

2020 SILGA Nominating Committee Report

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

Spring 2020

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 Shelley Sim, District of Clearwater
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:

Shelley Sim, District of Clearwater will be Past President. (Elect one each)

President	Councillor Lori Mindnich	Village of Lumby
1st Vice-President	Director Karla Kozakevich	Okanagan Similkameen RD
2nd Vice-President	Mayor Toni Boot	District of Summerland

For Directors At Large:

(Elect seven)

Debbie Cannon	Councillor	City of Salmon Arm
Spencer Coyne	Mayor	Town of Princeton
Aimee Grice	Councillor	Town of Oliver
Jamie Howe	Councillor	District of Lillooet
Ruth Hoyte	Councillor	District of Coldstream
Bill Sarai	Councillor	City of Kamloops
Judy Sentes	Councillor	City of Penticton
Robin Smith	Mayor	District of Logan Lake
Louise Wallace Richmond	Councillor	City of Salmon Arm
Barbara Wiebe	Councillor	District of Lillooet

Nominated for:
President

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Councillor
Lori Mindnich
Village of Lumby

Welcome to our 2020 AGM.

I am proud and blessed to be in my 4th term as a Village Councillor in Lumby. And my 1st term as a Trustee to School District 22.

I am the Manager of the Lumby Legion Branch 167. With an understanding Executive and a great staff, I am able to dedicate my time to SILGA as well as represent our region at UBCM. I work & Volunteer at our Curling Club, where I am also the Saturday rep for the “Fun” and Learn to Curl evening. I enjoy life on our Family Hobby Farm, with 3 generations living and working together it is a testament to multi-generational living.

I have served for the past 5 years on the SILGA Executive, first as a Director at Large, and currently as your President. I would be honoured to be able to continue as your President. Our board is a working board, and I am proud of the work we have done to date. From our executive meetings and workshops to bringing forth our regions concerns to UBCM for the SILGA Minister meetings.

Enjoy the conference and I hope I have your support to continue as your President.

Thank You
Lori Mindnich

Nominated for:
1st Vice President

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**Director Karla
Kozakevich**
Okanagan
Similkameen RD

Karla is currently in her third term as Director for Area E – Naramata with the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen and is currently in the role as 1st Vice President 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 physical, cognitive and mental health 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 Elementary School 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.

Karla is in her fourth year as Chair of the RDOS and is currently Chair of the RDOS Corporate Services Committee. She is the Chair of the Okanagan Regional Library Board (ORL) and completed four years as Chair of the ORL Policy & Planning committee.

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.

Nominated for:
2nd Vice President

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Mayor
Toni Boot
District of
Summerland

Thank you, SILGA Members, for the opportunity to put my name forward for the position of your second vice president. I have served two terms as a director-at-large and one as second vice president and sit on SILGA's Resolutions Committee and Communications Committee.

I was a first term councillor in Summerland from 2014 to 2018 and was elected to the mayor's seat in October 2018. I am a Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen director;

Okanagan Basin Water Board director; Vice Chair of the Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital District and a member of both the Okanagan Bioregional Food Systems Project and South Okanagan-Similkameen Primary Care Network Advisory Committees.

I hold a B.A. in Professional Communications from Royal Roads University and am a self-employed communications consultant. I have two grown sons—one lives in Victoria, the other near Toronto.

Described as a serial collaborator, I believe strongly in the power of building relationships and forming partnerships and alliances. I am especially interested in agriculture, all aspects of healthy communities, working with First Nations and managing and protecting our natural resources.

Serving the SILGA membership over the past three years has been a rewarding experience, particularly when we see action taken on issues that affect us all. Although SILGA is the only LGA to do so, we will continue to voice our collective concerns with Ministers and their staff at UBCM.

I appreciate the diverse skills and talents each member of the executive brings to the table; it would be an honour to serve on our local government association executive for a fourth term.

Thank you.

Toni Boot

Nominated for:
Director at Large

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**Councillor
Debbie Cannon**
City of Salmon
Arm

Debbie Cannon is seeking re election for the position of SILGA Director at Large.

