



Election of Directors to the HI Canada Board

NOMINATIONS

NOTICE AND INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS

The Board Nomination process leading up to the 2026 Board election began last fall. As part of this process, the Board considers the professional competencies reflected in its composition alongside the need to have geographic, linguistic and cultural diversity on a truly national Board of Directors, all to ensure an effective Board for HI Canada.

There are two 3-year board positions up for election in 2026. In accordance with our bylaws, the Board Development Committee issues a general call for nominations to members and proposes a slate of candidates for Board approval. The slate will include candidates that best ensure a functional and effective Board. Nominations must be duly completed and received from members prior to 4:00 pm PDT on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

Two current directors are seeking re-election. A short description of the incumbent candidates for re-election is included.

- Shane Kerpan, Abbotsford, BC (incumbent)
- Jeremy Fowler, Fredericton, NB (incumbent)

The Board Development Committee of Hostelling International – Canada is now accepting nominations for election to the Board of Directors.

Candidates for the Board should be someone who:

- has previous Board experience;
- has experience at senior levels in environmental sustainability, youth development, or finance;
- is supportive of hostelling principles;
- is a member of HI Canada;
- is nominated by five (5) voting members of HI Canada;
- has the ability to contribute views in a courteous, articulate, and constructive manner, and to hear and respect differing views;
- has sufficient time and interest to prepare for and participate actively in each board meeting and in committees as required.

We seek qualified candidates who reflect Canada's diversity in terms of language, regional, and equity-deserving groups, including women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, racialized persons, members of ethnic and cultural groups, and 2SLGBTQI+ communities.

The election will be conducted by on-line voting.

Candidates are required to provide a brief biography of 250 words, a curriculum vitae and letter of interest, a completed nomination form as included at the bottom of this page, and the endorsement of five (5) other members in good standing. This information will be e-mailed out to all validated members, along with the online ballot, should there be a contested election.

Directors serve without remuneration. Directors must not have been employees of HI Canada or an affiliate during any period in the past three years before nomination or election.

The candidate should send his/her nomination form to: boardelections.pm@hihostels.ca.

The deadline for the receipt of nominations to the Nominating Committee is 4:00pm PDT on June 18, 2026.

For more information, please email the Nominations Committee at boardelections.pm@hihostels.ca. If you would like us to call you, please provide your telephone number.

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INCUMBENT CANDIDATES FOR RE-ELECTION



Shane Kerpan, Director

Shane's journey with HI began in 1998 when he became Hostel Manager at the Kamloops Old Courthouse Hostel. Over the next two and a half years, he successfully turned around a struggling operation while discovering what remains one of the most rewarding experiences of his career. Managing the hostel gave him the chance to meet incredible people from around the world, learn about diverse cultures, and experience the spirit of hostelling firsthand. Those years left a lasting impression on Shane and continue to inspire his passion for travel, community, and the connections that hostelling makes possible.



Jeremy Fowler, Director

Jeremy had his first hostel experience in 2013 when he travelled to Malaysia and has been hooked ever since - he joined the HI-Atlantic board soon after that trip. Whether at home or on a hostel trip, this East Coaster is typically found running through the woods or constantly snapping photos.



NOMINATION FORM

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name of Candidate:
Membership #:
Tel:
Address:
City:
Postal Code:
Email address:

I accept the nomination for election to the Board of Directors of Hostelling International – HI Canada. If elected, I consent to serve as a member of the HI Canada Board of Directors

Signature of Candidate:

Date:

NOMINATORS:

1) NOMINATED BY:

Full Name:
Membership #:
Address:
City:
Postal Code:
Email Address:
Telephone #:

Signature of Nominator:

Date:

2) NOMINATED BY:

Full Name:
Membership #:
Address:
City:
Postal Code:
Email Address:
Telephone #:

Signature of Nominator:

Date:

3) NOMINATED BY:

Full Name:
Membership #:
Address:
City:
Postal Code:
Email Address:
Telephone #:

Signature of Nominator:

Date:



4) NOMINATED BY:

Full Name:
Membership #:
Address:
City:
Postal Code:
Email Address:
Telephone #:

Signature of Nominator:

Date:

5) NOMINATED BY:

Full Name:
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