



Your vote
helps shape
the path for
Kootenay Savings'
future.

mail ballot request form

NAME

ADDRESS

MEMBER NO.

SIGNATURE

Detach this and mail the form to **Kootenay Savings Elections Committee**, 220-1101 Dewdney Avenue Trail, BC, V1R 4T1. Your request **must be received at our offices by noon PT on Monday, March 30.**

how to vote

ONLINE OR IN-BRANCH

Starting at 8:00 am PT on April 13 until 4:30 pm PT April 17, eligible members can vote using our secure voting system either online or at the branch. You'll need your member number and date of birth to log in.

BY MAIL

You can request a mail ballot by completing and returning the attached form. If you qualify to vote, a mail ballot will be sent to you.

who can vote

PERSONAL MEMBERS

If you're a member age 19 or older, in good standing, with a minimum of \$25 in membership shares as of February 28, 2026, you're eligible to vote. No member can vote more than once regardless of the number of membership accounts held at Kootenay Savings Credit Union (KSCU).

On a joint account, where \$25 is held in membership shares, only the first named on that joint account can vote. If two adult members under one joint account own the minimum membership shares – \$25 each for a total of \$50 – both members will have the right to vote.

SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS

In the case of sole proprietorships, as the person and the business are considered the same legal entity, only one vote is allowed, and the vote must be cast under the personal member number.

NON-INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

To vote, all co-operatives, incorporated companies, limited liability partnerships, and registered societies must designate an Authorized Voter to vote on their behalf who cannot be a member of KSCU. The Voter Authorization form can be downloaded at kscu.com/vote and returned via email to election@kscu.com by noon PT on Monday, March 30.

Results will be announced at our virtual Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

For more info, go to kscu.com/vote, visit any branch or call our Member Service Centre at 1.800.665.5728.

your credit union. your choice.

2026 DIRECTORS ELECTION



kscu.com/vote

meet your candidates

This year we have four candidates running in our election to fill three positions, each with a three year term on the board. The Nominating Committee conducted interviews with each candidate, and after a thorough evaluation it has been determined each candidate meets the requirements to serve as a director. By voting for the candidates that align with your values and needs, you're shaping a relevant, resilient, and sustainable credit union for years to come.



GIOVANNA DE BRUIN

I am a proud, long-time member (25 years) of Kootenay Savings Credit Union, Kaslo Branch. As a Chartered Professional Accountant with a career spanning both financial oversight and information governance, I hope to bring a unique blend of expertise to the Board of Directors. Professionally, I have served as a Director of Internal Audit, where I led enterprise-wide assurance initiatives and helped strengthen internal controls, risk management, and accountability across a complex organization. Currently, I am working in the healthcare sector as the Director of Privacy, leading a team dedicated to protecting sensitive information and upholding transparency in access to information.

Serving as a director would allow me to contribute to an organization that prioritizes people over profit. I am particularly interested in enhancing risk oversight, supporting digital transformation in a rapidly evolving landscape, and ensuring the credit union's operations remain secure, inclusive, and responsive to member needs.

Collaboration is central to my leadership style. I value thoughtful dialogue, evidence-based decisions, and a shared vision for long-term sustainability.

Outside of work, I volunteer as a Rotarian, on the regional district's accessibility committee, and as an advisor to the school district's audit committee. I am a lifetime learner, avid gardener, traveller, and student of BC history. I love the Kootenay vibe and look forward to meeting members from our communities.

I would be proud to serve the credit union's membership and be part of a financial institution that reflects its members' values and helps build financial wellness across our beautiful region.



DON MCMILLAN

I bring over two decades of experience in finance, risk management, and cooperative governance — including seven years as Treasury Manager at Kootenay Savings. My career has taken me across British Columbia, serving as Chief Financial Officer for North Peace Savings and Lakeview Credit Union, and currently as Business Manager for BC Timber Sales in the Babine Business Area. I also serve as Director and Board Secretary for the Fort St. John Co-op.

Throughout my journey, I've remained deeply connected to Kootenay Savings. I believe in this institution and the people who make it strong. Even though I now live in Northeast BC, I remain a proud member and advocate. I want to demonstrate that Kootenay Savings can serve its members well, no matter where life takes them.

As a Chartered Professional Accountant and MBA graduate, I've led enterprise risk initiatives, developed governance frameworks, and supported policy development across credit unions and non-profits. I understand the responsibilities of board leadership and the importance of member-focused service.

If elected, I will bring experience, integrity, and a cooperative spirit to the board. I will work to ensure Kootenay Savings remains a robust, inclusive, and forward-looking financial institution — one that continues to serve all members across our province.

I respectfully ask for your vote and your trust.



LORNE MARKIN

I am a federal public servant with deep roots in the West Kootenay area. I grew up on a small farm in the Slocan Valley, where I learned hard work, community spirit, and continuous learning. Today, I live in the Lower Mainland, where I have built a career working across four departments focused on employment services, community-based health, and Crown-Indigenous relations.

I hold a Bachelor of Business Administration, and over my 35-year career, I have managed policy development, program delivery, and stakeholder relations. I have coordinated projects and budgets, ensuring accountability and transparency. I have also developed partnerships with provincial and Indigenous governments to advance shared priorities in treaty implementation and community-based health services.

Over the last 25 years, I have served on boards and committees, bringing governance expertise and strategic insight to a range of organizations, including a not-for-profit charity dedicated to health, education, and social services, a low-income and affordable housing project, and multiple residential strata corporations focused on effective property management and fostering positive resident relations.

I'm proud of my Doukhobor heritage and remain an active supporter of cultural events, language preservation, and community gatherings. My upbringing taught me the importance of collaboration, simplicity, and peaceful coexistence—values I carry into every professional and volunteer endeavour.

I remain committed to championing collaborative solutions. Whether through my policy advice, board leadership, or cultural advocacy, I bring dedication, integrity, and a genuine passion for making a positive difference in my community.



JAKE SWANSON

I am proud to have served on the Board of Kootenay Savings Credit Union for the past year and am excited about our organization's future. I live in Fruitvale with my wife, Sarah, and my two children, Elizabeth and Theo. I have grown up, gone to school, and now work and live in this amazing place we all call home. I am actively involved in community organizations like the Beaver Valley Nitehawks Hockey Club.

Throughout my career as a realtor with Re/Max All Pro Realty in Trail, I have actively promoted and supported local businesses and organizations. I bring experience in real estate sales, negotiation, contract and property law, as well as experience from the public practice accounting industry. If elected to the Board, my goal is to help Kootenay Savings remain a leader and strong supporter of local growth and prosperity.

We live in one of the most beautiful places in the world, with world-class amenities for everyone, no matter your interests or passions. I can bring a youthful and young family perspective to the Board. As an active businessperson in the community with many connections, I can also bring the Board real-time information about what businesses are seeing and experiencing on the ground. I operate with integrity, honesty, and transparency in my day-to-day, which I will continue to bring with me to the Board. I love where I live and work, and my goal every day is to help others experience our community the way I do.