

Oakville Gymnastics Club

Board of Directors 2024 / 2025 Nomination Form

Name of candidate being nominated:	Rocco Bellusci
Nominator:	
Nomination seconded by:	
Date of Nomination [deadline October 21, 2024, 12:00 pm EST]	

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Rocco Bellusci

Signature of candidate being nominated

Good day and thank you for inviting parents of participants to serve on the Oakville Gymnastics Club Board of Directors.

I, Rocco Bellusci am writing this email to formally express my interest as a Board Member for the next two year term.

I'll preface my introduction with **I know nothing about gymnastics**. I can barely stand on one foot.

Now that you know I know nothing about gymnastics, I'll share with you the top 5 things you need to know about Rocco Bellusci.

1. Father of three active children. Two of my three children began their gymnastics career a few years ago at Gold Medal Gymnastics as recreational gymnasts. It didn't take long for them to express their commitment to the sport. My son Marc is now here working with Coach Keenan, and my daughter remains in Milton, with Catalyst Gymnastics. With their passion for the sport, I plan to be around for a while to contribute and serve.
2. Proudly served on parent school council at St. Peter's CES for the last 10 years [mostly as the treasurer]. I had the pleasure of working with three different principals, where we as a community accomplished some beautiful initiatives. I expect to continue serving on parent school council at my sons new high school [Bishop Reding CSS] beginning this year.
3. IB Economics and Business teacher in Dufferin-Peel Catholic Secondary District School Board. Here I actively support students with their Creativity, Activity, Service academic requirements in addition to coaching and supervising various student initiatives.
4. Involved with my children's activities as a coach and parent volunteer [BMX racing, travel baseball, curling to name a few]
5. I believe in modeling engagement. I have throughout my life, personally and professionally aimed to create a positive example for my children and others about the importance of civic engagement and community service. I wear my heart on the outside of my shirt.

I recognize the challenge you have, selecting from bios that warrant joining you this year on the executive. I do not envy this challenge. Although, I am impressed with what Oakville Gymnastics offers its participants, both recreationally and competitively. With that, I welcome the opportunity to be a part of what is a model gymnastics club for other clubs.

Together we can continue building community through gymnastics that all participants and families can be proud of.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Rocco Bellusci

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022/2023 NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate being nominated: Tamara Vahn
Nominator: Vanessa Cote
Nomination Seconded By: John Summers

Date of Nomination: (deadline October 21, 2024, 12:00 PM ET)

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Reasons for Running and Relevant Experience:

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Hello my name is Tamara Vahn and I am pleased to run for a third term to serve the OGC on the Board of Directors. And I would be representing REC as I myself am a participant in the Adult Gym program and have a deep appreciation and unique view of the physical, mental and emotional development benefits our Club provides.

I have served on the Board of Directors for the past 4 years while it has undergone significant change and proactive efforts in the face of extraordinary circumstances. During this time I have had the opportunity to help the club manage through this change which continues to be progressive and evolving while meeting new challenges.

With BOD member activities in the works, we have what I believe are some exciting initiatives taking place and I would love the opportunity to continue working on some of these efforts that are currently in development. ...leveraging all the learning I have adopted over the past 4 years to assist in ongoing initiatives and help support new valuable endeavours....and new board members as they transition in the board.

As background, our family started attending the club almost 7 years ago in both the recreational (my daughter and I) and competitive MAG (my son) programs. I am a current 5x Fitness Olympian and professional athlete and proudly use the club facilities and expertise of the coaching staff. I have an 18 yr career in Sport Specific Fitness & Nutrition Coaching as well as 7yr career as a Director in a Strategic Management Consulting firm focusing on connecting strategic visions to customer experience.

My goal is to be able to continue to provide a unique perspective and set of advice as it relates to the role required of being a board member. Supporting growth and diligence in delivering on our vision.

I have chosen to apply as a candidate for the Board of Directors again because I look forward to assisting all stakeholders at OGC to drive this special non-for-profit business forward in a positive and sustainable way.

