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**New Board of Directors for the Canadian Deaf Sports Association**

*Jonathan Guinta and Rita Bomak move on after completing more than three terms*

Montreal, September 20th, 2017 - The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) held information sessions and its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 15th and 16th in Winnipeg, Manitoba in prelude to the Canadian Deaf Games that will be hosted in this city in February 2018.

The CDSA members – Provincial Deaf Sports Associations and National Deaf Sports Organizations – attended the AGM and applied their right to vote on proposals presented and the election of the new Board of Directors.

The CDSA took the opportunity to unveil its new Strategic Plan 2017-2022 to its members. The Strategic Plan outlines the organization's mission, vision, values, challenges and four strategic directions for the next five years.

Following the unveiling of the Strategic Plan and presentation of various reports for the 2016-17 year, a new Board of Directors was elected.

The departures of Treasurer Jonathan Guinta (Alberta) and Director-at-Large Rita Bomak (Manitoba) left two positions available to fill. Francis Roussel from Montreal, Que. and Shawna Joynt from Winnipeg, Manitoba were elected as Directors-at-Large. David Joseph from Gatineau, Que. was elected as Treasurer. Donald Prong from Pickering, Ont. was reelected as Director-at-Large. President Mark Kusiak from Calgary, Alta. continues the second year of his mandate. Both athlete representatives Nyla Krylowich from St. Albert, Alta. and Paul Halas from Winnipeg, Man. are pursuing their duties on the Board of Directors.

**Members of the 2017-18 Board of Directors**

Mark Kusiak, President (Calgary, Alta.)  
David Joseph, Treasurer (Gatineau, Que.)  
Donald Prong, Director-at-Large (Pickering, Ont.)  
Shawna Joynt, Director-at-Large (Winnipeg, Man.)  
Francis Roussel, Director-at-Large (Montreal, Que.)



**Athlete Representatives**

Nyla Kurylowich, (St. Albert, Alta.) and Paul Halas (Winnipeg, Man.)

Before the AGM, the Canadian Deaf Curling Association's (CDCA) President Bradford Bentley informed the CDSA that members of the CDCA voted in favour of dissolving the organization in last January, in order for it to become a CDSA Sport Committee. The CDCA exists since 1979.

## **Canadian Deaf Sports Association**

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**About CDSA:** The CDSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of high performance Deaf and hard of hearing athletes. Through direct financial support CDSA helps athletes participate in international sport events sanctioned by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, and the Pan American Sports Committee for the Deaf.

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