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Nominating Committee Report

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Revelstoke Community Centre
600 Campbell Ave. Revelstoke, BC

Presentation of the results of a call for nominations for
the Southern Interior Local Government Association

Spring 2018

Nominations

1. Appointment of Nominations Committee

(up to 3 members, to include the Past President, who will be chair)

Responsibility: President

Completion Guideline: 60 days before convention

2. Call for Nominations sent to the membership

Responsibility: Nominations Committee Chair

3. Nominations to be received by the Nominations Committee Chair, who consults with the Nominations Committee and prepares the Nominations Report with photographs and biographies.

Responsibility: Nominations Committee

Completion Guideline: 2 months before convention

4. Forward the Nominations Report to the Host Committee for inclusion in the delegate binders.

Responsibility: Nominations Committee

Completion Guideline: 1 month before convention

NOTE: If, at the close of the annual convention, there are not sufficient members elected to the Executive to constitute a quorum, the local government who has the President as one of its members shall be responsible to find sufficient members to serve on the Executive. If there is no President, the local government currently responsible for providing administrative arrangements to the Executive shall have the responsibility to find sufficient members to serve.

NOTE: In addition to the above mentioned, nominations can still come from the floor as has always been provided.

TO BE ELECTED

All positions are for a one year term and those presently serving may run for another term if they so wish, except for the President who can only serve for two consecutive terms.

Offices to be filled are for President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and seven Directors, one of who must be an Electoral Area Director of a Regional District.

The Nomination Committee was formed under the bylaws and executive procedures of the SILGA Constitution.

Past President Chad Eliason, Salmon Arm

Alison Slater, SILGA

The Nominations Committee authorized circulation of a call for nominations and preparation of associated material (see background appendix). The results of the call are summarized on the next page and full biographical materials submitted by nominees begin on the page following. It is important to recognize that the role of the committee is to review submissions and prepare this report. It is not the role of the committee to recommend anyone for nomination. We are to ensure nominations are complete, and according to policies and procedures.

Further nominations can be received at the convention from the floor as has always been provided. Please contact the nomination committee chair if there is any aspect of the procedures that you would like clarified.

Nominations and Election of Executive

- 7.1 The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Committee shall consist of up to three (3) Member Representatives, one of whom shall be a Past President.
- 7.2 The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be the Past President unless that position is vacant, in which case the Chair shall:
 1. be appointed by the Executive with consideration to a previous Past President; and
 2. not be a member of the Executive.
- 7.3 The Nominating Committee shall submit a proposed slate of Executive to the Members at the Annual General Meeting for consideration.
- 7.4 All Member Representatives shall be eligible to stand for election to the Executive.
- 7.5 If an election of the Executive is required it will be conducted by a secret ballot and, subject to subsection 7.11 below, those candidates receiving the most votes of the Members being elected to the Executive, and ballots shall be destroyed by resolution of the Members following the declaration of the successful candidate for office or directorship.
- 7.6 In the event of an equality of votes between two candidates, the successful Executive candidate will be chosen by lot between those two candidates. The name of each candidate will be written on a separate piece of paper, folded in such a way that the names of the candidates are not visible and placed in a container and shaken. One piece of paper will be withdrawn by the Chair of the Nominating Committee and that person declared the winning candidate.
- 7.7 The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the Nominating Committee's candidates to the Association and will preside over the election process.
- 7.8 If the Chair of the Nominating Committee is unable to act, the Executive shall appoint a Member Representative, Officer or Director to undertake the duties and responsibilities as Chair of the Nominating Committee and to preside at the election.
- 7.9 The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as the "Returning Officer" and may appoint other staff members in attendance to assist with the election.
- 7.10 The election of Officers to the Executive shall be held at the Annual General Meeting on a first ballot and that of the Directors at Large subsequently on a second ballot. Any candidate that is unsuccessful in obtaining an Officer position on the first ballot may become a candidate for a Director at Large position on the second ballot.
- 7.11 If, in the election of the Officers to the Executive on the first ballot, an Electoral Area Director of a regional district is elected, the Director at Large positions will then be filled by the candidates with the most votes.
- 7.12 If, in the election of the Officers to the Executive on the first ballot, an Electoral Area Director of a regional district is not elected, then in the election of the Directors at Large, the candidate - of those candidates that are Electoral Area Directors of a regional district - with the most votes will be elected as a Director at Large and the balance of the Director at Large positions will be filled by the remaining candidates with the most votes. If only one Electoral Area Director of a regional district candidate runs for a Director at Large position, that candidate will be acclaimed.