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Name of Candidate being nominated:	Joshua Sugeng
Nominator:	Alexandra Sugeng
Nomination Seconded By:	Carlos Bustamante
Date of Nomination: (deadline October 21, 2024, 12:00 PM ET)	

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Joshua Sugeng

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15 October 2024

To: Oakville Gymnastics Club

Re: Nomination to Board of Directors

Please accept this nomination to the Board of Directors for the Oakville Gymnastics Club as a representative of the MAG parent community:

Our son has been involved with competitive gymnastics since the age of six, and by extension, our growth and understanding of gymnastics and all the various intersections have also expanded. We have explored the many facets of the preparation, adversity, and dedication required to succeed at competition from an athlete and parent perspective. It has been our absolute pleasure to watch our son develop a passion for artistic gymnastics and continue to grow and develop in the sport. He constantly inspires us with his dedication and goal of achieving at the highest level and we humbly attempt to support him in any way possible.

As part of the competitive program, parents must contribute to the success of the club through mandatory volunteer hours. We have found that despite the physical toll of some of the activities, or the number of hours required to attain completion of the commitment hours, this time often provides the opportunity to meet other parents and/or club employees. The opportunity to network with other parents and staff has provided a great opportunity to learn more about the operations of the club as well as the many initiatives that need to occur to achieve the Club's mission. After exceeding the commitment hours consistently year-over-year, I would like to contribute holistically to the club as a whole in the function of board member.

My work background has been cultivated in over 20 years of experience in the medical/pharmaceutical industry. Working within the healthcare industry's rigid confines has given me a fundamental understanding of how to approach challenges and roadblocks within a matrix organization. I have developed a broad base of experience in Sales, Marketing, Business Development, and Project Management. The daily activities required as part of these roles have also developed acumen in other areas such as Finance, Legal, Regulatory, and Supply Chain readiness. Exposure to these roles have inherently developed and exercised leadership opportunities, especially in launching new product innovations and reinvigorating established products. Although my work experience is industry-specific, these skills and analytical approaches are highly transferable to any discipline or role.

If successful in this nomination, my personal goal is to contribute to the overall success of the Oakville Gymnastics Club. I would leverage my professional experience, appreciation of the sport, and general positive outlook to provide guidance and direction. As we collectively continue to shed the lasting effects of the pandemic and seek to rebuild 'community', I hope to be able to help contribute to the enduring success of OGC.

Sincerely,

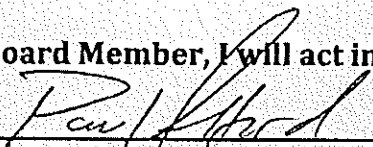
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Name of Candidate being nominated:	Paul Attard
Nominator:	John Summers
Nomination Seconded By:	Adriano Aldini
Date of Nomination: (deadline October 21, 2024, 12:00 PM ET)	

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It is a great privilege to submit my profile outlining my acquired skills and abilities to continue acting on your behalf as an Oakville Gymnastics Board member, a position I have occupied since July 2020. I am confident that my qualifications and proven results make me a strong candidate to continue to fill this vacancy and excited to see what opportunities lie ahead for the Club.

I am the proud parent of two daughters who have participated in the Club, one such teenage daughter remains in the Acro Program. Our children have participated at the club since 2009. We have watched our children progress from the recreational program to the top level of their sport. We have been fortunate to watch our girls wear the Canadian flag and represent our great Country in China, Belgium, USA, Portugal, Mexico, Colombia. Along with their competitive participation, they both have worked as recreational coaches for the Oakville Gymnastics club.

For the past 15 years, I have worked as a Staff Representative / Negotiator with the Ontario Public Services Employees Union. I have serviced groups in our Region, negotiating Agreements for Paramedics, Youth Correctional Settings and Long Term Care Facilities. For the past several months I have serviced those that are working on the front lines during this COVID-19 pandemic. Through these experiences my leadership skills have evolved and I believe that I have served our stakeholders well.

Prior to my current role, I was employed as a Probation & Parole Officer with the Toronto Anti-Gun & Gang Probation & Parole Unit. I received enhanced training to work with the defined offender base, improving my analytical and administrative skills required to enable effective case management. My role mandated accountability, as I enforced legal orders, provided evidence under oath, and worked with highly sensitive and confidential information. These transferable skills have assisted me in carrying out many of the functions in my current role and have assisted me in my Board position.

