

## **2021 Board Nomination Form\***

## **Candidate Information**

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| Employer/Position: Hy-Vee, Inc. Assistant Vice President, Community Relations  |
| Education: Wartburg College; Waverly, IA; BA Communications Arts   |
| Previous experience (if any) with Special Olympics lowa, (or another SO organization), or working with individuals with intellectual disabilities. Through my Hy-Vee position, I have a longstanding relationship with SOIA, personally and professionally. I feel I have a strong understanding of its mission and purpose.   |
| Please indicate area of candidate expertise that matches 2016 board of directors priority needs. Consideration to geographic location, diversity and gender will be made.  |
| Ix Athlete 2 Healthcare Professional 3 Attorney 4 Human Resources Professional 5 Marketing Professional 6 Wealth Management 7 Family Member 8 Sport Expert 9 Other   |
| Submitted by   |
| Name .   |
| Name         Date           Phone         Email  |
| Has candidate been contacted to verify their interest in being nominated and serving on the board? (Note - nominator is responsible for contacting individual to validate their interest in serving on the board. You are not guaranteeing them a seat on the board, only validating that if voted in, they would be willing to serveYesNo  Has candidate been interviewed by either nominating individual or another Board Member?YesNo  Please attach a resume if available. |
| Thank you for your nomination  |
| *Please submit all nominations by October 8, 2021  |
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Currently, I hold the position of Assistant Vice President, Community Relations with Hy-Vee. The focus is working with the non-profit organizations supported through Hy-Vee corporate philanthropy. I have been in this position since January 2013. Previously I was Assistant Vice President, Marketing Projects, a position I held for four years. I will celebrate my 22-year anniversary with Hy-Vee on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

I was born and raised in Iowa, having graduated from Waverly-Shell Rock High School and received my Bachelors Degree in Communications from Wartburg College. Following college, I spent almost three years in Tennessee working for the Chattanooga Lookouts, a Double A baseball affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. There I held the position of Director of Ticket Operations.

I returned to Iowa in 1997 and began graduate school at Drake, working towards a Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. I postponed the completion of my graduate degree after starting full-time with Hy-Vee in 1999.

Outside of work, I have been involved with a number of volunteer activities: Variety of Iowa, The Children's Charity; board member of ChildServe for six years; Urbandale Little League Baseball coach for six years; current board member for the Iowa Sports Foundation for 10 years; and I'm active in my church, St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines, including a three-year term on the church council, and I enjoy serving as a mass lector.

Much of my free time is spent with my family, especially my 10 nieces and nephews, and my dog, Barkley. I enjoy biking, swimming, weightlifting, baseball (and most other sports), reading, and trying to play the harmonica.