

Eliana Caranci

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Elgin Middlesex Soccer Association Board of Directors and All Members

C/O Anita Gray

District Administrator

Dear Members and Board of the Elgin Middlesex Soccer Association (EMSA),

I am pleased to have been nominated for the position of Director at Large for the Elgin Middlesex Soccer Association Board of Directors. I believe I have a number of skills, traits and experience that would allow me to be a productive contributor to the Board.

First and foremost, I am running for election for the love of soccer and the need to make improvements in our community for ALL players, despite age, sex, race or socio-economic status.

My soccer related experiences include; playing locally, being a manager for soccer teams and volunteering on the LS Croatia S.C. Board of Directors as the Administrative Lead. In these positions I have gained knowledge in the following:

- Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures
- Current matters regarding rules/regulations, discipline, performance, training for players, coaches and managers
- *Canada Soccer's Club Licensing Program* and its impact on changes in our community
- Sanctioned Leagues from youth to adults within Ontario
- *Ontario Player Pathway* and its strengths and limitations
- *Return to Play* Guidelines and Ministry of Health regulations as it pertains to Covid-19

In addition to my soccer experiences I have served on various Project Teams and Boards at St. Joseph's Healthcare Institute, where I am currently employed. I have also held a number of different positions on Parent/Teacher School Boards in the last eight years. With these experiences, I have been trained to critically analyze all scenarios, base decision-making on evidence and research, and lastly; use effective communication strategies in crucial conversations.

In the past few years, we have seen changes in the soccer community including; Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures, the Club Licensing Program, introduction to new Leagues or changes made to existing ones; and of course, the impact of the *Black Lives Matter* movement and the Covid-19 Pandemic.

As an Executive Board member, I would strive to embrace change, ensure that all information is delivered to our membership and improve transparency of the EMSA Board. When changes need to be made, there should be more involvement and input from the Members. Lastly, we need to encourage ongoing dialogue with Ontario Soccer, as these changes may impact local communities differently than those in the greater metropolitan areas.

Those who know me well, can tell you that I do not shy away from challenges or from making difficult decisions. I value fairness, honesty and advocacy. Any Board member requires these qualities during times when improvement is needed in our soccer community.

In closing, it is an honour to have been nominated for Director at Large and it is my commitment to work diligently in the position, should I be elected.

Yours Truly,

Eliana Caranci