

## SGC NOMINEE INFORMATION

The following information should serve as a guideline to those who seek nomination to the SGC board of directors; it provides information regarding the requirements of nominees, job description and time commitment and a brief overview of the SGC, its mandate, and governance. As a director on the SGC board she/he acts in a position of trust and is responsible for the governance of the organization.

### 1. WHO IS SGC?

Founded in 1984, the Saskatchewan German Council is a registered volunteer-based, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting German heritage, culture and interests of Saskatchewan people of German-speaking backgrounds.

The Council plays an active role in building provincial multiculturalism and the Canadian mosaic. The Council is guided in all its activities by its by-laws as well as by a comprehensive set of policies.

A Board of Directors consisting of 10 elected members meets at least 4x per year to set the tone and direction for all the Council's activities. A number of committees are in place to investigate and manage matters of special interest.

### 2. SGC MANDATE

TO PROMOTE GERMAN CULTURE, LANGUAGE, CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS AND INTERESTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL SASKATCHEWAN PEOPLE

### 3. QUALIFICATION/SKILLS

In keeping with the board's commitment to excellence in governance the board should strive to locate candidates for the directorship who have characteristics which enable them to govern the organization. These characteristics include:

#### A. German/SGC related:

- Member of an SGC member group and active involvement in the group, individual member or honorary member
- Commitment to further German cultural representation in SK
- Demonstrate some knowledge of German language and/or culture
- Demonstrate some knowledge of the diversity within the German culture
- Knowledge of the current issues facing German culture in Saskatchewan
- Ambassador for German culture and heritage
- Understanding of ownership meaning that this person represents diverse people of the German community
- Interest in the values and objectives of the SGC
- Willingness and ability to openly represent these values and assist to further the reach of these values



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#### B. General

- Ability of having a vision and to deal with long term goals and issues
- Ability to cooperate and work on a board and honor previous decisions
- Openness
- Ability to think critical, analyze, evaluate
- Willingness for leadership
- Board experience in communal and/volunteer boards

#### 4. JOB DESCRIPTION: DIRECTOR

Term: 2 year term, she/he can be reelected for up to 8 consecutive years as director or for an executive position.

##### Major duties:

- Advocacy and representation of the SGC mandate
- Assist in establishing long and short term goals, objectives and priorities for the SGC in accordance with the needs of the community
- Willingness to serve on at least one committee
- Community networking
- Foster positive relationship with board members and staff
- Be aware and abstain from conflict of interest

##### Meeting & Time Requirements:

- Five board meetings/year (Spring, Summer, Mid-Summer, Fall, Winter - one day Saturday or Sunday)
- AGM Meetings (weekend in June)
- Round Table Meeting (one Saturday in the fall)
- Committee participation (1-2 committees)
- Email availability (weekly)
- Conference calls (1-3/year on demand)
- Participation at German events in the local town/city: on demand and location
- Representing the SGC at various events if needed: on demand and location
- Total: 7 weekend days/year plus 2-3 hours/months depending on email communications and committee work.

For additional information please visit [www.saskgermancouncil.org](http://www.saskgermancouncil.org) or contact the SGC office.

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