

**From:** Ontario Underwater Council

**Sent:** September 6, 2011

**To:** All Ontario Divers and Supporters

**Subject:** **Nominations for OUC Board of Directors now being accepted**

**Dear Ontario Scuba Community member:**

OUC will have 4 out of 5 Board positions become vacant at the 2011 AGM on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

The positions that will become vacant are:

1. President (2 year term) [ouc.president@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.president@underwatercouncil.com)
2. Director of Sport Safety (1 year balance of 2 year term) [ouc.safety@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.safety@underwatercouncil.com)
3. Director of Membership (2 year term) [ouc.membership@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.membership@underwatercouncil.com)
4. Director of Communications (2 year term) [ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com](mailto:ouc.communications@underwatercouncil.com)

Who is eligible to be nominated? Anyone who is a member of the greater Ontario scuba community (diver, retailer, club, charter operator, etc.) and is capable, committed, and motivated about serving the sport.

Over its more than five decades of service to the Ontario sport diving community, OUC has always relied on a strong volunteer commitment to create and run programs, to lobby government agencies, and to monitor and influence diving safety in many different facets of our sport. Today we are even more reliant on the efforts of volunteers to ensure that our organization can continue to move forward. We have been very fortunate that concerned and committed divers, such as yourselves, have always stepped forward and now we need your assistance again to ensure that this continues.

If you are interested in serving on the OUC Board in one of these capacities, and would like to know more about the role and its responsibilities, please go to [www.underwatercouncil.com](http://www.underwatercouncil.com) and click on the "Volunteering" section, or contact the existing Board Members directly via the e-mail addresses provided. Naturally, the existing Board Members are fully committed to helping incoming members take over their new roles.

The nomination form and instructions may be found on the "Volunteering" webpage.

Please note that if we do NOT fill these Board positions, then OUC will not be able to continue to serve its members and the sport as they deserve, and in the worst case scenario may have to dissolve. The Board is optimistic that we will not have to resort to this final measure, however we must prepare for the possibility. In late September we will be providing all members the specifics of a motion to amend OUC's By-Laws to allow an orderly shut-down, should it be required.

Your nominations and your votes will determine the future of the OUC at the 2011 AGM.

The OUC Board of Directors,