

CASI Board of Director's Election 2012

Nominees

John William "Lid" Lidstone



Member of CASI Since: January 1997

Snowboard Certification: Level 3 Instructor, Level 2 Evaluator, Park Instructor, Park Evaluator, Carving Instructor, Canada Snowboard (CSF) Licenced Coach

Other Certification: Honors Bachelor of Arts (2001), Post Graduate Diploma in Club, Resort and Tourism Management (2007)

About Me: When I started teaching snowboarding in 1997 my primarily goal was to find a way to pay for a season's pass while I was attending university. Little did I know that it would evolve into a career that would last for over a decade and have a profound effect on my life. After finishing University in the spring of 2001 I spent each winter for the next decade on snow (other than a brief visit to an operating room for knee/ankle surgery).

I have worked as a snowboard school coordinator, trainer, coach, evaluator, instructor and team rider – experiences that have helped me in gaining an understanding of why people choose to pursue a career, be it part time or fulltime, doing something that they truly love and have a passion for. This combined with business experience in both the public and private sector as a staff supervisor and general manager gives me a wide range of experiences to draw upon that I feel will be beneficial in the development and well-running of The Canadian Association of Snowboard Instructors.

Walter Traub



To the Members of CASI:

I have put forth my name as a candidate for election to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Snowboard Instructors ("CASI").

The following will briefly summarize my academic business and athletic credentials which I believe qualify me for selection by you, the members, to the Board of Directors of CASI.

I am a lawyer by profession and a snowboarder by passion.

In my professional life I have over the last 38 years practiced law in the Province of Ontario. My practice is focused on representing major financial institutions, such as banks, trust companies, life insurance companies and pension funds in commercial and real estate lending transactions.

On the academic side I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, a Juris Doctor degree in Law and a Masters of Law Degree in Banking and Financial Services Law and I have a Specialist Certification in the area of Real Property law.

On the business front, I have been a principal managing partner of a law firm for over 30 years, I have also been actively involved in the corporate sector where I act as a lawyer and advisor to private as well as "Not For Profit" associations and corporations.

I have in the past served in the following corporate capacities:

- as a member of the Investment Committee for Mackenzie Financial MEF Advisory Services from 1988 to 1992.
- as a member of the Board of Directors and as President of Alpine Ski Club, a private non-profit organization from June 1992 to June 1999.
- as a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Governance Committee , Compensation Committee and Credit Committee of Quest Capital Corporation, a public company listed on the Toronto and London England Stock Exchanges;
- as a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Credit Committee of Spratt Resource Lending Corp. a public company listed on the Toronto and London England Stock Exchanges.

I have always had a passion and have participated in sports and sport teaching.. Amongst these are the following credentials:

- Member of Canadian National (Dufour) Windsurfing Team 1979-1983.
- Certified Windsurfing Instructor with Windsurfer International .
- Level 2 Certified Ski Instructor with Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance (CSIA)
- Level 3 Certified Snowboarding Instructor, Race Coach, Freestyle Coach and Level 2 Evaluator with CASI.
- Level 1 Race Coach with Canadian Ski Coaches Federation (CSCF)

Now that CASI has achieved autonomy over destiny and all aspects of snowboard teaching in Canada, it faces a future full of challenges in the initial years of its autonomous existence.

With my knowledge and experience in many facets of sport and sport teaching, my business expertise, my vast experience as a corporate executive and leader, **and most importantly given my insatiate passion and love for the sport of snowboarding and for CASI**, I feel most qualified and would be honoured to help guide our Association through all its imminent challenges in years to come, should you, my fellow members choose to elect me to be your representative on the Board of Directors of CASI.

Thank you

Walter Traub