



Dear Calalta Members,

Calalta is looking for a few more Board members!

Skills required for these positions include

Open Minded
Comfortable Speaking

Good Listener
Respectful

Willing to Learn
Being organized would be an asset

- Terms typically run 2 years (September 1 to August 31);
- Board meets monthly (1st Monday of the month at Jimmie Condon from 6:30-8:00 pm);
- No skating experience required

Top 10 Reasons to Serve on A Board.

1. You will have an experience that enriches your resume. More and more employers are now asking what you do to serve your community. Businesses want to be good corporate citizens and they understand the value and skills learned by employees who serve on non-profit boards.
2. You will learn the art of persuasion. Non-profits need donations of money, product and services. You're going to become comfortable in asking for these. In other words, you're going to learn about the art of persuasion. It's a skill you should have in your career.
3. You will learn patience. A group of smart and passionate people sitting around a conference room table can argue and pontificate. They can say stupid things and make the most brilliant observations. And you will learn patience as you wade through it together.
4. You will learn diplomacy. You will have the opportunity to learn about dealing with others as it relates to issues of leadership, finance, governance, sport, safety and other areas. Make no mistake, Calalta is a business—and there will be times where there will be disagreements. This experience of working with others in different areas will teach you about diplomacy and how to navigate potential landmines and delicate situations.
5. You will meet interesting people who will add to your sphere of influence. People who join boards are a wonderful breed. They have chosen to get off the bench and onto the field. You will be enriched by being in their company.
6. You will learn to play nicely in the sandbox. This is about diplomacy and making sure that your fellow board members get their say (even if you think *your* comment said it all). The very best board members are teams that work together effectively.
7. You will be setting an example for your child about giving back to the community.



8. You will learn how to run and participate in an effective meeting of people who don't work for you. Perhaps you will find yourself as a committee chair of health and safety or the annual ice carnival. Trust me, you learn a very different set of skills when working with volunteers, not paid employees, and they may have more experience than you do.

9. You will stretch all your intellectual and emotional muscles. Board service at its best allows you to bring your full self to the organization – your emotional connection to the work, your commitment to the overall sector, your life experience, your skills, and the good head you have on your shoulders.

10. Never underestimate what you can contribute!

If you are interested in discussing this opportunity, I would love to chat further with you! Please send me an email to president@calalta.net or text/call me at 587-580-8449.

Thanks

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Calalta Figure Skating Club