

Candidate Statements Provided on the Committee Nomination Form

Name	Position	Q1: Why do you want to join the STBA committee?	Q2: What skills and experience can you offer the STBA?	(Any other relevant experience)
William Ponsonby	Vice President	<p>This year I am seeking to appointment to the STBA committee vice president role. If appointed I would focus on the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - player development - inviting offerings to new players to the STBA - growing partnerships with BT, BA, and our funding bodies, to ensure funding our is maximum - membership increase - increase external funding - Improvement of facilities 	<p>Some of the skills and experience I bring to he role are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously time on the STBA committee as general member, and secretary. - Accredited coach - Experience in setting up development offerings, such as the current STBA Junior coaching and super smash pathway. - Good understanding of Badminton Australia, Badminton Tasmania and the need for strong partnerships with these groups 	Governance, Law and Compliance, Facility Maintenance, Information Technology
Matthew Stewart	President, Vice President	<p>I want to join the STBA committee to progress the hard work and dedication of previous committees, by Further developing strategic plans/direction, Increasing the opportunities while ensuring they meet needs, Assisting our coaches and technical officials, Reviewing branding, Giving back to our volunteers, and Engaging with the wider community.</p> <p>This would be done by including our members, coaches, and volunteers, in the formulation and development of plans, and by being transparent and accountable to our members.</p> <p>If unsuccessful for an executive position, I would still happily serve the association as a general committee member with the same thoughts, ideas, and values.</p>	<p>Over the past three years, I have been assisting the badminton community as a director of Badminton Tasmania, the State Sporting Organisation. Over that time I was directly involved in a wide range of work projects, including the Development of the Badminton Tasmania Strategic Plan, BT website and FaceBook page, branding, Grant applications, Greater Northern Badminton Association and Tournament, Revenue raising activities, and Review of statewide badminton programs. I want to use the experience gained through this tenure to assist the STBA's growth.</p> <p>I have worked in the financial planning industry for over 10 years, which also provides me with a wealth of knowledge and experience that can be used to ensure the duties of the committee are managed in an effective and collaborative way.</p>	
Vicky Zhang	President	<p>I would like to help out in any way I can.</p> <p>In the last 12 months, I am very proud to be part of the STBA team. Together we have accomplished a few things. New floor, new junior school holiday programs, record-breaking tournament participations, inauguration of STBA junior championship and many more.</p> <p>I would like to commit myself for another 12 months. I hope that my passion and dedication can be of further assistance to STBA, to keep improving the facility, advancing player development, and more importantly, to keep building the STBA team and community and enhancing the profile of the sport.</p>	<p>As a FCPA and experience finance broker, I have strong background in numbers.</p> <p>As an entrepreneur, growing my own finance brokerage firm has enriched my experience in leadership and teambuilding.</p> <p>I am also an STBA-grown badminton player.</p> <p>A little over 10 years ago, moving down from Sydney in the middle of July, I was disparately looking for an indoor sport to keep active, while trying to adapt to the weather and looking for new friends. STBA opened its arms to me and I stayed every since. Rob Brockman got me started in his Come & Try session, taught me how to hold a racquet, how to serve. Then, I went on joining different coaching sessions and then, night roster, and tournaments. Then, I ventured further to get my coach certificate and national umpire accreditation.</p> <p>STBA holds a very special place in my heart, helping me grow and thrive. I would like to contribute and give back to the STBA community where I can to support and promote STBA, as well as the badminton sport.</p>	Financial Management, Governance
Casim Al-Adzin	General committee member	<p>Badminton is always become my favorite sport, join STBA Committee is one of my chance to contribute to organizing the sport that I love. I've been join the STBA committee since last year and I would like to continue make contributions for STBA to be a better sport organisation and encourage more people to play badminton sportively and create fun environment for the players.</p>	<p>I am early childhood educator and I've been involve in Badminton All abilities session which provide opportunities for all children with disabilities to enjoy and play badminton. My knowledge and experiences in working with younger children and Badminton all abilities session will support STBA to provide better program for all children in Southern Tasmania.</p>	
Luke Bennett	General committee member	I would like to help stba improve their IT presence.	I work as a software developer and can bring it expertise to stba	Information Technology

