CMFSC club and presently resides on Vancouver Island but still manages to find time to give back to the league.

### **Kirsten Solli Nowlan Vancouver Blaze**

Kirsten Solli-Nowlan has been playing soccer recreationally since she was a pee-wee until high school when she took a break until after university. Joining a soccer team in Vancouver was one of the best decisions she has made since moving to the city. She continues to play on the same team 17 years later in Masters Division 4 and is the team manager. When she isn't playing soccer, she is watching NWSL games and cheering for the Canadian national soccer team.

Kirsten attended UBC Vancouver and is a human resources professional with a background in bookkeeping and technical writing. Kirsten joined the MWSL Board of Directors in 2017 and has held the role of Vice President since 2020. In her time with the Board, she has assisted with the updates to the rules and bylaws, worked as part of the

finance committee to apply for grants, and assisted with other League communications. Kirsten believes in advocating for independent teams and recreational level players and their needs. Soccer is a passion of hers and supporting cis/trans women in advancing in all areas of the sport is a major goal in her participation with the Board of Directors. Although Kirsten now lives in New Westminster, she continues to participate in the Vancouver Field Sports Federation to advocate for field maintenance and to increase new field development options. She hopes to continue with the Board and the good work they are doing.

**Luba Zanic**  
**Kuna FC**

I've been a part of the MWSL family as a player since September 2009; when my soccer team Kuna FC joined MWSL, and I would love an opportunity to give back to the soccer community.

I do have quite a bit of volunteer experience with my soccer team and with my daughters' elementary school Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

Regarding soccer, I've been volunteering on my team continuously from when I joined the team about 20 years ago and will continue to do so until I retire from the sport. My primary role is keeping the team organized, helping to ensure the team is a supportive and functioning group and sending communications. Our approach works as players only leave our team due to injury, family or work commitments, and not because they don't feel a part of the team.

Although it's been a few years since my daughters were in elementary school, I volunteered in the classroom and on the PAC for 11 years with my last four years serving as PAC Vice President and PAC President. Our PAC was also a very inclusive and highly functioning team that supported the students, teachers and staff alike.

I hope that this short bio gives you an indication of my enthusiasm, leadership and ability to work cohesively with a group to ensure success!

**Sara Hannigan**  
**CMFSC Premier**

Sarah grew up playing soccer in Port Moody and Coquitlam before attending Trinity Western University, where her team captured back-to-back national championships in

2012 and 2013. Since the end of her varsity career, Sarah has competed in the MWSL Premier division for Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC.

Professionally, Sarah attended law school at UBC and now works as a lawyer at a leading Vancouver firm. She practices corporate and commercial litigation with a focus on fraud cases and appeals and will be appearing before the Supreme Court of Canada later this year.

Sarah is completing her first 2-year term on the MWSL Board of Directors, having joined the Board in 2021. Now that she has learned the ropes, Sarah would look forward to continuing for a second term and assisting the Board with governance, discipline, and other matters.

### **Michelle Cameron Brooks** **New West Rangers**

My name is Michelle Cameron Brooks and I love the game of soccer.

I have been passionate about soccer since I was a child and have enjoyed being an active participant for over 4 decades, joining the MWSL in 1986. Currently, I am a player in Masters Div 2, and am the team manager, and enjoyed doing so for most of the last 25 years. I enjoy playing the game of soccer and have been fortunate to share the love of the sport by coaching both boys' and girls' youth soccer with New Westminster Soccer Club.

I have served as a director for the MWSL board since 2017 and am a main member of the discipline committee and serve on the membership committee.

I have enjoyed the challenge of being part of the Board of Directors; I enjoy speaking with players and coaches, learning about their perspective, and receiving their feedback and feel I can share these opinions and perspectives in discussions thoughtfully and with respect.

As a board member I have participated in updating the rules and regulations, helping to navigate the unprecedented challenge of Covid-19 and am involved in the discussions of issues that are presented to the BoD for consideration. I strive to be a voice for all members and do my best to view the discussions from all perspectives that the membership represents.

I believe that the MWSL provides a key place for women to play and learn the sport of soccer in Metro Vancouver. I am proud to be a Board Member and would like to continue representing the membership on the Board of Directors for the next 2 years and thank you for your consideration and support.

## **Shan Pereira**

### **SUS Beavers (player) and SUS Beaver Juniors (coach)**

Soccer has been my life and I think I could positively contribute to MWSL. I started playing back in 1973 on the Surdel Teeny booter being coached a female brownie leader. By the time I was 16, girls' soccer was starting to take off and the lower mainland cities started to create select teams. I played on the Vancouver Selects and then was successful on the first U18 BC team. During my 5 years with the Provincial team, I had the privilege to try out for our first Canadian National team. Even though I was unsuccessful I have continued to play for all these years. I have travelled the world to play in different tournaments including the World Masters in New Zealand and the Mayors Cup in Hawaii. On top of playing, I have also been coaching for twenty years. I have taken young ladies from youth to successfully integrate them into the Women's League. I have recently retired from Canada Border Services Agency after 31 years of service and I am looking for other opportunities that I am passionate about.