

# 2021 SILGA

## Nominating Committee Report

2021 SILGA

AGM & CONFERENCE

Virtually April 28th



#SILGA2021

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

## 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 General Manager**

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: (all acclaimed)**

Lori Mindnich, Village of Lumby will be Past President. (Elect one each)

President	Director Karla Kozakevich	Okanagan Similkameen RD
1st Vice-President	Mayor Toni Boot	District of Summerland
2nd Vice-President	Councillor Aimee Grice	Town of Oliver

**For Directors At Large:**  
(Elect seven)

Spencer Coyne	Mayor	Town of Princeton
Jamie Howe	Councillor	District of Lillooet
Tony Luck	Councillor	City of Merritt
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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**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, boating 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 fifth year as Chair of the RDOS and is currently Chair of the RDOS Corporate Services Committee. She completed in 2021 the maximum allowable 8 year term with the Okanagan Regional Library Board (ORL) as their Board Chair and also 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](mailto:kkozakevich@rdos.bc.ca).

*Nominated for:*  
**1st 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 first vice president. I have served two terms as a director-at-large and two 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 also sat for six years on the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen board; two as an Okanagan Basin Water Board director; and two as the Vice Chair of the Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital District. I was recently appointed by Minister George Heyman to the provincial Climate Solutions Council

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, particularly as it relates to climate action.

Serving the SILGA membership over the past four years has been a rewarding experience, especially 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 fifth term.

Respectfully,

Toni Boot

*Nominated for:*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

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**Councillor**  
**Aimee Grice**  
Town of Oliver  
[agrice@oliver.ca](mailto:agrice@oliver.ca)  
**250 408 4280**

AIMEE GRICE was elected as Councillor to the Town of Oliver in 2018. 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. Although only on the SILGA board for a shortened term, Aimee seeks to continue working on this regional board to bring her passion for community to the wider region.

Aimee is a contributing Council representative to various Town Committees:

1. Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee, Chair
2. Oliver Parks & Recreation Society
3. Cold Weather Shelter Advisory Committee
4. Oliver 100X100 Project Committee
5. Downtown Advisory Committee; and
6. 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 also includes owning and operating a licensed family daycare for seven years. Aimee always aims to continue learning and is currently enrolled in Thompson Rivers University as well as undergoing a Digital Marketing Certificate course.

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



*Nominated for:*  
**Director at Large**

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**Mayor  
Spencer  
Coyne**  
Town of  
Princeton

Spencer is running for a second term as Director at Large position with SILGA for the 2021/22 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. Spencer is the Vice-Chair of the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen where 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 three, a new baby boy, 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.

*Nominated for:*  
**Director at Large**

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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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**Director at Large**

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**Councillor**  
**Tony Luck**  
City of Merritt

Tony Luck and his wife Wanda live in Merritt after moving to the community in 2017. Having been born on the coast and living there his entire life both him and Wanda decided it was time to experience the lifestyle of the interior of BC. The only regret they have is that they didn't do it thirty years ago.

Tony has both a degree in Business and History from the University of the Fraser Valley and was Chair of the UFV Alumni Association for six years. Prior to becoming a Realtor in Merritt, which he really enjoys, Tony's past careers included twenty-six years at BC Hydro and ten years as a financial advisor with Investors Group just prior to moving to Merritt.

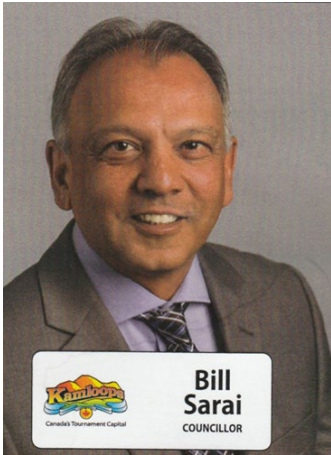
He has really embraced the Nicola Valley lifestyle and has a great passion for the valley. From the day he moved to Merritt he has been involved with the community and is proud to have been elected to Merritt City Council in his first year of moving to Merritt and is working hard to Move Merritt Forward in a very positive way.

His commitment to community includes a term as councillor at the City of Mission, a term as a director of the Fraser Valley Regional District, Vice-Chair Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce, Director and Chair of the UFV Alumni Association and Director of Nicola Valley Community Futures. He was also a director and vice-chair of the Mission Community Foundation.

Tony believes that there are great opportunities and challenges for our region as more people see the Southern Interior as an attractive place to relocate to from the Lower Mainland. As a representative from Merritt he looks forward to working closely with SILGA and carrying on the great advocacy work the board does for our region. Thank you in advance for your vote of confidence.

*Nominated for:*  
**Director at Large**

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**Councillor**  
**Bill Sarai**  
City of Kamloops

I have enjoyed serving my second 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 am the chair of the Civic Ops committee and also a member of the Development Engineering and Sustainability committee. 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 East Vancouver and then finally settled in Kamloops in 1995, where my wife of 30 years and I raised our three kids.

With your support, I would be humbled to serve again on SILGA as a Director at Large representing the City of Kamloops. To be able to meet and share ideas with our Members is very valuable and I am excited for what 2021 will bring. I am putting my name forward for this opportunity.

*Nominated for:*  
**Director at Large**

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**Councillor**  
**Judy Sentes**  
City of Penticton

I'm in my 13th consecutive year as a Councillor for the City of Penticton and in this 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. I have recently returned as a Director at the RDOS and I am serving as the Chair of the Okanagan Similkameen 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 am a member 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

*Nominated for:*  
**Director at Large**

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**Mayor  
Robin Smith**  
Village of Logan Lake

Serving as a member of Local Government for the last 12 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 three 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.

*Nominated for:*  
**Director at Large**

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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 the Okanagan Regional Library.

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

*Nominated for:*  
**Director at Large**

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**Councillor**  
**Barbara Wiebe**  
District of Lillooet

I was pleased and honoured to be elected as a Director at Large during last year's SILGA convention. This has been a challenging year for all, personally and professionally.

I am currently in my second term as a Councillor for the District of Lillooet. Under the leadership of our current Mayor, I have been allotted more responsibility on the SLRD board as his permanent replacement. I am our District's representative on the Thompson Regional Hospital Board, Explore Gold Country, Inter-Governmental Relations Committee and the Northern Economic Development Initiative Committee. Currently I have been added as our representative on the quarterly MOTI meetings to improve the roads in our area.

With the added responsibilities I have developed more confidence than I knew I was capable of and have eagerly accelerated my quest for knowledge. I love to learn.

I have become the Chair of the Lillooet Board & BMX Association and we continue to work to build a concrete skatepark in Lillooet. This is an ongoing project and with the lack of opportunities this year we may need to extend our timeline. This is a labour of love for the children of Lillooet and surrounding area and will get accomplished.

I have enjoyed my limited time on the SILGA Board and would like to further this experience by asking for your support to continue as Director at Large and represent the District of Lillooet.