

2026 Board Candidate Bios

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Kirk Mearns

Kirk Mearns lives in Lethbridge with his wife, Bridget. He brings extensive experience in advertising, marketing, sales leadership and media. He began his career in newspapers in the late 1980s as an advertising and marketing consultant and later led marketing and sales training for Thomson Newspapers across Western Canada.

In 2005, Kirk joined Rogers Radio as General Sales Manager in Lethbridge for KISS 107.7 and ROCK 106.7. After 10 years with Rogers, he was contracted by Pattison Media to lead the launch of its online news portal, Lethbridge News Now.

Kirk joined the Lethbridge Curling Club as General Manager in 2017 and retired at the end of the 2025–26 season. Prior to becoming General Manager, he served as President of the Lethbridge Curling Club from 2008 to 2011.

Kirk is a Certified Competition Coach and currently serves as head coach of the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns curling program. His event leadership experience includes serving on the organizing committee for the 2019 World Men's Curling Championship, co-chairing the 2022 Brier in Lethbridge, and co-chairing the 2016 World Mixed Doubles and World Senior Curling Championships hosted at the Lethbridge Curling Club.

Michael Heeb

Appointed to the Board of Directors in May 2026; seeking election to a full term.

Michael Heeb lives in Calgary and brings a strong combination of executive leadership, governance experience, and community involvement to the Curling Alberta Board of Directors. As a senior executive for a Canadian company, Michael has led portfolios that include Human Resources, Safety, Talent Development, and Sustainability, with a focus on people, culture, risk management, and long-term organizational performance.

Michael has been actively involved in Alberta's curling community as a member of the Board of Directors for both the North Hill Curling Club and Crestwood Curling Club. He has also supported several major curling events, including serving as the lead representative for curling at the 2024 National Special Olympics Games, Event Vice-Chair for the 2025 PointsBet Invitational, and Event Vice-Chair for the 2026 Women's World Championship. Michael is proud to serve on the Curling Alberta Board and is committed to supporting the sport's continued growth, accessibility, and importance in communities across the province.

George Mitsopoulos

Seeking re-election

George Mitsopoulos lives in Calgary with his wife, Merrie-Rae, and their sons, Nick and Kris. He works as an executive leader in the energy industry and brings extensive experience in operational leadership, regulatory oversight, risk management and operational excellence.

George joined the Curling Alberta Board of Directors in July 2023. A long-time curler, he returned to the sport about 10 years ago when his sons began curling. He is a Certified Competition Coach and has coached U18 and U20 teams. While living in Fort McMurray, George helped coordinate the local junior curling program and supported its continued development.

Since relocating to Calgary, George has begun coaching at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT). He also brings significant volunteer experience across multiple boards and committees.

George is proud to be involved with Curling Alberta and is focused on growing the sport while maintaining strong fiscal discipline and long-term organizational sustainability.