

2021 Board of Directors Statement of Interest

Ivana Fortino



I am seeking re-election to the Tandia Financial Credit Union Board of Directors. I have been a Director for the past six years, where I served on the Audit and Operational Risk Committee, Nominations Committee and I am presently the Vice-Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Governance, Ethics, Human Resource and Policy Committee.

As a Director, I have witnessed first hand the exceptional service and cooperative business model that has allowed for financial growth, innovation and a continued commitment to the social and environmental impact profits have on the communities in which we live and work. This became ever more evident since March 2020 and COVID-19. The response to continue to serve and support the members while maintaining safe working plans for staff was invaluable.

The responsibilities associated with being a Director of Tandia is founded on Our Name, Our Vision, and Our Values. I have been committed to invest in continued professional development to deepen my knowledge of credit unions. I have completed all levels of the Credit Union Director Achievement Program and I have received my Accredited Canadian Union Director Certificate.

Throughout my six years as a Director, I have fully engaged in diligently preparing for committee and board meetings, participated in Board education sessions, credit union webinars and I attended the 2019 International Credit Union Conference. I have been part of the Director Assessment process and I have participated in all Board Strategic Planning sessions. These experiences have been invaluable; they have highlighted how, in my role as Director, I have the unique responsibility to ensure that Tandia continues to sustain profitable growth while remaining committed to the vision. It has been a pleasure, as a Board member, to be associated with the exceptional Management Team, dedicated employees and very knowledgeable individuals who serve on the Board. As a long time member, and shareholder, I strongly believe in what the Credit Union stands for. I hope I can count on your vote to serve on the Board to continue to use my six years of experience to lead us into a future of prudent investing, increased member engagement and building more innovative and enhanced products to meet the needs of all demographic groups.

Thank you.
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