BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

My 30 years of educational leadership and three decades of coaching youth sports have prepared me to contribute meaningfully to the BC Lacrosse Association's strategic priorities of growth, governance excellence, inclusion, Indigenous engagement, and safe sport. As a former Director of Instruction, District Principal, and current Principal, I bring extensive experience in strategic planning, policy implementation, financial stewardship, and organizational leadership. I have successfully led Initiatives, developed partnerships across diverse stakeholder, multi-sector groups and rights holders, and also supported evidence-informed decision-making at the system level. I am particularly passionate about growing participation and reducing barriers to sport. Through my leadership working with Sport for Life Canada, Physical Literacy projects and programs, and Ministry-funded After School Sports Arts Initiative school programs, I have helped create accessible and inclusive opportunities for children and youth to engage in healthy, active, sport lifestyles. My work with Indigenous communities and my commitment to Truth and Reconciliation have reinforced the importance of respectful relationships. I recognize and value the Indigenous origins of lacrosse and would support initiatives that strengthen Indigenous participation, leadership. and engagement with BCLA. These experiences align closely with BCLA's commitment to growing lacrosse throughout British Columbia.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION



Debbie Kaban
Community: Prince George, BC
Occupation: School Principal, SD No. 57
Lacrosse Affiliation: Prince George Minor Lacrosse Association

Debbie has been involved in community sports, including lacrosse, for more than 30 years as a volunteer, athlete, coach and parent. Through her volunteer work, her own sport and career experiences, she developed a strong commitment to the growth, development, and long-term success of sports in British Columbia, more specifically at this time in her career, a commitment to advancing BCLA .

Professionally, Debbie currently serves as school principal with School District No.57, for 5 years served as a Director and held District level leadership, bringing her expertise in leadership, governance, strategic planning, financial oversight, stakeholder engagement, and organizational development. Her education and professional experience include managing complex initiatives, building collaborative relationships, and supporting effective decision-making.

Within the lacrosse sport community, Debbie has contributed through district, regional and provincial sports funding programs, in her leadership roles, to bringing free lacrosse and sport programs to elementary school ASSAI (After School Sports Arts Initiative) at community

schools, providing access to underserved and underrepresented youth for 10 years in her district. She has supported athlete development, volunteer engagement, and the advancement of sport programs that strengthen participation and enhance the sport experience of members at all levels. She believes sport leadership at the provincial level must be collaborative, inclusive, and transparent.

Key Qualifications

- Board Governance & Policy Development
- Strategic Planning & Leadership
- Financial Stewardship & Risk Management
- Community & Stakeholder Engagement
- Volunteer and Youth Multi-Sport Experience

As a candidate for the BC Lacrosse Association Board of Directors, Debbie is committed to supporting strong governance, fostering collaboration among member associations, and helping position lacrosse for continued success and growth throughout British Columbia. She would be honoured to contribute her experience and perspective in service of the provincial lacrosse sport community.

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Debbie Kaban (she/her)
Principal