She was raised in Salmon Arm and graduated from Salmon Arm Senior Secondary in 1984. Her and her husband raised three daughters in the community, and she now is the proud grandma of four grandchildren. She ran a successful floral business from 1994-2010 and currently works for her husband's business. Over the years Debbie has been involved with numerous community organization and committees including, Shuswap Rec Society, Roots & Blues, Shuswap Tourism, Shuswap Trail Alliance, Olympic Celebration, and Rogers Hometown Hockey.

Debbie served three terms on city councillor from 2005-2014 and was re-elected in 2018. She served as municipal director for the CSRD Board (2012-2014) and deputy mayor in 2007. Debbie also served on the IHA Board (2015-2017).

Debbie is very familiar with SILGA and feels it is an important voice for our region and wants to add her expertise with planning when Salmon Arm hosts SILGA in 2021.

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Director at Large

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Mayor
Spencer Coyne
Town of
Princeton

Spencer is running for a Director at Large position with SILGA for the 2020/21 term. Spencer believes that local government is the most effective form of government and that the day to day actions and decisions made by local policy makers have the most direct impact on citizens. He is a strong believer in partnerships and regional cooperation, this is why he has put his name forward for Director at Large.

As his role of Mayor of Princeton, he is the Chair of the Vermilion Forks Community Forest Corporation a partnership between the Town of Princeton, Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band. He is the Vice-chair of the Similkameen Valley Planning Society an economic development partnership that includes the Town of Princeton, Village of Keremeos, Lower Similkameen Indian Band and RDOS electoral Areas B, G, and H. Spencer believes that it is through these partnerships we are able to create a more prosperous Similkameen Valley for all who live there. He works with other area representatives and member municipalities of the RDOS on a regular basis to not only strengthen his community but the region as a whole.

Spencer is a father of two, a seven-year-old daughter and ten-year-old son. It is their future that brought him back into politics after a thirteen-year hiatus.

Spencer believes that regional cooperation makes us stronger and when we work together our collective voice carries more weight.

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Councillor
Aimee Grice
Town of Oliver

AIMEE GRICE was elected as Councillor to the Town of Oliver in 2018, as a first term councillor. She embraced the steep learning curve as an elected official respecting the important decisions a council makes on behalf of its residents. With a deep-rooted passion for social justice, Aimee is striving to look at all issues and decision making through this lens. Prior to seeking election to the Town of Oliver Council, Aimee founded the Oliver and Area Affordable Housing Society. This volunteer driven society is working towards increasing access to affordable housing in Oliver and surrounding area. Aimee enjoys the arts and has a strong passion for helping others.

Aimee is a contributing Council representative to various Town Committees:

1. Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee, Vice-Chair
2. Oliver Parks & Recreation Society
3. Food Action Advisory Committee
4. Downtown Advisory Committee; and
5. South Okanagan Chamber of Commerce.

Since 2016 she has held the position of Marketing and Promotions Coordinator and House Manager at the Venables Theatre. This staff role was assumed after sitting as a governing member on the Oliver Community Theatre Society. Aimee held a board of director position on the SOAP Theatre, and is a member of the Oliver Community Arts Council. Professional experience includes owning and operating a licensed family daycare for seven years.

Most importantly, Aimee is a wife and mother to two beautiful children and allocates all her free time to her family, enjoying the local lakes in the summer, and taking in the vast variety of arts and culture events available in the south Okanagan.

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Councillor
Jamie Howe
District of Lillooet

Born in Saskatchewan, raised in Lillooet, I am honoured to have the opportunity to put my name forward to be one of SILGA's Directors at Large. I am eager to represent my local and regional community by participating in an association that brings our communities voices together, ensuring we are heard provincially and nationally. With our combined influence, we can drive change.

Strong desiring to participate in the decisions mapping the future of Lillooet, and recognizing the importance of being a voice for the community, I successfully ran for my first term as Councillor with the District of Lillooet and am enthusiastically working with a team of authentic, courageous and forward-moving individuals.