The Nominating Committee Chair will present the recommendations as the nomination for these positions. Other nominations can still come from the floor as has always been provided.

Candidates Speeches - Each candidate will have one minute to present themselves and their platform.

For Officer Positions:

Chad Eliason, Salmon Arm will be Past President.

(Elect one each)

President	Councillor Shelley Sim	District of Clearwater
1st Vice-President	Councillor Lori Mindnich	Village of Lumby
2nd Vice-President	Director Karla Kozakevich	Okanagan Similkameen RD

For Directors At Large:

(Elect seven)

Councillor Charlie Hodge	City of Kelowna
Councillor Helena Konanz	City of Penticton
Councillor Tim Lavery	City of Salmon Arm
Director Mike Macnabb	Regional District North Okanagan
Mayor Robin Smith	Village of Logan Lake
Councillor Keith Thom	District of Peachland

Nominated for:
President

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**Councillor
Shelley Sim**
District of Clearwater

Born and raised in Vancouver, I moved to Clearwater in 1993. I am Managing Director of Original Holidays and have over twenty years of business and tourism experience.

I am pleased to be serving my sixth year with the SILGA executive. It has been extremely rewarding to work with a talented group of people who work to represent this vast region in a number of key advocacy areas. I am proud of the work that the SILGA executive has done on behalf of the region. Our communities are heard on specific issues in our Ministerial meetings that are held annually at UBCM. Health care, agriculture and environmental issues remain at the top of our agenda but there are many more that are on the watch list.

As part of the executive, I believe in the continuation of our educational sessions and our forums that allow our members to come together and share expertise. It is imperative that we share our information. Over the past four years I have learned that when one community is impacted by a situation, it is likely the beacon of what is yet to come for many other communities. At SILGA, we share our regional information so that we can be prepared. Collectively, we are a strong voice.

Currently, I am serving a second term Councillor for the District of Clearwater and sitting as a first term School Board Trustee representing the rural communities of Clearwater, Area A and Area O within School Board 73. I represent Council on a number of boards and advisory committees including the United Way.

SILGA VISION: To advocate on behalf of SILGA communities on issues that are of local importance on both a rural and urban level and bring those issues forward to the Provincial level. A collective and united SILGA voice can and does have impact. Strong partnerships and respective relationships will bring about positive change.

Nominated for:

1st Vice President

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Councillor
Lori Mindnich
Village of Lumby

My name is Lori Mindnich and I have been a Councillor in the Village of Lumby since 2008.

I have served for the past 3 years on the SILGA Executive first as a Director at Large, and currently as 2nd Vice President. I look for your support to return for another term as your 1st Vice President.

At SILGA I am currently serving on the Resolutions and Convention Committees. I am an active participant in the committee and board meetings. I enjoy working as a team and representing our members at these meetings. I want to continue to represent our communities and bring forward our unique challenges to the Provincial Government. Together we have and can continue to support each other.

Professionally I am the Manager & Book Keeper of the Lumby Legion. For the winter months I also work at the Lumby Curling Club, as their lounge steward. I volunteer as the Saturday rep at the curling club, and as the Treasurer for the Ladies Auxiliary at the Legion.

Personally, I am the proud Grandmother of 6. We live on the family farm where we raise laying hens, as well as brooder chickens. We also raise our own beef for family consumption. Last year I ventured into a little produce sales. We love spending our free time camping at Sugar Lake.

I would be honoured to have your support by voting for me as your 1st Vice President.

I look forward to seeing everyone again at the convention and please remember to vote.

