**NOMINEE:** JOANNE DOYLE

**POSITION:** At-Large position for One-Year Term

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Parent of Graduated OGLA Player (Sunset High School)

**Statement of interest/qualifications for the open position:**

The sport of lacrosse has given so much to my family. My daughter who is currently playing at the Division 2 college level began playing lacrosse in the 3rd grade. I have been an active parent at both the youth and high school level and now that she is out of high school I have been trying to find a way to give back. I served on the Sunset High School board for 3 years as the secretary and Vice President of the Girls program from 2014-2016. My administrative skills have helped me at the high school level and I would be interested in serving to the best of my ability on the OGLA board.

**Statement of how you will contribute to OGLA’s mission and activities:**

After watching my daughter play lacrosse I instantly became a fan. Not just because it was my child playing but because it is fast paced and fun to watch. I have watched this sport grow so quickly and would love to help grow the game even further in the state of Oregon at all levels. It has given so much to my family I feel it is worth my time and effort to give back. I am an organized person that will serve and promote at all OGLA events to get more girls (both youth and high school) playing this sport. I thank you for considering me as a potential board member.

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**NOMINEE:** JAMES MCCORMICK

**POSITION:** At-Large position for Two-Year Term

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Current Coach at OES (High School)

**Statement of interest/qualifications for the open position:**

Former 2 year member of OGLA board & Vice president of Oregon chapter of US Lacrosse Level 1 CDP trainer for US Lacrosse.

**Statement of how you will contribute to OGLA’s mission and activities:**

Help keep the game growing and work with both youth and high school to keep the numbers consistent from youth to high school.

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**NOMINEE:** CATHY ROPER

**POSITION:** At-Large position for Two-Year Term

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Current Parent of OGLA Player (Beaverton High School)

**Statement of interest/qualifications for the open position:**

I am interested in one of the open At-Large positions. Our programs at BHS (both girls and boys) need direction due to both the boundary changes and lack of direction within the programs. In our girls√¢‚Ç¨‚Ñ¢ program we graduated all but one of our prior years' wonderful board members. As one of several new board members we realize how necessary it is to re-focus re-energize and strategize to allow for the continued success of our program. If I become a part of the Oregon program it would allow me to gain valuable insight and practical knowledge that I could use to benefit the Oregon program as well as helping solidify our local function purpose and success! If our local program is more successful especially as a metro school I believe it will contribute to the overall future success of lacrosse at the state level.

**Statement of how you will contribute to OGLA’s mission and activities:**

My goals would include bringing positive awareness of the sport of lacrosse to the schools students and their families and to brainstorm and implement greatly expanded recruitment efforts. I have watched the ebb and flow of registration numbers in both football and lacrosse over the past 13 years and I am disheartened by the serious decline in numbers. I feel strongly that the decline is a combination of many factors including a lack of effective recruitment strategies at the local level; which is understandable given the reduction in volunteers and the limitations imposed by the school districts and other governing authorities. I bring several years and a large range of management and board experience. I am currently the president of Friends of Beaverton Football (FOBF) (5 years) which is the BHS football booster program and was actively involved on the board of Beaverton Youth Football for 8+ years. I am preparing my successors for FOBF as I no longer have a football player. I have a 10th grade daughter who has played girls lacrosse for several years and one of my sons previously played boys lacrosse for several years. I welcome this opportunity to learn from and collaborate with seasoned lacrosse families and then apply my expanded knowledge to improve the programs at our local and state level.

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**NOMINEE:** SEAN HANSEN

**POSITION:** At-Large position

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Previous OGLA Coach (Bend United), Current Director of Lacrosse Northwest

**Statement of interest/qualifications for the open position:**

As an Oregonian born and raised I have always tried to grow girls lacrosse. My first coaching job was in Bend Or where I helped grow the Bend United program with Hilary Gilmore (founder of West Linn and Bend United). I have consistently dedicated time to understanding Oregon growth problems and I would like to continue that work in a more official role. With seven years of coaching experience at a variety of age groups I believe I could benefit our community. Although I am most interested in an at large position- I would be happy to serve in any role that is needed.

**Statement of how you will contribute to OGLA’s mission and activities:**

As mentioned previously I want to continue growing and developing girls lacrosse. I have a solid foundation of the fundamental lacrosse skills and believe I could share that knowledge with new or inexperienced coaches. Since I previously worked in a non traditional area I can also provide insight into new program development.

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**NOMINEE:** SARAH TOMLINSON

**POSITION:** At-Large position

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Current Owner/Coach at Lacrosse Northwest

**Statement of interest/qualifications for the open position:**

My interests and qualifications for an at large position on the OGLA board stem from 18 years of playing lacrosse and my ten years of coaching and organizing lacrosse events in Oregon. My goal has been to encourage the growth of girls' lacrosse in Oregon through education and opportunity. I passion for lacrosse and want to be able to pass the love along to people/players and make lacrosse FUN. I have been involved at all levels of lacrosse and feel this background knowledge can help the youth and high school programs grow and succeed. My overall interest is to aid in players loving the sport so they succeed.

**Statement of how you will contribute to OGLA’s mission and activities:**

My contributions to OGLA lie in my business playing and coaching knowledge of the sport enabling me to contribute to board discussions and decisions. This knowledge and experience helps in building the foundation for successful opportunities where the ''why'' matters. Because I understand the need for a productive business I will contribute my time and dedication to working with others on the board which will push us toward providing greater opportunities and love for girls' lacrosse.

