

Thinking about running for a PTPC Board position?

First of all, the Board is grateful to anyone who may want to volunteer to serve on the Board. There are four positions being vacated for the 2023-25 term: President, Secretary, Director of Court Operations, and Board Member-at-Large. The [descriptions of these roles are on the website](#).

The direction the Board takes for the next term is entirely up to the Board. We have accomplished quite a lot in the last two years, mainly starting and completing the Mountain View project of the installation of three permanent courts, along with the capital campaign to raise the funds.

The new Board may want to cruise for a while, maintaining what we have and seeing that things run smoothly, or they may want to dig in and start another project. The [PTPC Strategic Plan, 2021-2025](#), set Club goals through 2025, some of which have been accomplished and others are still pending.

In the five years of the Club's existence, the Board has given great latitude for the directors to develop their positions according to their skill set and inclination. That is to say that the job descriptions are not set in stone. Some of them may seem quite intimidating, but our Communications Director, Mark Finco, is an example of managing the position so that it is not overwhelming. He has established a committee of volunteers to do the various roles he cannot do or is not inclined to do. Also for each of the roles, there is a back-up, so if he is traveling or otherwise engaged, the job still gets done. This not only makes the job less burdensome, but it also gets more people involved in the running of the Club. So we encourage candidates for Board positions to think about how they could make the position their own.

President. In the near future, one task for the Board is to nurture the relationship the Club has with the City, and the President should be the one to take the lead on that. There most likely will not be any additions of permanent outdoor courts until after the Parks and Recreation master plan, Envision Port Townsend Golf Course and Mountain View Commons, has been approved by City Council (due by the end of 2023). The current draft of the plan includes adding 5 more courts to Mountain View, with four of them covered! The timeline is 1-5 years. (It's not guaranteed, but promising.) The Board may want to jump into that and get it going sooner rather than later.

Secretary. The Board Secretary should have good writing and listening skills. Previous secretaries have recorded meetings and then written the minutes. Minutes do not have to be detailed but should capture the main ideas in the meeting.

Director of Court Operations. This is a big job, and it is recommended that it be done by Committee, with the Director overseeing the various roles. The Director could also appoint an Assistant Director. Jeannie Ramsey has offered to manage Events for this upcoming term, and she has help with that as well. For more ideas, [check out how the Sequim Picklers define the role](#).

Board Member-at-Large. As noted in the Job Descriptions, this position serves as liaison between the Board and Club members. However, the Board member in this position could also volunteer to be on other Board committees or take on any role where needed. Jeannie, as Board Member-at-Large, took on the job of managing Events.