



Election of Directors to the HI Canada Board NOMINATIONS

NOTICE AND INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS:

The Board Nomination process leading up to the 2025 Board election began last fall. The Board considered gaps in its own composition considering its established competency matrix, 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.

In accordance with our bylaws, the Board's Nominating Committee proposes a slate of candidates for Board approval at the last Board meeting prior to issuing a general call to members. There are four 3-year board positions up for election in 2025.

The current endorsed Board slate includes candidates that the Board feels best ensures a functional and effective Board. The candidates outlined below will join any other nominations duly completed and received from members prior to 4:00 pm PDT on Monday, June 16, 2024. A short description of each candidate on the Board slate is included.

- Lenore Neudorf, Edmonton, AB (incumbent)
- John Hutchings, Toronto, ON (incumbent)
- Jeansil Bruyère, Montreal, ON
- Sara Cassie, Vancouver, BC

The Nominating 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 tourism (current gaps identified by our board competency matrix);
- 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.

The election will be conducted by on-line voting.

Candidates are required to provide a brief biography of 250 words, and a completed nomination form as represented at the bottom of this page, and endorsement by 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.

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 16, 2025**.

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.

FOR ELECTION



Lenore Neudorf (incumbent)

Lenore is passionate about hostelling and the connections and fellowship it provides. As a retired senior executive and lawyer, she has brought her extensive experience to Hostelling International Canada for over 20 years, both regionally and nationally. In her free time, Lenore loves to travel, golf and pursue her interest in art.



John Hutchings (incumbent)

Growing up both in Ottawa and outside Canada, John came to know travel and intercultural exchange through his family's frequent moves – gaining not only some wanderlust to see more of Canada and more of the world, but an appreciation of how travellers can come together to enrich themselves and their communities. John is a lawyer with expertise in human rights, migration and Canada's administrative justice system. He first joined Canada's public service in 2007, and has also worked for the Ontario public service in Toronto and as a legal clinic director in Montreal.

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Jeansil Bruyer

Raised between Montréal, La Malbaie, and Zamboanga, Jeansil draws from his French Canadian and Tausug (Filipino Muslim) heritage, developing an early appreciation for intercultural connection, layered identities, and the power of travel to both challenge and transform. As a biracial queer person of colour, he brings a vital and nuanced perspective to HI Canada's mission—one shaped by navigating environments that haven't always been welcoming. Jeansil's work spans public service, law, and grassroots advocacy, with a strong focus on advancing the rights of refugees, migrants, trans communities, and people living with HIV. Now based in Montreal, he continues to push for more inclusive and equitable systems through legal, policy, and community-based work. Whether sharing street food in Taiwan or reflecting on a mountaintop in Charlevoix, Jeansil believes hostelling offers rare opportunities for growth, discomfort, and connection. His most recent hostel stays—Sri Lanka and Japan—reminded him that a bunk bed, a new city, and a curious heart can still be the perfect combination.



Sara Cassie

Born and raised in Vancouver, Sara has had a passion for travel since taking her first international trip to Japan at 11 years old. Since then, she's been on a mission to travel to 100 countries before she turns 100 years old, hostelling and travel blogging along the way. Sara has been in the marketing industry for 15+ years, working with various tourism organizations including Destination Canada. She also volunteers with The Starfish Canada, mentoring young writers with a passion for environmental sustainability. When Sara's not working or travelling, she's co-parenting a rescue dog with her sister.



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:
Membership #:
Address:
City:
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