



LIFESAVING SOCIETY
SOCIÉTÉ DE SAUVETAGE

The Lifeguarding Experts
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Lifesaving Society Canada Job Description

Position Title: Safety Standards Commissioner

Purpose

- To provide Commission-specific leadership to the Board of Directors (the 'Board') of Lifesaving Society Canada (the 'Society' or 'LSC')
- To lead the Commission's activity centres and projects as assigned by the Board.

Reporting Relationship

The Commissioner reports to the Board through the National office and is expected to follow all conditions as set out in the Commission-specific Terms of Reference.

Terms & Conditions

- The Commissioner, as appointed by the Board, shall be a volunteer and may not be a National or Branch employee.
- The Commissioner's Term of Office shall be four (4) years, consisting of one (1) year as Commissioner-Elect, two (2) years as Safety Standards Commissioner, and one (1) year as Past Commissioner. The Safety Standards Commissioner may apply to extend their term as Commissioner for one (1) additional year.
- Individuals who resign, are relieved from their position or who are deemed inactive shall be removed from the Commission.

General Responsibilities

1. Participate in an ethical and lawful manner, respecting the confidentiality of Board discussions.
2. Chair the Commission:
 - Establish a meeting schedule,
 - Coordinate the work of the Commission with regard to the specific responsibilities as outlined in the Commission's Terms of Reference,
 - Communicate with Commission volunteers regularly, and
 - Provide feedback to Commission volunteers on their performance.
3. Manage and/or oversee the Commission's strategic and operational plan.
4. Manage the budget and operate the Commission's strategic priorities within the annual budget allocated for the specific Commission.
5. Champion priorities and other projects as directed by the Board.
6. Work with the Chief Executive Officer and National office staff to support the Commission's strategic and operational plans.
7. Attend Board meetings as requested or required to report to the Board and to represent the Commission's interests and answer questions.

8. Attend other meetings of LSC such as face-to-face meetings (including the Annual General Meeting) and strategic/priority planning meetings.
9. Submit a summary of Commission accomplishments and highlights during the fiscal year for inclusion in the Annual Report.
10. Work cooperatively and collaboratively with other Commissions as necessary to implement joint initiatives or projects spanning multiple Commissions.

General Skill Set and Knowledge Areas

1. Willingness to participate as a volunteer throughout the term of office.
2. Strong understanding of LSC's structure, programs, and services, including, without limitation, the provincial, national and international priorities.
3. Strong understanding of the linkages between LSC as an organization and the various internal and external users.
4. Strong understanding of the Commissions' mandates generally, with emphasis on the particular Commission's specific mandate and terms of reference.
5. Demonstrated leadership, project management, and teamwork-building skills and ability to work in a team environment.
6. Ability to direct, coach, and support volunteers who work with the Commission.
7. Ability to work with staff whose work supports the Commission.
8. Ability to gather input from, and work with, diverse groups and users.
9. Strong oral and written communication and presentation skills.
10. Ability to speak in English and French is an asset.
11. Ability to identify, manage, and mitigate risk, domestically and internationally as appropriate, within the area managed and overseen by the specific commission.
12. Willingness/ability to travel and participate in face-to-face meetings with the commission members and other key personnel of LSC.

Additional Skill Sets and Knowledge Areas – Safety Standards Commissioner

1. Develop the policies, systems and structures to manage safety standard activities and ensure same are consistent with the Mission, Vision and Values of LSC.
2. Undertake all responsibilities consistent with the purpose of the Safety Standards Commission.
3. Represent and speak on behalf of LSC as appointed by the Board or CEO.
4. Incorporate existing evidence-based research into development of standards, consult with users, and may prepare standards for approval by the Board.
5. Respond to and adapt priorities in the face of emerging issues resulting from recent Coroner's inquiries, drowning incidents, research, etc.
6. Understanding the need for Branches to deliver aquatic safety standards at the community level.
7. Understanding of the industry and ability to access international, national, provincial legislation, regulations, best practices and standard safety practices of the aquatics sector.