

# LISA BURECHAILO, CRGS, CRVS

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## 1. WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION?

Thank you for considering me as an applicant for the 2022 Director-at-Large. After celebrating 25 years as a sonographer, it's time to give back to Sonography Canada, an association that has supported me during my career.

Sonography Canada has upheld high standards for sonographers, protected them with insurance support, offers and encourages continuing education, supplies unequivocal registry exams, and unifies us with national conferences and registry. I have watched our organization grow and I am proud and excited to contribute to this ongoing growth.

I believe sonographers are unsung heroes in healthcare settings. We are highly educated, intuitive, and relied upon in healthcare, and I often think that is overlooked. Keeping our voices loud, clear, and resonating is so important. With that, the support amongst each other with continuing education, mental and physical health, and recognition will further solidify our positions as healthcare heroes as we slow but surely rise from this pandemic.

Being a part of a Board of Directors on a national level will hopefully facilitate in the process of provincial regulation which, I believe, will further strengthen our profession in the healthcare setting. Being as seasoned as I am, the national board does appear a bit daunting, but as sonographers, we know that every single day is an opportunity to learn and grow. I'm excited to be a part of this unified voice.

## 2. WHAT PERSONAL STRENGTHS CAN YOU BRING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

I have served on our provincial organization, the Alberta Diagnostic Sonographers' Association (ADSA), as the Treasurer/Registrar from 1997 to 2000. My duties included accepting registrations, handling registration fees, and organizing financial documents for the accountant audits yearly. I was also involved in starting up our website.

I have also served on my Ukrainian Dance School Board of Directors, first as the Treasurer and another term as Festival Coordinator. This involved organizing and registering our dance groups for provincial and national dance festivals and competitions.

With my employer, I have worked with sonography students and radiology residents for many years and as a preceptor with the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT). I also train, teach, and guide the obstetrical residents and perinatology fellows in our Maternal Fetal Medicine Department.

## 3. WHAT PREVIOUS VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE DO YOU BRING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

As mentioned previously, I served on the ADSA Board of Directors as Treasurer/Registrar from 1997 to 2000. At the time, we had a very dynamic board and we instigated provincial regulation for Alberta sonographers.

I have served on a non-profit Ukrainian Dance School (Yalenka.com) as Treasurer and then as a Festival Coordinator. My terms on the Board of Directors spanned 7 years, from 2012 to 2019.

I have presented at many conferences, provincially with ADSA and nationally with Sonography Canada, most recently in the spring of 2021. I was also involved with presenting and organizing the Advanced Fetal Imaging Conference (aficevent.ca) held on January 29th, 2022. It was my 4th time presenting at this conference.

My work experience includes being employed at a large tertiary care centre for the last 25 years. In 2009, I was part of the organization and start up of the inpatient Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) Department, and also facilitated in the setup of two other hospital MFM departments.

Foothills Medical Centre is a large teaching facility that has afforded me many opportunities for education and leadership, and for this I am grateful. I hope to bring this experience and leadership to the Sonography Canada Board.