



TOM FORAN

- Father of three active soccer players
- 10 years of youth soccer coaching
- Treasurer, School Lunch Association
- Past Treasurer, Mount Pearl Soccer Association
- 24 years financial industry experience
- Senior Wealth Advisor, Scotia Wealth Management

I am a passionate, lifelong soccer player and supporter. I play soccer, I coach soccer, I watch soccer and am dedicated to growing soccer. I have played in Canada, the US and the UK, with the highlights being both Acadia University and the University of Wales, Swansea. More importantly to me these days, I am a coach and supporter of my three boys who are actively engaged in the sport. Thomas (15) is a former MPSA and FAA player and is now a member of the Canada Games program, James (13) trains with the U14 NLSA program and Will (9) is in U10 Metro. I currently coach both the SJSC U15 boys Championship team and with the U10 program.

I am passionate about the sport, but for the NLSA Board of Directors, it is my previous board experience which gives me the confidence that I can help move the NLSA forward. I am currently the Treasurer of the School Lunch Association and have been on that board for nine years. In that time, we have successfully transitioned from an operation board to a governance board, similar to what the NLSA is now in the process of doing. The SLA is an organization with approximately 100 employees and serves over one million lunches per year. It is an inclusive, non-discriminatory program focused on the health and well-being of the province's children.

In 2021 I took on a two-year term as the Treasurer of MPSA. Unlike SLA, this role was very operational and hands on, where I gained extensive insight into the financial challenges of club management, and the relationship between clubs and the NLSA. It is the volunteers at every level who put in countless hours that make our sport a success across the province. Building the relationship between the clubs and the NLSA will be an area I hope to focus on.

The NLSA Board no longer has a dedicated Treasurer position, but as seen at the national level, financial management is an important topic in soccer. In my professional role, I have been working in the financial industry since 2000. At Scotia Wealth Management as a Senior Wealth Advisor and Portfolio Manager, I currently head a team of five people advising clients on their financial goals and investment strategies. Importantly, I work as a fiduciary for my clients, ensuring that my clients know I always have their best interests as my priority and that I have eliminated any conflicts of interest. I believe that I can bring extensive financial experience to the Board as it navigates a challenging environment in which to operate its programs.

I hope to get the opportunity to serve the soccer community of Newfoundland and Labrador as a Board Director.