

# ...make a difference.

Voting is your privilege as a member-owner of Kootenay Savings Credit Union.

Vote for your 2023 Board of Directors online or in branch between Monday, April 17 and Friday, April 21, 2023. Results will be announced at our virtual Annual General Meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023.

## mail ballot request

YES, I wish to receive a mail ballot for the 2023 Directors Election.

NAME

ADDRESS

BRANCH

MEMBER NO.

SIGNATURE

Mail this form to: Kootenay Savings Election Officer, 223 – 1101 Dewdney Avenue, Trail, BC, V1R 4T1. Or you can scan or snap a photo of the completed form and email to [election@kscu.com](mailto:election@kscu.com). Your request must be received at our offices by noon PT on March 31, 2023.

## ✓ how to vote

### ONLINE OR IN BRANCH

Between April 17 and 21, 2023, eligible members can vote using our simple and secure voting system, either online or in-branch. Voters need their member number and date of birth to access the system.

### BY MAIL

Unable to get to a branch or vote online? Members can request a mail ballot by completing the accompanying form. If you qualify to vote, a mail ballot will be sent to you.

## ✓ who can vote

### PERSONAL MEMBERS

If you are an adult member, age 19 or older, in good standing with a minimum of \$25 in membership shares as of February 28, 2023, you are eligible to vote. **No member can vote more than once** regardless of the number of membership accounts held at KSCU.

On a joint account with two or more members, where only \$25 is held in membership shares, **only the first named on that joint account is entitled to vote.** If two adult members under one joint account own the minimum membership shares (\$25 each for a total of \$50 in that joint account), the two members will have the right to vote. If more than two adult members appear on the joint account, only the first two members named have the right to vote, provided there is \$50 in membership shares.

### 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 participate in the election, 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.** No person may represent more than one non-individual member. The Voter Authorization form can be downloaded at [kscu.com/vote](http://kscu.com/vote) and returned via email to [election@kscu.com](mailto:election@kscu.com) by noon PT on March 31, 2023.

For more info, go to [kscu.com/vote](http://kscu.com/vote), visit any branch or call our Member Service Centre at 1.800.665.5728.

2023 DIRECTORS ELECTION

# make your mark





**It's time to make your mark and elect two directors to serve on Kootenay Savings' Board of Directors. By casting your vote for the candidates you feel best represent your values and interests, you have your say in the future of Kootenay Savings. All candidates have been interviewed by the Nominating Committee, and based on all information provided, the Committee has determined that each candidate meets the standard required to stand for election.**



**INCUMBENT**

**Forrest Drinnan, Fruitvale**

My name is Forrest Drinnan and I've been a director for 27 years. I thoroughly enjoy the work and have committed the time to learn and contribute to the success of our credit union. I've completed numerous CU training courses, as well as being on, or chairing, most board committees.

I've been retired from West Kootenay Power since 2000, where I spent 20 years in Customer Service Management and 10 years as a Communication Technician. I've spent 40-plus years in community involvement in various leadership roles. I am Past President of Trail Rotary, Rossland Trail Country Club, and Trail Retirees Curling Club, Past Chair of the LeRoi Community Foundation and the Trail Regional Hospital Foundation, and previous Director of Promotions for the 2006 BC Winter Games.

In the CU system at KSCU I've been the Chair and Vice-Chair of the board, as well as Committee Chairs, and I am the current Chair of the KS Community Foundation and Chair of Kootenay Insurance Services. I was a Director of Central 1 CU for three years representing the Boundary, Kootenay and Columbia districts, and I spent three-and-a-half years representing KSCU in the proposed amalgamation discussions. Although the project didn't lead to the desired merger, I believe it improved our relationship with the other Kootenay-Boundary CUs.

I am honoured to say that I was involved in the process and successful hiring of our new CEO. I want to be able to help the new leader improve our CU for our members.



**Alice Klim, Vernon**

A Supreme Court Judge referred to me in his reasons for judgment on a case in which I was one of the successful plaintiffs as "the indefatigable Alice Klim." The Mayor of Vernon also told members of the public I was the hardest working councillor on Vernon City Council.