Lori Mindnich

Nominated for:

2nd Vice President

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**Director Karla
Kozakevich**
Okanagan
Similkameen RD

Karla is currently in her second term as Director for Area E – Naramata with the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen and is currently in the role as the Electoral Area Director for SILGA. She was born and raised in Penticton and moved to Naramata in 2005. A graduate of Pen-Hi Senior Secondary School, she went on to attend Simon Fraser University on a varsity scholarship, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Sciences.

Karla worked for over 13 years contracting both Federally and Provincially, helping people with disabilities secure work, educational and assistive devices opportunities. She grew up working in various areas of the family business in Penticton, the Three Gables Hotel, which her family and relatives operated from 1937 – 1996. Karla also worked in property management, retail management, sports coaching and in sports equipment & clothing sales management. She enjoys the recreational opportunities provided in the South Okanagan, with a focus on skiing and golf.

From 2009 – 2011, Karla was Alternate Director for Area E and volunteered with the Naramata Parks & Recreation Commission, Naramata Water Advisory Committee and Naramata Parent Advisory Committee. She continues to participate with these volunteer committees on a regular basis with a goal of providing outstanding community based services and activities.

In November 2016, Karla was elected Chair of the RDOS and is currently Chair of the RDOS Corporate Services Committee. In February 2018 she was re-elected to a fourth year as Chair of Policy & Planning for the Okanagan Regional Library Board and is also the board Vice-Chair. She is in her third year as Chair of the Southern Interior Municipal Employers' Association.

Karla feels strongly that SILGA brings municipalities and rural areas together to work for the best interest of the region as a whole. She can be reached at 250-809-2557 or kkozakevich@rdos.bc.ca.

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Director at Large

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Councillor
Charlie Hodge
City of Kelowna

Charlie Hodge is seeking re-election as a SILGA director at large. An experienced city councillor and regional board director, Hodge enjoyed his third year as SILGA director in 2017 and would like to continue his positive contribution.

A professional author/writer by trade Hodge was born and raised in the South Okanagan where he has resided the majority of his life. Hodge was born in Penticton and moved from Summerland to Kelowna in 1963 at age 7.

Charlie spent more than 30 years as a journalist in British Columbia including 10 years as an editor or assistant editor. During his journalism career he worked in Kelowna, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, and Parksville - Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island.

Hodge has written two books including *Golly Gee - It's Me!* - a Canadian best-selling biography on hockey legend Howie Meeker, and is in the process of completing two other contracted books.

Charlie is in his third term as an elected City Councillor. He previously served in 2008 - 2011 on Kelowna City Council, and on Parksville City council from 1997 - 2000. He is also currently a Director on the Regional District of Central Okanagan Director. Hodge also served as Director on Regional District of Nanaimo (1997-2000) and on the Central Okanagan Regional District (2009-2011).

During previous council terms Charlie's held numerous portfolios or committees including: protective services, tourism, chamber of commerce, joint water board, environment, youth, accessibility committee, women's and community committee, public works and operations, parks and open spaces, regional library board, and housing.

Hodge is well known for his knowledge and background in strategic planning, conflict resolution, as a skilled facilitator, a public speaker, Master of Ceremonies, and effective personal coach.

Charlie's creative promotional skills and strategic planning have been utilized for many years in the Canadian music industry, provincial, national, and international environmental fields, and municipal, provincial, and federal politics.

His hobbies include gardening, canoeing, and writing songs. Charlie shares his Okanagan home with wife Teresa and five cats.

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Councillor
Helena Konanz
City of Kelowna

Helena has lived in the Okanagan for over 20 years. She was born in Santa Barbara, California and went to UCLA where she was a member of their National Championship Tennis Team. After graduating with a degree in political science, she spent three years traveling the world as a professional and world ranked tennis player.

Helena went on to work for NIKE at their International Headquarters in Portland Oregon. It was there that she met Adam, her husband now of 25 years. In 1996 they moved to Adam's hometown of Penticton to set up their family business, Konanz Chiropractic Centre.

Helena represents Penticton on the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, and has been elected three consecutive years to the board of the Southern Interior Local Government Association. She is working towards her master's degree in political science at UBCO.

