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Candidate's Personal Statements



CANDIDATE: Nicole Forsyth

Branch: Lac du Bonnet

Sunova is my choice of financial institution for both personal and corporate needs. Owning a retail store with my husband for the past 20 years has provided experience in all facets of business and financial knowledge.

Previously, I was a director for six years on the Sunova Credit Union board (including chair and executive positions). This was a rewarding challenge and opportunity for personal growth.

Sunova is a progressive and innovative credit union. They strive to provide the best for their members, their employees, and their needs.

Education and the continued success and growth of all is very important to the organization. I have been fortunate that Sunova supported my participation in the Directors Education Program. I have also obtained my ICD.D designation, which provides the education and knowledge to be a better and more informed director for any board.

I am submitting my name for your consideration and hope to have your support. Thank you.



CANDIDATE: Andrew Kirk

Branch: Stonewall

I have been involved with our family run business for over 20 years. I am very involved in the purchasing and ordering for the store, and run the day-to-day operations of our business. I am very interested in the financial industry and enjoy learning more about it. I am able to assess financial statements and can think in a strategic manner that would be required as a board member.

As a husband, father, and business associate, I believe I can contribute to the Sunova board and am able to act in the best interest of other members. I have been involved with numerous boards in our community, with success, and feel that I could contribute positively to Sunova Credit Union.

I am very familiar with Sunova and would welcome an opportunity to become a member of the Board of Directors.

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CANDIDATE: Raquel Lincoln

Branch: Beausejour

I have been a member of Sunova (South Interlake Credit Union) since early adulthood. I believe there have been many parallels with my personal growth and life experiences, as there have been with the maturing and evolution of Sunova. I would like to be a part of the journey as Sunova continues to change in the next decade.

For approximately my first 10 years in the workforce, I primarily worked in the public sector. I have a Certificate in Records & Information Management and a Certificate in Administrative Management from the University of Winnipeg. For the past 23 years I enjoyed, with my husband, owning and operating a year-round resort, Pinewood Lodge in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. We built the business from a tiny, summer season only, rustic lodge, to a majestic and year-round modern resort. I managed staff, payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable, marketing, retail, food service, and customer service. Just over one year ago, we sold the business and are ready for another adventure in life.

I was born and raised in rural Manitoba, going on to raise our own children in rural Manitoba. Between a busy life as a mother and entrepreneur, I volunteered throughout. I initiated the North Whiteshell TransCanada Trail in 1999, and continue with it today. I have been highly involved in promoting tourism, resulting in the receipt of two Travel Manitoba Tourism Awards. I am an active volunteer with the Air Cadet League of Manitoba, currently serving as co-vice chair of the Board of Directors. I am a proponent of investing in the community, and always giving back, just as Sunova does.

I have a wide variety of experiences with Sunova – from personal accounts and services, to experiences in business – loans, savings, and mortgage. All three of our children started with youth accounts and are now university students poised to move on to the next phase in life. I have truly been through a whole life cycle of banking!

I would serve Sunova members with the same passion, enthusiasm, and dedication that I have in all other areas of my life. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to Sunova's growth.

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CANDIDATE: Lesli Malegus

Branch: Selkirk

It has been a privilege to serve on the Board of Directors of Sunova Credit Union for 10 years. I have been Secretary, Vice Chair, Chair, and Past Chair, and am presently serving another term as Secretary. I believe I have been a valued and contributing member of the board and wish to continue to serve our membership.

I am prepared to commit the time to work on behalf of the credit union to make Sunova a leader in financial services.

My experience on various boards within the community has given me a solid background in governance, as well as my work experience and business acumen. I have been the owner of Marlin Travel Selkirk for over 20 years, and prior to that, Store Accountant for Shoppers Drug Mart. The education I have received within the credit union system has been extremely beneficial, and having the opportunity to receive a diploma from the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Business for the Directors Education Program was an experience I truly appreciated and still value today.

I am committed to the continuing education program that all board members have at their disposal. I believe in innovation and the need to be open to new ideas. I believe in integrity, respect for ourselves and others, the value of teamwork, and the pursuit of knowledge. I believe I am honest, fair, and trustworthy.

I have enjoyed my past service as a member of the Board of Directors of Sunova Credit Union and, with your support, I look forward to continuing to work towards the success of Sunova Credit Union.



CANDIDATE: Devinderpal S. Thind (Paul)

Branch: Riverbend

I came to Canada as a skilled immigrant in 1999 with only \$50 in my pocket. However, with honest hard work, hope, and God's grace, I am able to say I have come a long way.

I am currently the owner and operator of Garson Grocery and partner of Triple B's Bar & Billiards in Winnipeg. I recently bought the Lakeview and Casey's Inn hotels in Lac du Bonnet. Sunova Credit Union has been a crucial part in the continued successes of my business ventures. Along with these endeavours, I have years of experience in the food service and hospitality industries.

In addition to my work experiences, I have been involved with the Sikh Society of Manitoba since 2013, organized various food drives, blood donation clinics, and have contributed my time to homeless shelters in Winnipeg.

I want to contribute everything I have learned so far for the betterment of the Sunova family and I look forward to gaining some valuable board experience.