

Board of Directors Nomination Form

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Job Title: Rangeland Programs + Issues Lead

Employer: GoA - Env + Parks

1. Identify the sector you would be representing:

- Government of Alberta
- Other Government (Indigenous, federal, municipal etc.)
- Industry
- 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.

Thirty years of professional work experience in Alberta and B.C. related to range management, agriculture and private land conservation. As part of that experience, the management of noxious weeds was an ongoing aspect of my work. Providing a wide perspective will be an asset I can bring to the AISC Board.

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

Having been very involved in the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council for many years (held the Treasurer position for 6 years), I think that perspective and knowledge will be valuable for AISC.

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

Have been involved in many different non-profit organizations over the years, ranging from local natural history clubs, environmental educational organizations, regional weed organizations and local Rotary Clubs. Have held positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairperson for those organizations and understand the challenges and issues facing non-profits (e.g. fund raising, staffing, governance, etc.).

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

In my current role with GoA leading the AEP Terrestrial Invasive Species Program, it is essential for GoA to collaborate and partner with those organizations working on invasive species. By being on the AISC Board, the provincial scope of AISC and AEP in weed management can be leveraged to deliver results for both organizations.

6. Other relevant background or information.

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Board of Directors Nomination Form

Name: Doug Macaulay

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Employer: Alberta Government

1. Identify the sector you would be representing:

Government of Alberta

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Industry

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.

- Have worked with Ag fieldmen, Agriculture Service Boards and various Municipalities on weed and pest management programming
- Have a degree in biological science with a good knowledge of weed and plant species, invasive species and have a familiarity with biological control
- Currently oversee the Wild Boar at Large Ear Bounty Program
- Manage the Agricultural Service Board Grant program that fund weed and pest control programs for 69 municipalities
- Grew up on a farm where I did extensive invasive weed control
- Setup several biological control projects for 5 municipalities

3. What skills, experience or perspectives would be of particular value to the Alberta Invasive Species Council?
 - Understand the importance of awareness programming to deal with invasive species as it relates to agriculture as well as ecosystems
 - I am both a Professional Biologist and Agrologist, so understand both the ecological and economic threats associated with invasive species.

4. Describe any relevant experience you have involving non-profit Boards, charities, community groups, professional associations, etc.
 - Manager of the Agroforestry and Woodlot extension Society for two years, worked as extensionist for them for five.
 - Manager of the West Central Conservation Group that served five municipalities.
 - Strong understanding of the importance of governance and financial management

5. Tell us why you want to serve on our Board?
 - It is a new organization that I would be happy to provide support and guidance too.

6. Other relevant background or information.
 - Professional Agrologist
 - Professional Biologist
 - Former Farm kid

*Thank you for your interest in the
Alberta Invasive Species Council!*

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Board of Directors Nomination Form

Name: Laura Hammer

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Job Title: President, Cortex Management Inc.

Employer: Cortex Management Inc.

1. Identify the sector you would be representing:

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2. Describe your professional, volunteer and/or work experience, and describe how it relates to our work.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my nomination for the AICS as an industry representative. I am passionate about invasive species management in Alberta and am excited to be on the ground floor of many management programs and new detections. Cortex is primarily an invasive plant species management company, however we also conduct invasive fish species management in conjunction with our diverse clients. Our company motto is "Let good things grow!" and this guiding principle dictates the core of our business. In everything we do, while control and management may be the methods, the ultimate goal is to assist natural habitats return to a state of self sufficiency where our inputs are no longer needed.

I have been involved in invasives species in one form or another since 1996. Previous positions held include Pesticide Policy Specialist with Government of Alberta, Supervisor Ag Services Strathcona County as well as a previous volunteer with the AISC as Treasurer. I have been the President of Cortex since 2013, actively managing and reporting invasive species.

I am excited for the opportunity to return to the AISC and contribute in any way the association can use my energy and talents.

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

I have seen invasive species from various perspectives. Government private, public, consumer, resident. I now have the time to recommit to the AISC, attend meetings and most people who know me, know I am always and active participant in anything I do. I am familiar with meetings and committee procedures.

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

Treasurer of AISC

Board Member, Professional Vegetation Managers Association

Vice President, Professional Vegetation Managers Association

Casino Chair and Director of Membership, Professional Vegetation Managers Association

Chair and Board Member of the Strathcona County Agriculture Services Board

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

I want to help! I want to reconnect with the activities of the AISC as there have been many changes since I was last on the board.

6. Other relevant background or information.

While the majority of my experience is plant based, I am passionate about all kinds of invasive species and am eager to continue learning about all of them!

