

Eric Sawyer has lived in Spokane for over 30 years. He currently serves as President/CEO of Spokane Sports Commission; a nonprofit sport marketing organization whose mission is to recruit and development sporting events in order to realize the economic impact associated with hosting events in our community. During his tenure with the Sports Commission, he has played an active role in helping develop Plantes Ferry Sports Complex, Dwight Merkel Sports Complex, and The Podium (sportsplex) currently under construction. He has served on various related Boards; the RCO's original Youth Athletics Facilities grant program, WA State Parks Foundation, WA Economic Development Assn. and National Association of Sports Commissions. Originally from Ashland, OR, graduate of Portland State University with a degree in Economics and been a lifelong outdoorsman; backpacking, fly-fishing, upland bird hunting, sea kayaking, cycling and skiing. He sees his role on the Advisory Committee as advocate and tireless promoter of the benefits associated with quality parks and programs.

Doug Kelley is a lifelong Spokane resident with a passion for recreation and the outdoors. With degrees from both Eastern Washington University and Gonzaga – specifically, Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Management, Doug Kelley has been deeply involved in the community where recreation matters. His involvement includes countless volunteer committee appointments (so numerous the actual number eludes him) as well as the race director for the quintessential Spokane event: Bloomsday. With over 10 years of participation as a board member of the Spokane Regional Sports Commission, Doug Kelley has and continues to advocate for the development of sports fields and facilities throughout the Spokane area. With his involvement on the Spokane County Parks Advisory Committee, he hopes to continue to advocate on behalf of the community for improved parks, trails, and sports facilities throughout the region.

Tom Mackenzie moved to Spokane in 2003 after he retired from the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel having served for 22 years. Tom grew up on the east coast and graduated with BS from New England College in 1976 and earned a MBA in Financial Planning from Golden Gate University in 1988. He now works in downtown Spokane for a financial services firm. "After the Air Force I chose to live in Spokane for the 'big town, little city' atmosphere where I could enjoy the outdoor activities afforded by the four seasons," Tom said. He is a golfing, downhill skiing, and sailing enthusiast. He has served on the Board of Directors for his home owners' association as well as a four-year term as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee of Greater Spokane Incorporated. Having moved around most of his adult life, Tom wants to get involved in his local community and serve in whatever capacity he can. Tom lives in Spokane with his wife; they have two daughters and three grandchildren. He has also persuaded his mother, mother-in-law, and brother's family to relocate to Spokane.

David Schaub moved back to Spokane in 2010 after leaving as a graduate of Lewis and Clark High School in 1988. A former public school teacher and small business owner, Dave is currently working as "Head of Household" for his wife and two children. In addition to managing these family affairs he is the president of the board of the Dishman Hills Conservancy, a local land trust committed to preserving lands along the Dishman Ridge in Spokane County. He is excited to be expanding his public service involvement and land conservation efforts by actively participating in the Parks Advisory Committee. He is also an active outdoor recreationist

and celebrates living in the Inland Northwest by regularly hiking, biking, skiing and boating throughout the area.

Mel Fowler grew up in a small town in North Carolina, where she became engulfed with the excitement of exploring the woods just beyond her family's property line. Here, she grew a deep affinity for nature, which continued through her college days at Appalachian State University, situated in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and offering amazing hiking and outdoor adventure. After finishing her Bachelor's degree, she attended graduated school at North Carolina State and began her plans to travel the world. She has lived in the Southeast, San Diego, CA and Montana for a short stint, traveled to almost all 50 states, India and Mexico, but has settled into Spokane with a great appreciation for its "big small town" feel and great outdoor and community offerings. Although only a 2-year resident of Spokane, she is heavily involved in many adult sports leagues and is excited to continue her adventure and exploration of Spokane and all it has to offer.