



Michael Bryden

Candidate Statement

Rowing Canada Aviron Member Clubs and Associations

It is an honour and privilege to be nominated as a candidate for election to the Board.

We are in an era of unprecedented pressures on athletes, employees, sport organizations, and funding sources. Sport is challenging on both the field of play and in the organizational background.

Today, perhaps more than ever, we need to add to the legacy and strength of our sport with an enhanced focus on what has worked well in past and present; timeless characteristics of success like teamwork, empathy, cooperation, and high performance.

Rowing is a great sport and the rewards of growing it collectively and positively are immeasurable. We have an opportunity to continue to achieve success on the world's stage and in our local communities and environment.

As evidenced by my thirty year record of athletic, professional and volunteer experience within teams, I have invested a lot of time focusing on establishing the right conditions to take on challenges, coalesce views, achieve high performance and successful outcomes.

I look forward to the opportunity to help Rowing Canada Aviron achieve a best-in-class culture of respect and excellence, driven by diverse viewpoints, shared goals, and positive impacts.

On a personal note, as many in our rowing community know, I was the spouse of the late Kathleen Heddle. Kathleen and I were teammates, partners, best friends and parents. We shared the same values.

Kathleen's legacy of performance, calmness, and ability to help people around her achieve their collective best results and experiences, would be a key guiding influence in my efforts supporting Rowing Canada Aviron.

Whether it's the first stroke or millionth stroke of your involvement in the sport, I want to help all involved experience the exhilaration of what teamwork truly means and where pulling together can take us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Bryden, CFA