

EMSA Election 2022
Eliana Caranci
Director-at-Large Nominee

It has been my pleasure and honour to have served the EMSA board as Director-at Large over the past two years.

The last time I was elected, I promised change, and with the collaborative work of the current Board, change occurred in many ways. I have decided to seek re-election, because my work serving the EMSA membership is not completed.

In 2020, I promised the membership three things if elected. They are listed below with evidence that I have demonstrated commitment in fulfilling my promises.

1. Improved transparency and open communication between the Governing Bodies (OS and EMSA) and our membership.

- I challenged OS to better inform Clubs about Club Licensing expectations and changes to Operational Procedures.
- I communicated with organizations who needed support for Club Licensing.
- I encouraged discussion with leagues and Match Officials to address issues of abusive behaviors in our sport.
- I developed a process for EMSA board members to attend games as needed to support leagues, clubs and Match Officials.

2. Collaborative relationships and projects between the District and it's members.

- I co-chaired sub committees such as Woman in Soccer and the The Regional Committee
- I advocated for additional EMSA spots in WRSL, to improve competitive play and opportunity for ALL clubs and talented players.
- I initiated discussions on how to promote the Player Pathway by evaluating the barriers and supports required for talented players to play in OPDL.
- I promoted and organized a C-License course in our area after coaches were expressing concerns of cost and travel expenses to travel out of town.

3. Support for organizations to facilitate a return-to-play plan during the pandemic.

- I created and co-chaired a Covid Response Committee-the only one of its kind in Ontario soccer, resulting in EMSA having one of the highest player registrations in Ontario post lockdown.

Some of my critics claim that I have used my position on the board to benefit a few organizations or that I am not a supporter of the Player Pathway or Ontario Soccer. *Ask yourselves this, after reviewing the above, have I demonstrated otherwise?*

My fellow board members know:

- I will ask the tough questions.
- I expect changes to policies and procedures to be evidence based. Changes need to be evaluated periodically; to ensure they are effective and beneficial.
- I believe in fairness. No matter who you are, we all need to adhere to policies and procedures, rules and regulations.

Finally, more changes from Ontario Soccer are coming. EMSA needs board members that are fair, trustworthy, knowledgeable, resourceful and are not afraid to work. Here I am...ready to serve you again.

Yours Truly,
Eliana Caranci