I have a passion for understanding people and culture and the impacts the two have on each other. I moved to the Lower Mainland after high school, attending college with a focus on Sociology, Radical Criminology and English. I firmly believe strong communities begin with strong support systems for children, families, the sick and the elderly. Certified in Bookkeeping, I operated my own bookkeeping business focussed on assisting socially and environmentally mindful businesses gain a strong financial footing.

Having moved back to my hometown to raise my son with the freedoms only a small community provides, I opened a children's yoga business with the privilege of holding sessions in one of Lillooet's elementary schools. I also worked with The Women's Leadership Committee in the "Crossing Bridges Together Harm Reduction Education Opportunity" by offering Kids Yoga (ages 4-6), free of charge to the public.

In my role as a Councillor, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in engaging conversations with the teens of the "Chillaxin Youth Program" at the Lillooet Friendship Centre Society. We have covered topics ranging from overcoming struggles, trusting in ourselves, and the importance of recognizing our own unique voices and the voices of our peers on topics that matter to each of us in our communities. We have also explored the value and impact of youth bringing matters of importance to our local government and school boards.

I look forward to expanding my knowledge beyond the Lillooet area communities and working with an inspired, knowledgeable, momentum-building team that is the SILGA Board.

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**Councillor
Ruth Hoyte**
District of
Coldstream

I was honored with the opportunity to serve as Director at Large for SILGA during the last term, and with that, serve as your representative on MIABC. Appreciating the experience of serving on SILGA with talented colleagues expanded my knowledge of the benefits of this organization.

Elected as Councillor with the District of Coldstream provides me with the ability to serve and give back to my community, a personal philosophy of mine.

I currently represent the District of Coldstream, as an alternate on the Regional District of the North Okanagan and am a voting member of the Greater Vernon Advisory Committee. I have also lent my participation to the Regional Growth Strategy, Regional Hospital Board and the Greater Vernon Cultural Center Implementation Team.

I have retired from 27 years of running the Family Insurance Brokerage and continue to be involved in the community. I believe that my varied experience of over 40 years of service can provide some positive input to this organization.

Previous experience in a leadership capacity includes:

Past President – Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce

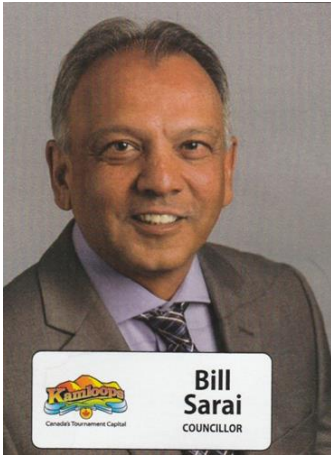
- Downtown Vernon Association
- Vernon Women in Business
- North Okanagan Employment Enhancement Society
- Insurance Brokers Association of BC – Treasurer
- Insurance Council of BC – Chair
- Vernon Monashee Liberal Riding Association – President

In 2013, being named Vernon’s Woman of the Year, was a tremendous honor, that year being nominated for the Okanagan Arts Council for contributions to the Dance Community that same year.

I sincerely ask for your support and appreciate your consideration in letting my name move forward for continuation on the Board of SILGA.

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Director at Large

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**Councillor
Bill Sarai**
City of Kamloops

I have enjoyed serving my 1st term as Director at Large and representing the City of Kamloops. I retired from Canada Post after 31 years of service and was fortunate to become elected as City Councillor for Kamloops in October 2018. I have been appointed to serve on the Finance and Civic Ops committees and as a Liaison to the Junior Council that was spearheaded by the Late Councillor Marg Spina. Before being elected to City Council, I had volunteered to the following organizations:

- Norbrock Soccer Executive Committee
- A E Perry Elementary School PAC Executive
- Coached Girls and Boys Youth Soccer
- Kamloops Sikh Cultural Society Executive Committee
- City of Kamloops Social Planning Committee
- Western Canada Summer Games
- BC Winter Games

I was born in Abbotsford BC and then raised in Vancouver and then finally settled in Kamloops in 1995, where my wife of 30 years and I raised our 3 kids.

