



To Club Presidents, Registrars, Coaches, and Officials,

It is time to begin the process of forming the Candidate slate of those seeking election to the Ontario Artistic Swimming (OAS) Board of Directors for 2026-2029. In September 2026, three board positions will be open for election.

- OAS Vice-President, Chris Foster, has served for two consecutive terms and will not be seeking re-election. We want to take this opportunity to thank Chris for his long-term service and significant contributions to OAS and our artistic swimming community.
- OAS Directors-at-large, Liudmyla Verbinska and Trevor Scheffel, are eligible for re-election. Both have indicated plans to seek a new 3-year term.

The Nominations Committee is a standing Committee of OAS that is responsible for ensuring that the OAS Board of Directors is composed of persons sufficiently qualified and skilled to provide effective leadership. The Nominations Committee for the 2026 election has been established and is comprised of:

- Charlotte Miller, Committee Chair & Secretary, Ontario Artistic Swimming Board of Directors
- Carla Geddes, Ontario Artistic Swimming Director-at-Large
- Kyla Poirier, President, Royal City Artistic Swimming Club
- Priscilla Vincent, President, Ignite Artistic Swimming Club
- Chris Duc, President, Go Capital Artistic Swimming

The Nominations Committee invites anyone interested in being a candidate for the 2026–2029 board to complete the [Nomination Form](#). The Nominations Committee encourages a broad representation of applicants as OAS is committed to creating an inclusive and diverse environment and encourages applications from all eligible individuals. OAS believes in fostering a diverse and inclusive environment as a key step toward eliminating barriers to access and equity. OAS encourages individuals who identify as BIPOC, 2SLGBTQIA+, otherwise-abled, and other under-represented identities to submit their nomination. It is critically important that we reflect the diverse communities across Ontario that we serve.

Skills beneficial to a governance board model include those related to business, relationship development, communications, marketing, finance, board experience, change management, and the sport of artistic swimming. Criteria used to guide the Nominations Committee include integrity, discretion, interpersonal skills, prior board and committee experience, and knowledge of artistic swimming. OAS is recruiting board members with the following skills and expertise:

- Legal
- Strategic Leadership
- Governance
- Board experience

OAS Directors are asked to:

- Participate in all board and special meetings, either in person or by conference call
- Attend the Annual Meeting
- Chair and/or participate on board standing committees, as required; and
- Contribute their skills and expertise to advancing the organization's strategic directions

Nominees must fill out the [Nomination Form](#) prior to 4:30 pm (EST) on August 26, 2026. The Nominations Committee will share a report to the membership for review and consideration prior to elections. The personal information shared in the Nominations Form, including CV and personal statement of interest, may be included in the report. This information will also be published and posted on the OAS website.

Nominees may also be requested to partake in an interview during the week of August 31, 2026.

Elections for this position will take place during the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

Questions from interested candidates are welcome and confidential. Prospective board members should familiarize themselves with the OAS by-laws and policies, including the Conduct Policy, which can be found in the [policy section on the OAS website](#).

The following is the timeline summarizing the 2026 nominating process:

Week of July 13, 2026

- The [Nomination Form](#) is available to be completed. The [Nomination Form](#) must be completed by all interested parties, including current board members seeking re-election.

Week of July 20, 2026

- Call for Nominations communicated to member clubs, coaches, and officials via email.

Week of July 27, 2027

- Call for Nominations communicated through OAS social media channels

August 24, 2026

- The Nomination Form must be completed and submitted using the online Google Form by 4:30 pm EST.

Week of August 31, 2026

- Candidate interviews with the Nominations Committee members may take place.

September 10, 2024

- The Nominations Committee will announce the slate of candidates for the 2026-2029 board via email and on the OAS website.

September 23, 2026

- OAS Annual Meeting and election.

If you have any questions about the nominating process, please contact Charlotte Miller, Nominations Committee Chair.

Sincerely,

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