

## **Camp Fircom Society of the United Church of Canada - Board of Directors**

At the Camp Fircom Society's next Annual General Meeting (set for March 31, 2015), we will be holding elections for the society's Board of Directors. The board is comprised of 10 directors elected from the general membership of the Society. This year, there are openings for up to 5 positions, each for a two year term of office. All members of the Society are eligible to run for election at the AGM. Anyone may become a member of the Society at the start of Annual General Meeting at Lakeview United Church in Vancouver.

The Camp Fircom Society runs a fully accredited summer camp for children and families, youth leadership programs, and a year-round rental site. We strive to provide persons (children, adults, youth or families), through the uniqueness of the out-of-doors setting and regardless of background, an opportunity to discover new understandings of faith, ministry, community, sustainability, and the world around them in an inclusive, accessible, and open manner.

The Board of Directors provides guidance to the Society's Executive Director and staff and works very closely with BC Conference and its Camping Ministry as articulated by the Camping Standards Manual.

Board Tasks include:

- Reviewing and setting policy as required.
- Working with the Executive Director on the development of strategic plans, annual operating plans, and budgets.
- Reviewing the performance of our Executive Director.
- Monitoring progress of the annual operating plan and financial statements of the Society.
- Working with the Fircom Management Team on key priorities and projects through board committees.
- Liaising with the wider Fircom community by participating in outreach, publicity events, and fundraising initiatives.
- Collaborating with the United Church of Canada's BC Conference staff and leadership, owners of the Camp Fircom property and structures.

It is expected that directors volunteer to sit on at least one committee, which carries an additional time commitment (varied). Committees currently include: Finance, Human Resources, and Fundraising.

Our directors are volunteers. They are not paid for their time spent on board business. Board meetings are currently held in the evening on the fourth Thursday of each month, or at the call of the Board Chair, and last approximately two hours.

Board members are diverse and have a mix of skills and backgrounds, both professional and personal. There are no formal requirements for being a director.

However, the current Board is especially interested in recruiting individuals with skill sets in the following areas at this time:

- Fundraising and event planning experience;
- Legal knowledge;
- Accounting designation or related experience; and
- Leadership experience in summer camp, youth programming, or within the United Church of Canada.

Candidates are required to submit a statement of interest and qualifications (up to 250 words). Candidates that are endorsed by the Board and nominated by the Board's Nominating Committee will have their statement published in the AGM materials for all members to read. Candidates that are not endorsed by the Board and nominated will be notified in advance of the AGM and can still stand for election at the AGM. All Society members will be given the opportunity to nominate themselves or others at the AGM as well.

All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply to be on the Board of Directors. The deadline for submission of nomination material is 12:00 noon, Friday, March 6, 2015.

If you are interested in putting your name forward or have questions, please send your name, address, telephone number, email address and your statement of interest and qualifications to [richovergaard@hotmail.com](mailto:richovergaard@hotmail.com).