Jim Birch	General committee member	I have been playing for about 10 years and would like to contribute.	I have specific skills in information technology and general skills across a range of areas that would be useful to the committee.	Information Technology
Ruth Linda Arline Don	General committee member	I would like to join the STBA committee, as I have worked at the STBA for 18 years and I have a tremendous amount of knowledge pertaining to the fundamental running of this facility. I have seen many committee members come and go, some who truly improved the STBA and wanted the best outcome for staff and its members; as well as its footprint on the state and nationally as well. I see firsthand the problems as far as structural and aesthetic improvements that need to be addressed, as I have been a qualified Interior Designer for 13 years and would like to share my views on these matters, as well as dealing with trades. I have troubleshooting skills and find that workplace integrity and unity, is incredibly important for a successful team. With my experience and knowledge with Interior Designing, I believe this will be of assistance with poster design, space saving ideas, including new inventive ways to appeal to players, save/make money for the STBA, as well as create a modern feel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Troubleshooting skills * Negotiating/Communicating between staff * Interior Designing * Experience dealing with trades persons * Structural and Aesthetic building knowledge * Poster design & artwork * Knowledge of the game, as an ex player * Marketed the sport to Sacred Heart College & Mount Carmel College, previously. <p>Coached the children, who at least 3 became state players.</p>	
Rowan Henderson	General committee member	To support the development and improvement of what the STAB offers to its members. To better apply my skills and expertise in junior development for the sport within Southern Tasmania. This will including working with our staff in monitoring and developing coaching frameworks for the STBA and liaising with Badminton Tasmania.	I will bring a background in education and over 20 years experienced in all levels of badminton coaching, development and performance. I have sound knowledge and connections with our members having been an active member of the STBA since 1993. I have developed many connections to the wider badminton community including within schools, around the regions of Tasmania and Australia.	
Sanjeev Khadka	General committee member	I'm a former National player and currently moved to Hobart and I wanna join STBA to improve Development in ground level badminton of Tasmania state.	I'm a player and coach. So my main focus is to improve badminton in Tasmania. I wanna share my experience and knowledge to upcoming players and overall development of badminton in Tasmania. STBA is best platform for me to share my skills and knowledge.	Human Resources, Media and Marketing
Lakshini Krishnadasa	General committee member	To me STBA is a welcoming platform which has provided me with the facilities to enjoy and play badminton as well as assisted me to build numerous relationships with the local community. With around ten years playing experience, I now want to give back to the community on my behalf by getting involved in the committee and trying to positively contribute and develop the association for the future with the skills and knowledge I possess. I understand that there is a lot of responsibility in this role but I can guarantee I will attribute my uttermost efforts.	<p>With my academic qualifications (I.e. Bachelor of Business and Master of Finance) and BWF level one coaching, I believe that I have a lot to offer to the committee and STBA as a whole. My degree enables me to help with any financial management and discrepancies that come across in the committee.</p> <p>Furthermore, my level one coaching certification and aforementioned playing experience will allow me to share my knowledge and help develop the structure and management of future coaching in STBA.</p> <p>Moreover, my positive attitude, passion towards the work that I do and ability to work effectively in a team environment will serve useful for the committee.</p>	Financial Management
David Needham	General committee member	already there just reapplying	maintenance and cleaning of large buildings	Facility Maintenance

Nguyen Dang Khoa Vo (Kyler)	General committee member	I want to work with a company that is deeply committed to the well-being and professional development of its employees. I've seen the recent STBA growth, through tournaments, children's development programs as well as activities to bring people who love the sport together. So I want to be able to contribute a part to this sport as well as STBA, because myself also a person who loves badminton. By joining you, I will be able to grow my career and also have more opportunities to work on exciting projects and make good use of my stellar marketing skills and contribute for the sport that I love. Graphic designing and badminton are my two biggest passion.	I've been in the graphic design field since 2011. I have worked with many different fields, such as sports, real estate, hospitality, etc. My most recent project was with Truesource - property development company in Melbourne— I was tasked with handling their marketing materials for their promotional campaigns. Since it was a branding designing and marketing for each project, it required a lot of attention to detail and planning. In 2018, I have a chance to work with Ladder, a not-for-profit organisation created by AFL players who wanted to assist young people experiencing homelessness, as well as assist them in taking control of their lives and helping them achieve their true potential. In addition, I also have other skills such as filming, taking photos, editing video/photo. I am very well aware of my capabilities & I am sure that if given a chance along with resources which STBA holds, I can bring positive growth to your firm. Here is my website https://www.creativesmile.com/	Media and Marketing
Terry Polglase	General committee member	To assist if desired and where my skills could be best used. I am now retired but I have been in management for 20 years as a principal of schools and as the elected president of the union representing more than 7000 teachers.	Probably in HR and experience with governance.	Human Resources
Soon Rea Lau	General committee member	I have passion in badminton and I would like to serve the community and the association in the place that I enjoy the sport I love. I've been playing badminton in STBA since I arrived in 2019, I found that most of the people here are friendly and generous. I'm active in STBA and I also have good relationships with people in STBA. Therefore, I would like to join the team to provide better operations in this association.	I am currently the Club President of University of Tasmania, managing the club operation and make difficult decision when needed. Our club are offering 2 badminton sessions each week, and it's open for students as well as non-students. I also have one year experience working in UTAS badminton club as a general committee. In 2015, I was a club treasurer in University of South Australia Badminton Club, my tasks including managing the financial and budgeting. I also work closely with Badminton Tasmania on creating and designing flyers and posters for promoting events. I believe my skills and my experience would help STBA to make changes to a better association to serve our players.	Media and Marketing, Information Technology
Mark Steczkowicz	General committee member	I want to join the committee to give back to badminton while using my skills and experience in life and work to help support and grow badminton in Tasmania.	I have over 20 years playing badminton and other sports including being on committee and coaching. I also have over 20 years working for government in IT, managing staff and strategic planning that has support and improved learning across education in Tasmania.	Human Resources, Financial Management, Governance, Information Technology
Garion Weller	General committee member	I've been a member of the committee now since 2012. I have a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the operations and workings of the STBA and I look forward to being able to continue to share that with the new committee.	Having been involved in the committee for close to 10 years now, I can provide advice and guidance on why previous decisions were made and can provide insight into the history and context of various programs. My background in IT has also allowed me to develop custom software for the STBA to manage our pennants and lightning rosters - I'd like to continue to improve to improve these to make our members experience even better	Governance, Information Technology

Andy Yu	General committee member	<p>There are three main reasons that I want to join STBA.</p> <p>First, I like doing exercise, such as playing badminton, playing golf etc. Joining a company in the sporting industry will make me be happy.</p> <p>Second, there is a Human Resource position which is in alignment with my career plan.</p> <p>Finally, the STBA's good reputation attracts me because one of my roommates is one of members at the STBA for a year.</p>	<p>Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Microsoft Office * Analyzing Data by using SPSS and EXCEL * Researching by Using AMOS * Full Driver Licence-Manual Transmission * Communication Skills * ERP * Mental Health First Aid Australia * Outlook suite * Adobe Suite <p>Experience:</p> <p>I have seven years' work experience regarding Human Resource Management in a Fortune 500 company, and two years' volunteer work experience in TAS.</p>	Human Resources, Information Technology
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