

JIM PROVOST

Jim's volunteer work with OCUA goes back more than a decade, including as coordinator, board member, chair, and volunteer with the National Organization, Ultimate Canada. Jim started playing Ultimate in Kingston around 2004 and has loved it ever since. As purely recreational player, Jim realizes that Nationals or Worlds are just not in the cards, and that's ok. The majority of Ottawa Ultimate players are recreational and there to enjoy the sport, the people, and the spirit of the game.

Outside of Ultimate, Jim's career has focussed on AI and Data Sciences. As the Lead Data Scientist at Lixar/BDO, Jim has worked in many executive and leadership roles. A background that involves management, finance, hr, and a significant non-profit and volunteer work means that I know how to get things done and organized at OCUA.

What are the biggest issues facing OCUA? Apart from COVID and the obvious solvency and health issues, I think we need a strong focus on retention of new players. I don't think it's generally known how many players join OCUA and leave within the first two years. Moreso, the data is pretty clear in showing that if you have two GREAT first years, you stay for the long haul.

There is a very strong slate of candidates this year, and I hope I can count on your vote at the AGM.