I bring to the OGC Board a strong aptitude for service, serving as Vice-Chair for the past two years. I have a proven record as a team player with the capability to problem solve and lead. I possess the necessary requirements and have a good working understanding to effectively fill the role of a Board Representative. I will continue my work to represent all disciplines so our children will have the best possibility to progress and succeed. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Attard

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Name of Candidate being nominated:	Opal Manhertz
Nominator:	Kerry Ann Black
Nomination Seconded By:	Joanna Kokzynska
Date of Nomination: (deadline October 21, 2024, 12:00 PM ET)	October 19, 2024

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Board of Directors Nomination Form and Bio

1 message

Opal Matthews <hopie00212003@yahoo.com>
To: Agnes Jankura <a.jankura@oakvillegym.com>

Sun, Oct 20, 2024 at 7:24 PM

Hello Agnes,

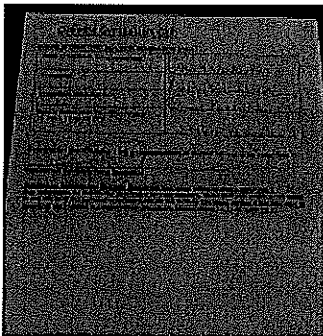
I hope this email finds you well. Please find my signed Board of Directors nomination form attached, along with a brief bio below. Thank you.

Hello Everyone,

My name is Opal Manhertz, and I have been a member of the Oakville Gymnastics Club since 2017. Currently, both of my daughters are members of the Club - one participates in the Recreational Program, and the other is a competitive athlete in the WAG Program.

After four fulfilling years on the OGC Board of Directors, I am seeking re-election for another term. My experience in leadership roles and board service equips me to continue contributing positively to the club. Additionally, my communication and interpersonal skills enable me to collaborate effectively with fellow board members and engage with the broader community. Serving on the board has been a rewarding experience, and I look forward to the opportunity to make further impactful contributions in the years ahead.



With gratitude,
Opal



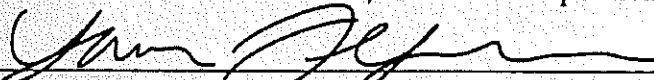
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Name of Candidate being nominated:	Lauren Ferguson
Nominator:	Lindsay Meston 
Nomination Seconded By:	Rachel Lerch 
Date of Nomination: (deadline October 21, 2024, 12:00 PM ET)	October 20, 2024

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I am a current member of the Adult Gymnastics program at Oakville Gymnastics Club, I am passionate about creating opportunities for gymnasts to continue in the sport after their days of structured competitive or recreational classes are completed. I would like to see adult gymnastics reach the point that so many other sports have, where you can continue long past your teens and utilize the sport as an avenue for life-long fitness.


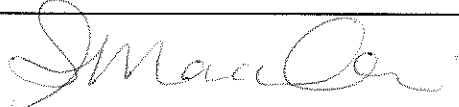
My gymnastics background is in WAG, I was a competitive athlete for 10+ years, where I competed provincially for many years, qualified for Tour Team twice, and earned 1 provincial medal. When I went to university, I joined the Varsity Cheerleading team at Wilfrid Laurier, where I had the opportunity to leverage my gymnastics background and support my team to three national-championship titles in four years.

I began coaching as soon as I was old enough, working through the CIT program and ultimately completing my WAG Level 2. I coached in both the recreational and competitive programs at Niagara Falls Lightning Gymnastics. I left the sport for a number of years post-university, but returned in my mid-20s where I fell in love with the sport all over again.

In addition to my gymnastics background, I have a Masters degree in Biotechnology and an MBA. I currently work in Oncology Marketing at AstraZeneca.

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Name of Candidate being nominated: Wayne Hussey	
Nominator: Kelly Henderson	
Nomination Seconded By: Sarah MacQuarrie	
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My name is Wayne Hussey and I would like to run for a Community Member position on the OGC Board of Directors.

As the former CEO of the Oakville Gymnastics Club and a long time Oakville resident, I believe I could contribute to the continued success of the club. Having led the club for 23 years, I am uniquely positioned to know the inner workings of the gymnastics club, the important role that OGC plays in the community, and the strong relationship that OGC enjoys with the Town of Oakville. I have sat on the boards of the Oakville Sports Council, Halton Early Childhood Education, and the Oakville Sports Hall of Fame, of which I was a founding member.

In my retirement I regularly visit OGC with my granddaughter.