

Although this has been a challenging year and events outside of our sport will inevitably overshadow our desire to get outside and chase plastic around a field, as a board member I hope to help the league to not only return to what it was, but to put it on a path to being better than ever. I believe in respect, transparency, and community, and that our path forward requires setting goals that we achieve together. I intend to bring not only my experience to the role, but also represent the insights and ideals of all the people that I've taken the field with, coached, or just shared a conversation with over the years. We are all part of a great community and should take pride in making it even better.

I have been playing ultimate for about 25 years, and have captained a team in OCUA for over 20 of those, most years being a captain of two or more teams in the summer, fall and winter. One of my teams is a legacy team that has been playing consistently for more than 20 years. I've also captained competitive teams, including at the national level. I've played, and continue to play, at all levels of the sport, recreational and competitive, and have a driving passion for Ultimate. I thoroughly enjoy introducing new players to the sport and have shared my love of the game with countless people. I am one of the coaches of the Junior boys competitive program, and have coached juniors, youth, and high school, and adults for many years.

Outside of the sport I am a senior software architect, currently working in the area of Insurance Fraud. My daily job requires me to be a good communicator and bridge complex technical and business concepts, as well as reconciling strategic objectives with the priorities assigned and resources available. I've run major proposals involving large teams across several companies, managed bid processes, customer interactions, and teams of skilled people. Over the years I've applied my skills in banking, transportation, healthcare, logistics, smarter cities, and counter-fraud. I embrace new challenges, and finding new insights that can help solve problems.

Outline of my time in OCUA:

- joined the league in 1997
- Captained continuously for 20+ years, summer league, fall, and indoor
- Coordinated indoor leagues several times
- Coached in the adult coached league
- Coached Youth, Juniors, current coach in the boys Junior program
- Introduced the sport to the local high school and acted as community coach
- Played league, local and out of town tournaments, nationals, worlds, university nationals
- Have volunteered at CUC several times

I believe I can bring strong communication skills and consensus building to the board, and my organizational experience and technical proficiency will prove useful in overcoming the challenges the league currently faces. My leadership would be founded on representing the members of the league across all demographics and levels of play, and ensuring good communication and methodical planning as we evaluate where we are and where we want to be.

Above all, I really care very deeply about this sport, it's future, and the Ottawa ultimate community, and I look forward to serving it's membership.