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## **OLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS**

TORONTO, ON – November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) is pleased to announce the addition of four new members to its Board of Directors. Tanya Thompson was elected as Vice President Minor Box, Mark Schuetzkowski was acclaimed as Vice President Field, Ian Garrison was elected as Vice President Officiating and Colleen Grimes as Vice President Promotion.

“These individuals are passionate members of the Ontario Lacrosse community whose experience and skill set will help to strengthen our association’s impact in Canada and beyond,” said Stan Cockerton, Executive Director of the Ontario Lacrosse Association. “We are excited about the expertise that they bring to our table as we continue to evolve and lead the organization forward.”

Thompson served on the Nepean Minor Lacrosse executive in various roles before being elected as the Director of Zone 5. She most recently served as the General Manager of the Nepean Junior “C” Knights Lacrosse Club in its first year of operation.

Schuetzkowski is a teaching professional at Conestoga College in the Electrical Techniques program, and a Life Member of the Kitchener-Waterloo Minor Lacrosse Association. He has acted as the Commissioner of the Ontario Junior Men’s Field Lacrosse League since 2009. Prior to that, he was a member of the Guelph Junior “B” Regals management team.

Garrison is a high school educator and long-time indoor lacrosse referee currently officiating in the National Lacrosse League. He has been a member of the Ontario Lacrosse Officials Association executive since 2014.

Grimes is a digital communications professional that has served on the Mimico Mountaineers Minor Lacrosse executive since 2010. She is best known as the personality behind the Mountaineers’ social media accounts, as well as presenting digital best practices seminars at the OLA Semi-Annual General Meeting in both 2019 and 2020.

The Board of Directors, led by newly acclaimed President Jim Bomhof, is also comprised of Marion Ladouceur (Past President), George MacDonald (Vice President Finance), Rick Phillips (Vice President Coaching) and Jim Leworthy (Vice President Development). The Vice President Junior to Major position has been vacated by Bomhof’s transition to the President’s role, and will be appointed by the OLA Board of Directors on an interim basis prior to the 2021 season.

“I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and staff as we focus on returning to play lacrosse in Ontario,” remarked Bomhof. “We welcome Tanya, Mark, Ian and Colleen as Directors to the OLA Board and firmly believe in the value they will bring to the Ontario Lacrosse community.”