When I was 26 years old, I designed the building and playground facilities for a licensed daycare for children, from infant to after school ages. I operated this facility for 18 years. I also had the pleasure of working for the First Nations Indian Band in Kelowna in 1993 to design another large daycare for them. I acquired these skills on a cross-Canada trip to study the successful elements of modern daycares.

I've served on a variety of boards and councils throughout my adult years, learning something valuable from each experience and meeting many highly motivated people.

I enjoy helping people and feel comfortable speaking in front of the public. I believe in empowering staff by listening to their recommendations and acting on them when appropriate.

In addition, I enjoy doing meaningful work. I love the great outdoors and connecting with down-to-earth people. I am semi-retired and manage several rental properties with my husband, and we also own a business in Castlegar and one in Fruitvale. I have ideas for increasing income for the credit union and look forward to sharing those ideas with the board and the CEO.



**Wilf Rimmer, Castlegar**

I wish to serve the membership of Kootenay Savings because of my strong belief in collaboration and cooperative values, giving back to the community, the value of local decision-making, and the importance of quality local employment. Add to this my knowledge of the very real

value credit unions have to the social and economic well-being of the communities they operate in, and I was motivated to put my name and experience forward for your consideration.

I possess much of the expertise your board is seeking, specifically in information technology, investment and lending, in addition to knowledge of the legal and regulatory environments in which KSCU operates. My experience encompasses over 37 years in financial services, half of which was spent in the BC credit union system. In addition to having a strong background in commercial and retail credit, I have executive experience in operating banking data centres, payment systems, telephony networks and equipment, infrastructure, and contract management.

I've been married for over 40 years and my wife Linda fully supports the time and energy commitment this position would entail. My volunteer activities range from a 10-year involvement with Scouts Canada while raising our three children, to being a founding director of CityWest (a thriving independent Northern BC telephone company), to my more recent volunteer activities as past president of the Slocan Valley Lions Club, directorships on the Slocan Valley Senior's Housing Society, and the Slocan Valley Community Legacy Society.

Through my association with these Kootenay groups, I've been impressed with and grateful for the significant contribution KSCU has made to foster community development and wish to help work towards seeing KSCU continue to thrive in a complex, competitive, and rapidly-evolving industry.



**INCUMBENT**

**John Stephens, Rossland**

I am a candidate for re-election to the Board of Directors. The members elected me last year to fill a one-year term and I thank you for your support. My spouse and I have been in Rossland since 1977 and raised our three children in this wonderful area.

We have been KSCU members since 1979 when the service provided by the credit union attracted us away from the banks. I am an avid sailor, skier, and hiker and have spent many years volunteering with Scouts Canada, Red Mountain Racers, Rossland Fall Fair, and as a snow host at Red Mountain.

My background is in engineering, and I have been a small business owner for 11 years. While I have one year of experience as a KSCU director, I have five years experience as a director of Columbia Power Corporation and completed the Directors Education Program through the Institute of Corporate Directors. This past year, I completed all the required training from our regulator and learned a great deal about credit unions. I believe in co-operative decision-making that reflects a unique local perspective. All of the above provides me with a valuable skill set for this position.

This has been an exciting year for KSCU. I believe the return to normal hours has benefitted our members. The hiring of a new CEO brings new ideas for the future and more open communication. I believe in a sustainable future for our credit union as they work towards their mission and goals while following their commitments to stakeholders. I look forward to working collaboratively with other board members, KSCU management, and staff to help shape strategies to achieve KSCU's vision and better serve our members.

**We are pleased to announce John Brand has been re-elected by acclamation to serve as the Area C Representative.**

**John Brand, Area C Representative**

As Area C Representative on the board, John's sphere will include the communities of Nakusp, New Denver, Silverton, Kaslo, Slocan, and Central Kootenay Electoral Areas D, E, H and K. Prior to joining KSCU's board in April 2022, John enjoyed a long career in the financial industry, retiring as the manager of our South Slocan Branch in 2012. He and his partner, Ellie, live on the north shore of Kootenay Lake and have two sons and four grandchildren. John has been a Rotarian for over 20 years, a past president of the Nelson Chamber of Commerce, and a director and treasurer of the Nelson Civic Theatre Society.



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