



Call for Nominations Avalanche Canada Foundation Board of Directors

The Avalanche Canada Foundation (ACF) is a charitable organization that fundraises for Avalanche Canada, the national public avalanche safety organization, and provides grants in support of avalanche safety. More information on Avalanche Canada and the ACF can be found on page 3 of this document.

2018 Board Recruitment: Call for Nominations

At this time, the Nominations Committee (the Committee) of the ACF Board of Directors is calling for nominations for the position of Director (elected), for appointment at the October 2018 Annual General Meeting.

The Committee is seeking qualified candidates who are passionate about winter backcountry travel and recreation and are willing to make a contribution by fundraising to support avalanche safety. If appointed, the candidate will play a role in the stewardship of a foundation that reflects values such as active engagement, transparency, accountability, leadership, diversity, and other attributes representing responsible governance.

This is an unpaid volunteer position that requires preparation for, and participation in, at least seven teleconference calls from September to April. The Foundation holds one in-person board planning session in June. In addition, all board members are expected to contribute to fundraising. Approved expenses incurred in the performance of board duties are reimbursed at cost.

In keeping with the Foundation's mandate, the Committee is seeking individuals, Canadian citizens at least 18 years of age, with the following attributes and skills at this time:

- Enthusiasm for and strong interest in networking in the mountain communities, particularly in Alberta and British Columbia, in support of our fundraising activities
- Financial competencies in investment management and accounting, preferably supported with professional designation
- Communications, particularly through social media
- Contact relations experience and events management
- Legal and/or governance expertise

We also encourage applicants with other attributes including an active interest in snow-sports or snow-related activities, to seek nomination.

2018 Nominations Process

NOTE: The deadline for receipt of nominations is 16:00 PT on Friday, August 31, 2018.

1. The candidate will submit an application in writing, including the following:
 - a. Introductory letter and expression of interest
 - b. Resume: indicating relevant professional, field, and Board experience
 - c. Three references
2. The candidate will complete a structured interview in person or by telephone with a member or members of the Nominations Committee.
3. The candidate will provide information and consent, as required, to facilitate any background checks or information that must be processed for legal or regulatory purposes in keeping with CRA or other relevant oversight bodies.
4. The Committee will present a recommended slate of candidates or nominees to the Foundation Board of Directors by September 19, 2018.
5. Recommended nominees that are approved by the Board of Directors will be eligible for election at the **Annual General Meeting on October 27th, 2018.**
6. Candidates eligible for election will be provided with an opportunity to, at their own expense, meet with other Board members on October 27th in Revelstoke, B.C. prior to the Annual General Meeting where the election of directors shall occur.

Candidate's Documents

Please submit completed documents as set out above, via email or by hard copy **by 16:00 PT on Friday, August 31st, 2018** to:

Chair, Avalanche Canada Foundation Nominations Committee
Email: gritc@telus.net
P.O. Box 8800
Canmore, Alberta T1W 0C1

Avalanche Canada (AvCan) – www.avalanche.ca

Avalanche Canada is the national public avalanche safety organization. It is a non-profit, charitable organization with a staff of over 30 during the winter season, which shrinks to about 10 over the summer. Its annual budget is approx. \$1.9 million, of which just under half comes from various levels of government.

AvCan provides products and services for the recreational community and the general public including: the daily avalanche bulletins, public education and outreach and Avalanche Skills Training (AST) courses. AvCan is also the organization that communicates with the media during the winter months.

The Board of Directors for Avalanche Canada focuses on governance, not operational tasks. The BoD deals directly with AvCan's Executive Director, who has operational responsibility. Skill sets required of board members include legal knowledge, IT knowledge, accounting skills, and familiarity with business operations. Familiarity with Avalanche Canada's programs and services is also important.

Avalanche Canada Foundation (ACF) – www.avalanche.ca/foundation

The Avalanche Canada Foundation (ACF) is the charitable organization that fundraises for Avalanche Canada. Its purpose is to raise money for public avalanche safety in Canada. It also administers a small number of memorial funds and bursaries. The ACF has one staff member—an administrator—and holds assets of about \$900,000. Annual revenues are approximately \$300,000.

The Foundation board is primarily focused on fundraising and granting funds for avalanche safety. The skill set required of board members includes familiarity with charitable organizations and business operations, event planning, fundraising and social media/communications expertise. Members of the board are passionately devoted to avalanche safety and promoting winter backcountry use. In addition, the Foundation board requires the full set of competencies required to run a non-profit charity which include governance, financial, and legal skills.

Canadian Avalanche Association (CAA) – www.avalancheassociation.ca

The Canadian Avalanche Association (CAA) represents professional avalanche workers in Canada. It is a totally separate organization from Avalanche Canada and the Avalanche Canada Foundation. Its focus is on training and standards for avalanche workers and professionals. The CAA has its own board of directors