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Board of Directors Nomination Form

Name: Lindsey Davidson

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Job Title: Agricultural Fieldman

Employer: Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

**1. Identify the sector you would be representing:
Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen (Municipal Government)**

2. Describe your professional, volunteer and/or work experience, and describe how it relates to our work.

I have approximately 10 years of membership with the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen. I have worked for several municipalities and have extensive experience in vegetation management and extension programming to target invasive species and natural environment conservation.

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

Vegetation identification skills, understanding of municipal governments role in managing invasive species, experience engaging with and educating the public, extensive network of contacts throughout Alberta, first hand experience using EDDMapS Pro.

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

I served on the Cows and Fish Board from 2018-2019. I have collaborated and supported a number of non-profit organizations with various events and activities during my career as an Agricultural Fieldman. I have also served on multiple boards and committees of the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen.

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

I highly value the programs and services provided by the Alberta Invasive Species Council and recognize the importance of a strong liaison between AISC and the AAAF. The Fieldmen in Alberta are a fantastic resource for distributing information and supporting on the grounds projects. The AISC is tremendous resource for Fieldman, providing materials and programs which complement the objectives of Agricultural Service Boards.

6. **Other relevant background or information.**

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Board of Directors Nomination Form

Name: Nikola Sikolova

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Job Title: Supervisor of Operations

Employer: Prairie Environmental Services

1. Identify the sector you would be representing:

- Government of Alberta
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2. Describe your professional, volunteer and/or work experience, and describe how it relates to our work.

I have a Bachelor of Environmental Science degree from Mount Royal University. For my university internships, first I worked for the Western Irrigation District where one of my tasks was to monthly inspect set up tubes for veliger species as well as patrol canal banks for flowering rush. The next summer, I worked for Ducks Unlimited Canada as a Conservation Technician where I inspected wetland structures across SW Alberta. I reported on weeds found around these wetlands, and I also conducted some noxious weeds surveys around Frank Lake. After graduation I was hired for a short-term GIS position at my current company, Prairie Environmental Services, but was invited back for the 2021 season as a weed inspector where my main responsibility was inspecting and following up with compliance of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds in Kananaskis Improvement District, Turner Valley and Black Diamond. I have also been trained in mechanical control of mosquitoes and northern pocket gophers, I am currently completing my pesticide applicator training, and I am trying to educate myself and extend our company's IPM approach by introducing weed biocontrol options. I have volunteered for Friends of Fish Creek in assessing riparian areas where I received some training on local plants, and I also volunteered for Trout Unlimited where I mapped and created the brown trout redd survey report for 2016-2018.

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

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

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

6. Other relevant background or information.

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Board of Directors Nomination Form

Name: Patrick Hanington

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Job Title: Associate Professor

Employer: University of Alberta

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As part of my research program, my lab and I work to design, validate and implement DNA-based detection tests for a variety of different waterborne and water-based organisms. Part of those organisms we have worked to design detection tests for are aquatic invasive species such as dreissenid mussels (zebra and quagga), *Myxobolus cerebralis* (whirling disease) and invasive species of fish. We work to implement these tests as part of ongoing provincial monitoring programs for aquatic invasive species, due to the high sensitivity and specificity provided by DNA-based testing.

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

I bring an understanding of molecular biological techniques such as qPCR, which is an important and emerging tool for detection of invasive species and species at risk.

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

I work with a number of Government and Non-Profit organizations around Alberta and in the US. Many relate to water in some way and connect to my research. I serve on the board of the Students Interested in Health, a U of A student organization.

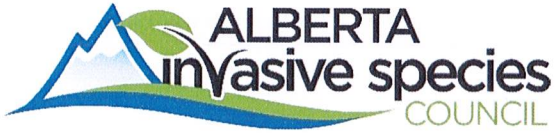
5. Tell us why you want to serve on our Board?

There is a clear connection between the work/research that I do and the interests of the AISC. I am interested in protecting Alberta from invasive species, particularly those that affect Alberta's fresh waters. Being primarily in the research field, I think I'd bring a unique lens to the board, and my activities in developing tools to monitor for aquatic invasive species could provide insight into the direction of future invasive species monitoring in Alberta.

6. Other relevant background or information.

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Board of Directors Nomination Form

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Job Title: Director of Agricultural Services

Employer: County of Newell

1. Identify the sector you would be representing:

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2. Describe your professional, volunteer and/or work experience, and describe how it relates to our work.

*Am responsible to administer the
Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pest
Act in the County of Newell*

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

General weed + pest knowledge
Ag background
Responsible for Public Parks/Municipal Campgrounds

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

- Ag societies
- Recreation groups
- Gas Coop

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

Enjoyed my first term. Hoping term 2 will be just as engaging

6. Other relevant background or information.

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