

## **Board of Directors Nomination Form**

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Job Title: Environmental Scientist

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- 1. Identify the sector you would be representing:
  - Government of Alberta
  - □ Other Government (Indigenous, federal, municipal etc.)
  - □ Industry
  - X Other (including individuals, academia, research, non-government organizations)
- 2. Describe your professional, volunteer and/or work experience, and describe how it relates to our work.

I graduated from Lethbridge College in May of 2020 with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Ecosystem Management.

I am currently employed with Trace Associates Inc. as an environmental scientist, with a focus on reclamation work. This includes the management of invasive species (plants) with both chemical and mechanical methods to ensure reclamation success and compliance with Alberta Energy Regulator requirements.

I have previously been employed as a Weed Management Coordinator for Clearwater County, where my focus was educating and informing landowners of the importanceof controlling invasive species (both plants and invasive disease such as clubroot) on their properties. This education provided both the ecological and economic benefits to the landowner of controlling invasive species, as well as their legal requirements under the Alberta Weed and Pest Control Acts.

I have volunteered with several NGO's such as the Oldman Watershed Council and the Nature Conservancy of Canada on weed pulls in sensitive habitat including the eastern slopes and native grassland of southeastern Alberta.

I have a strong personal inetrest following the development and movement of feral hogs in the prairie provinces, following the work of researchers sucg as Ryan Brook with the University of Saskatchewan.

3. What skills, experience or perspectives would be of particular value to the Alberta Invasive Species Council.

I have a strong passion for educating the public and landowners on invasive speices in Alberta and discussing why they should care about them as well. My previous work and volunteer experience provides me with strong communication and technical skills with regards to invasive plants throughout Alberta, from Cold Lake to Manyberries. It also has provided me with the skill set to understand the different species and issues facing different eco-regions of the province.

I am able to provide the perspective of both somebody who works in the industry but also as an individual who loves to hunt, fish, and camp and understands the impacts invasive species can have on the areas I cherish the most, whether that be my favourite camping spot being overun with common tansy, my favourite hunting spot being destroyed by feral hogs, or my favorite fishing hole being impacted by prussian carp.

4. Describe any relevant experience you have involving non-profit Boards, charities, community groups, professional associations, etc.

I was a Student Representative on the Lethbride College Students Association, where my duties included attending various internal and external meetings, communication with students, and ensuring that student concerns were communciated and heard by college administration.

I have previously served on the Lethbridge City Council Youth Advisory Committe. Our committees responsibility was to ensure that the youth of Lethbridge had a voice and a direct communication line to city council.

5. Tell us why you want to serve on our Board?

I want to serve on the board to help the AISC ensure that Alberta is protected from the spread and threat of invasive species. I wish to help the AISC achieve their mandate and vision, through the education of Albertans about the harm invasive species can cause. I hope that as a young person (22 years old) I am able to help the AISC connect with younger generations who may not be as aware about the harm that invasive species can have on the places they cherish most in Alberta. I want to do my part of help protect Alberta from the spread of invasive species

6. Other relevant background or information.

I have no additional information to provide, other than I want to say that the council is doing amazing work, and even if I am not elected to the Board, I will continue to support the AISC.

If elected to the AISC Board of Directors, I will adhere to the AISC's Code of Conduct Policy.

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