I would like to once again be honoured to serve on SILGA as a Director at Large and represent our City of Kamloops. To be able to meet and share ideas with our Members is very valuable and I am excited for what 2020 will bring and am putting my name forward for this opportunity.

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Councillor
Judy Sentes
City of Penticton

I'm in my 12th consecutive year as a Councillor for the City of Penticton and in that time I have chaired many committees for our Council; acted as a Liaison for Council to several organizations as well as represented our City on numerous occasions including to the Regional District of the South Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) for a number of years. While at the RDOS I served as the Vice-chair of the Regional Hospital Board.

Having lived in Penticton for nearly 34 years, I have always made an effort to be involved in my community. I have been a Director of our City's Chamber of Commerce, Chaired the Penticton Art Gallery Board and was the President of the IRONMAN Canada Race Society here in Penticton for many years.

I believe in the value of SILGA and have enjoyed being a part of the Board of Directors this past year and was a part of the Convention Committee. I would like to continue working with SILGA in the capacity as Director for another term and would ask for your consideration of support to my current nomination.

Judy Sentes, Councillor
City of Penticton

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Mayor
Robin Smith
Village of Logan Lake

Serving as a member of Local Government for the last 11 years has been an equally challenging and rewarding experience. I have had the pleasure to serve with many passionate people and I'm inspired by the generous commitment of my colleagues and by their ability to build relationships and advocate for their communities.

I'm currently the Mayor of Logan Lake as well as a Director for the TNRD and I currently serve on the SILGA Executive where I have enjoyed learning for the past two terms. I am self-employed and believe in life-long learning.

In my personal life I love to travel, spend time with family, and work in my garden. I'd love to have the opportunity to continue to serve you as a representative on the SILGA Executive and ask for your support at this year's Conference and AGM.

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Councillor
Louise
Wallace Richmond
City of Salmon Arm

Louise was born in Quebec City and raised in Northern Ontario. She graduated from the University of Ottawa with a degree in Economics and enjoyed working on Parliament Hill first as a Page then as a Legislative Assistant for the Chief Opposition Whip. After relocating to the West Coast in 1990, she worked in publishing and completed her Masters degree at SFU. In 1999, she moved to Salmon Arm and established Mediability Corporate Communications, a design and marketing business. Louise is also a part time professor at the Okanagan College in the School of Business.

She is passionate about community-building, creativity and collaboration and is honoured to serve Salmon Arm as a second term city councillor in keeping with her long-standing interest in politics, public affairs and communications.

Her community committee work includes the Cultural Master Plan Task Force, First Nations Partnerships, the Housing Task Force, the Social Impact Advisory Committee and Shuswap Healthy Communities Coalition.

SILGA has been exemplary in its advocacy for the region and is a tribute to the power of collective impact.

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Councillor
Barbara Wiebe
District of Lillooet

I am honored to be running for Director at Large for SILGA. The District of Lillooet hasn't had representation for approximately 8 years and I feel my experience, work ethic and dedication to get things done will be an asset.

After successfully running my own business in Calgary, my husband and I retired and moved to Lillooet 13 years ago. One of my first involvements in the community was to join the Royal Canadian Legion where I was on the Executive for 5 years – 3 of those as President.

I decided to run as Councillor for the District of Lillooet and am now in my second term. As the Mayor's Alternate during both terms, I have attended and been included in Squamish-Lillooet Regional District meetings and other committees where, in the Mayor's absence, my presence would be required.

Currently I am our District's representative on the Thompson Regional Hospital Board, Explore Gold Country, and the Southern Economic Development Initiative Committee. I am also on the Inter-Governmental Relations Committee where we were successful with getting a Protocol Agreement signed with all participating parties.

In addition I am Chairperson of the Miyazaki Heritage House Board and am very passionate about the history and restoration of this historic house and the story behind it.

On my own initiative; with the support of Council, I have started the Lillooet Board and BMX Society to build a concrete skateboard park. This is an ongoing project and with such an enthusiastic Board we plan on accomplishing this within the next two years.

With my vast experience on multiple committees I believe I have the knowledge and resources required to be a representative on SILGA.