

APPLICANTS INTERESTED IN BOARD DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Kevin Hare

I am an Oakville native and active volunteer coach with a strong commitment to community baseball. Over the past three seasons, I have served as a head coach at the house league level, where I focused on building fundamental skills, fostering confidence, and creating a positive, inclusive team environment. This experience has given me a practical understanding of how the OMBA supports and grows young interest in baseball.

This season, I am continuing my involvement as an assistant coach with my son's 8U AAA team. This role has broadened my perspective on the full player pathway and provided valuable insight into how competitive programming and development opportunities can work together to support long-term growth. Through these experiences, I have built strong connections within the association and developed a deep appreciation for the work required behind the scenes to deliver a high-quality baseball experience.

I have seen firsthand how initiatives such as Select camps and programming outside the traditional baseball season positively impact skill development, confidence, and player engagement.

In addition to my coaching involvement, I bring prior non-profit board experience, having served in an executive capacity with the Insights Association supporting Canada's market research community. I acted as Treasurer for two years driving increased membership and fiscal responsibility. I have also volunteered on my children's school council and genuinely enjoy opportunities that promote collaboration, transparency, and impact.

My interest in joining the board is driven by the commitment demonstrated by past board members and by the recent AGM discussion highlighting the need for stronger alignment around the association's mission, vision, and values. I am passionate about helping define clear direction and supporting implementation so it meaningfully guides decisions, programming, and the overall player experience.

Arti Rawal

I am interested in serving as a board member for the Oakville Minor Baseball Association because I strongly believe in the role community sport plays in developing young people and strengthening connections across families, volunteers, and neighborhoods. Baseball, in particular, teaches teamwork, discipline, resilience, and respect—values that extend far beyond the field and have a lasting impact on players, coaches, and the broader community.

I am motivated to contribute at the board level where thoughtful governance, long-term planning, and engaged leadership can make a meaningful difference. A well-run association creates an environment where athletes can thrive, volunteers feel supported, and programs remain accessible, inclusive, and sustainable. I am especially interested in helping ensure the association continues to grow responsibly while maintaining a strong focus on player development, safety, and positive culture.

Professionally, I bring leadership experience, strategic thinking, and a collaborative approach to problem-solving. I am comfortable working with diverse stakeholders, navigating complex decisions, and balancing immediate needs with long-term objectives. I value transparency, accountability, and open communication, and I believe these principles are critical to effective board governance.

Above all, I want to give back to a community organization that provides so much value to young athletes and their families. Serving on the board would allow me to combine my professional skills with my passion for sport and community involvement, while helping the association continue to deliver a positive, well-organized, and enriching baseball experience for years to come.

Arman Mann

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the OMBA Board of Directors. Throughout my career, I have been committed to advancing professionalism, integrity, and innovation within the finance industry and currently employed the Toronto Rock Lacrosse (sports related experience) . I believe the OMBA plays a critical role in shaping the future of our field, supporting its members, and advocating for responsible growth. I would be honored to contribute my experience, leadership, and strategic perspective to the Board.

My professional background and recently joining the National Lacrosse League Finance and audit committee will allow me to utilize my skills on both boards. My relevant experience on boards, passion for sport and vested interest to see the sport grow are my priority. I do have a vested interest to ensure we keep the strategic direction of the organization aligned as my son (8 years old and currently on the Triple A 9U team) has the ability to the thrive. This along with growth in the development of other groups such as my daughter who will be trying out for the girls select team. There needs to be a continued focus on growing our elite players but ensuring we have a strong grass roots program that keeps funneling talent and joy of playing baseball.

I am particularly passionate about fostering expanding member engagement, and advocating for balanced policies that support both businesses and the kids we serve.

I am confident that my combination of industry expertise, collaborative leadership style, and dedication to professional excellence would make me a valuable addition to the OMBA Board of Directors. I welcome the opportunity to contribute to initiatives that strengthen our organization, elevate member value, and promote responsible practices across our organization.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of serving and helping advance OMBA's mission for years to come.

Arman Mann, CGA, CPA

Mark Forbes

My interest in serving on the Oakville Minor Baseball Association Board is rooted in both community commitment and leadership experience. For the past three years, I have proudly served OMBA as an Assistant Rep Coach, gaining firsthand insight into the organization's operations, the needs of players and families, and the importance of strong governance in supporting athlete development and program sustainability.

Professionally, I bring over 28 years of senior leadership experience across operations, engineering, and general management roles. I have served on three previous boards and consistently contributed through collaborative leadership, sound financial oversight, and strategic decision-making. My career has involved full P&L responsibility, budget development, capital planning, risk management, and the delivery of long-term growth strategies within complex, multi-stakeholder environments.

I am experienced in directing cross-functional teams, aligning diverse perspectives toward shared objectives, and implementing structured processes that improve performance and accountability. A key strength I would bring to the OMBA Board is financial acumen paired with a strategic mindset—specifically, the ability to identify efficiencies, develop sustainable funding models, and create new revenue streams that support continued growth without compromising accessibility or program quality.

I am passionate about youth sport, community engagement, and building organizations that are transparent, well-governed, and future-focused. Serving on the OMBA Board would allow me to combine my professional expertise with my personal commitment to baseball, helping ensure the Association continues to thrive for players, families, and volunteers for years to come.

Rick Da Costa

I've been involved with Oakville Minor Baseball for over seven years, coaching from 7U Coach Pitch all the way through 14U Elite. During that time, my focus has always been on developing players the right way, building strong team culture, and helping kids grow both on and off the field. Along the way, my teams have had success, including over 200 wins, 13 tournament championships, back-to-back COBA championships, and most recently a AAA Ontario Championship.

Outside of baseball, I bring a strong leadership background from my professional career in business, hospitality, and banking. I've spent years leading teams, managing operations, and working with different stakeholders, which has given me a practical, organized approach to leadership and decision-making.

I'm interested in serving on the OMBA Board as Vice President of Rep Baseball because I care deeply about the direction of rep baseball in Oakville. Having coached across multiple age groups and competitive levels, I understand the challenges faced by players, coaches, and families, and I believe there's real value in having experienced coaches involved at the board level.

If selected, my goal would be to support coach development, strengthen player pathways, improve communication, and help maintain a positive, competitive environment that reflects OMBA's values. I want to give back to an organization that has given so much to our players and community, and I would be proud to serve OMBA in this role.

Tim Chugh

I am seeking to join the Baseball Oakville Board to support operations, bringing experience in leadership, organizational management, and process improvement. Combining my professional background with a genuine passion for baseball, I am eager to give back and help.