Since moving to the Okanagan Helena has opened two coffee shops and has been busy working as a Professional Tennis Coach, winning 7 national Canadian Master's Titles. She was first elected onto Penticton City Council in 2011.

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**Councillor
Tim Lavery**
City of Salmon Arm

I'm seeking the position of SILGA Director at Large for the 2018/19 term. This past year, my first on the SILGA Executive, has been an honour in contributing to the partnerships and collective voice of SILGA's local government members. I'd like to put my name forward once again to help align and advocate for our common goals.

My personal bio:

- Husband, father of two daughters
- Retired educator committed to engaging stakeholders
- I listen closely, get involved and deliver
- Driven by data, policy and collaboration
- Strive to be an accountable #Hub

My local government bio:

- Currently a first-term City of Salmon Arm councillor
- Alternate Director for the Columbia Shuswap Regional District
- Chair of Salmon Arm Environmental Advisory Committee
- Co-Chair of Salmon Arm Housing Taskforce
- Committee member of: Salmon Arm Economic Development Society, Salmon Arm Chamber, Okanagan Regional Library and numerous community advisory committees
- Led creation of SA's Youth Council engaging grade 11/12 students with their local government



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Director
Mike Macnabb
Regional District of North
Okanagan Electoral Area “C”
– BX / Silver Star

I am seeking a fourth term as Director at Large.

SILGA is a strong advocate for over 500,000 residents living in our six regional districts and provides a united and effective voice heard by the provincial ministries. A primary role for SILGA is to address emerging concerns through education seminars and conference topics to keep us better informed of the changing landscape and how best to adapt to it. SILGA has a small but efficient Board on which it has been a pleasure for me to serve. I wish to continue to keep our organization financially prudent and relevant now and going forward.

With your support, I will continue to address your issues.

- RDNO Electoral Area Director since 2009
- Strong advocate for agriculture as an economic driver
- Electoral areas and municipalities are much stronger when working together
- Finance work on Okanagan Regional Library and RDNO Audit committees
- Numerous chair positions at RDNO
- Professional engineer
- Married, kids, grand kids, cat disappeared
- Works well with others and occasionally runs with scissors

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Mayor
Robin Smith
Village of Logan Lake

As a lifelong resident of Logan Lake, I take considerable pride in my community. This year, my husband and I are celebrating 16 years of marriage, and every day I am grateful for my three beautiful girls and our little dog Molly.

In 2008, I was feeling a growing frustration with the lack of progress in my community, which seemed to be as a result of division among our leadership. This situation prompted me to step forward to seek a Council seat in order to become part of the solution. Having thoroughly enjoyed my first term, I ran for a second term, and after the resignation of our Mayor, Council voted in favour of me serving the remainder of my second term as the Acting Mayor. Today, I am enjoying my third term as Mayor for the District of Logan Lake.

It is an honour to serve my community, and I have been fortunate to work with such a diverse, supportive, and highly effective team. Over my tenure, it has been my privilege to sit on numerous committees, as well a Director for the Thompson Nicola Regional District.

In addition to my Political Career, I am the Managing Broker of the local Real Estate firm, where for the past fourteen years I have been representing my community in a different capacity.

It is through my continued commitment and desire to serve my community, that I pursue this opportunity to sit as a Director at Large for our Southern Interior Local Government Association I would like to continue to be that voice for you as a Director at Large, along with my colleagues on the Executive Board.

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**Councillor
Keith Thom**
District of Peachland

I have thoroughly enjoyed my second term as a Director at Large on the SILGA executive board and would be delighted to serve another term.

There are two major mandates of the executive with the first been the facilitation of the yearly convention as well as providing educational opportunities throughout the year at locations across the southern interior. With education comes empowerment to face the day-to-day challenges that all of us face in local government.

The second mandate is the collection of resolutions from all of our area members and ensuring they get on to the desks of the various ministers and then discussed in person at UBCM. We are much stronger as a collective voice.

I would like to continue to be that voice for you as a Director at Large, along with my colleagues on the Executive Board.