



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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To: Upper Island Soccer Member Clubs

Re: Kevin Cowie will stand for re-election to the UISA board

I am writing to ask for UISA clubs' support at the district AGM, where I have put my name forward to stand for re-election to the UISA board.

I have been involved in soccer all my life. First as a player from childhood until adulthood in the early 90's when the pressures of being an independent business owner overtook my time. And second as an official – I have held BC soccer referee certification for over 35 years, and achieved Provincial Certification (the highest level in BC).

I have also been involved in soccer governance for many years. I spent a number of years on the executive board of Campbell River Youth Soccer, where I served as Referee Scheduler among other duties. I then moved on to the regional level, volunteering for the board of Strathcona Youth Soccer, an association that included the Comox Valley and Campbell River. After the formation of the Upper Island Soccer District, I joined the UISA executive in the early 2000s. I served for a number of years as VP, and more recently as Chair, as Head of Discipline and as Referee Coordinator.

The Head of Discipline volunteer job calls for considerable judgement, to successfully handle the policy and on-field challenges that arise in Upper Island. I have a deep knowledge of BC Soccer Rules and Regulations, and am accustomed to seeking out information, consulting with BC Soccer and other experts as needed to tap their expertise, and to thoughtful consideration of complex situations. I am comfortable making difficult decisions when the situation requires it. Over the years, I have also contributed to BC Soccer discipline committee proceedings on invitation.

As Referee Coordinator/Head Referee for the district I bring unique expertise in officiating to the UISA board. I am committed to improving referee development and every year take on the large task of scheduling A-and B-cup officials across the district.

Finally, last summer I was invited by BC Soccer to be part of their Associate Membership Advisory Group, which has been charged with creating the policy changes and direction needed to deal with current issues in BC Soccer membership governance.

Thank you for your time and your consideration

Yours in Soccer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Cowie", written over a light-colored background.

Kevin Cowie