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**NOMINEE:** MELISSA HAVEL

**POSITION:** At-Large position

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Current Parent of OGLA Players (Jesuit High School/Lake Oswego High School), Lake Oswego Youth, 3d Lacrosse

**Statement of interest/qualifications for the open position:**

I've been a part of the lacrosse community for the past decade or so; with girls in both rec and high school involvement. I have board experience previously head of the communications committee for a non profit focused on serving at risk youth in Portland and am currently VP of Communications for a community service/volunteer organization. Additionally I lead the Portland office of a global marketing communications firm. I'm passionate about investing in the growth of girls lacrosse and all that it brings to our communities and believe that my skills and experience would serve the OGLA board and lacrosse community in Oregon well.

**Statement of how you will contribute to OGLA’s mission and activities:**

My girls have a love for lacrosse that's infectious. I'm a committed parent not confused about my role - I'm the parent not the coach or the player. My girls have been fortunate to have great lacrosse experiences with their coaches and teams. I'm invested in the future of girls lacrosse in Oregon and want nothing more to see it grow and flourish. I'd love to see us realize a time in Oregon where it's girls lacrosse is a recognized OSAA sport and every youth and high school program have an overflowing number of girls loving the game that they love.

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**NOMINEE:** SARA CONTE

**POSITION:** At-Large position for One-Year Term

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Current Parent of OGLA Player (Lake Oswego High School), 3d Lacrosse, Riverdale Youth

**Statement of interest/qualifications for the open position:**

I've been involved with lacrosse for many years - initially as a player in college at Claremont (selected to the CA All-Star Team) then on a club team in SF. I have coached youth lacrosse for the last 8 years at Riverdale School led our girls' lacrosse program and served as VP and Treasurer for our Riverdale Lacrosse Club.

**Statement of how you will contribute to OGLA’s mission and activities:**

Girls deserve the opportunity to play sports in a fun safe and competitive environment. Lacrosse is a fabulous sport and I would like to work with OGLA to support promote and grow the sport in the right ways for our girls in Oregon.

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**NOMINEE:** CATHERINE WILLMOTT

**POSITION:** At-Large position

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Previous Coach for OES Youth Girls Lacrosse; 3d Lacrosse

**Statement of interest/qualifications for the open position:**

I love sports especially girls lacrosse. Lacrosse is a really fun game to play! I grew up in Charlottesville Virginia and began playing lacrosse in 5th grade. I captained the 1988 Virginia high school state championship team (St-Anne√¢‚Ç¨‚Ñ¢s Belfield) and was recruited by and played lacrosse at Princeton 1988-1990. My two boys do not play lacrosse but my 9th grade daughter has played since 1st grade. I have coached girls youth lacrosse for CYO and OES for the last seven years. I have served on six non-profit boards in Portland including serving as Secretary for Lincoln Youth Football 2012-2015. I work in education founding and running a non-profit that contracts with school districts (Beaverton Parkrose Gladstone) to help them establish high-quality inquiry-based preschools to support children in becoming intentional agents capable of guiding their own learning and lives.

**Statement of how you will contribute to OGLA’s mission and activities:**

Since moving to Oregon in 2010 I have spent a good amount of time thinking about the sport of girls lacrosse particularly watching the rec vs. club dichotomy emerge and considering how to maintain/grow a sport as skills-based as lax with this dynamic. The lack of experienced coaches has always struck me as an issue too with no easy answers. I have been extremely appreciative of all of the lacrosse opportunities OGYLA/OGLA have brought to Oregon over the years. I am not sure I can ever do as much for Oregon girls lacrosse as Brett Ben Jon and others but I would like to contribute thinking about the issues I name above as well as others that relate to establishing lacrosse on equal footing with other high school sports in the state. I have a fair amount of knowledge about how football and basketball operate at the high school level (my older son is a very serious player of both at Lincoln (football) and Clutch & Rose City (club basketball) OES (high school basketball)). My husband played college football remains involved strategically at the college level and currently coaches youth. In addition to general sports knowledge I have experience tackling complex issues - I have an MBA am in the final year of a doctoral program at Lewis and Clark and worked in management consulting and on Wall Street for 18 years before moving to Portland. The only officer positions I am not interested in is Treasurer or any Youth-only positions. Thank you!

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**NOMINEE:** RICHARD CALDERWOOD

**POSITION:** At-Large position

**ASSOCIATIONS:** Parent of Graduated OGLA Player (Sunset High School)

**Statement of interest/qualifications for the open position:**

29 seasons coaching youth sports including 10 years in boys' lacrosse; 12th season officiating girls'/women's lacrosse; 5 Caldykids played youth lax and Sunset HS lax 3 played in college; OWLUA board member (3rd season) and Youth Liaison (new this season)

**Statement of how you will contribute to OGLA’s mission and activities:**

OGLA's mission: managing league/statewide POLICIES scheduling and organizing league ACTIVITIES to ensure a safe and fair environment and promoting the SPIRIT and SPORTSMANSHIP of the game ... provide ... opportunity to play the game of lacrosse by overseeing member team (requirements) to ensure players receive FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS ... foster the growth of the game by providing GUIDANCE to new programs ... (CAPS by me)I will bring a the officials' view to the discussion based on 11+ years officiating youth high school and older leagues with emphasis on safety and sportsmanship rather than on winning etc. In my day job I am an IP attorney at a high tech company which means that I have decades of experience writing and interpreting technical materials. I will work to facilitate increasing the assistance clinics etc. available to new and struggling programs including increased use of officials as clinicians; many are former coaches and/or players. I will work to improve communication and coordination between OGLA and OWLUA especially as it relates to sportsmanship game reports and assigning of JrUmps to work youth games.