

Bio for Secretary – David J Maandag

Greetings:

When I was first asked to consider running for secretary, I must admit to being shocked. Let me begin by saying that no one could ever come close to filling Karen's shoes in this position and I'd like to thank her for her service to the BCFOA.

I have been a football official for five years, working High School games from Squamish to Chilliwack, and anywhere in between. I've always enjoyed watching the game and thought that the best way to learn about the game was by doing something I've already done in four other sports; become an official. I have had a number of great mentors to learn from over the five years in stripes. From the Walter (Sarge) Beckers to the Robert Kozacs, and the Tim Lederman's and many more, I have learned so much. I still have the shoe bag that the BCFOA gave me in my rookie year and my grass shoes are still kept in that bag today.

Over the five years I have worked mostly on either wing, with some games at umpire late in the last season, and a few chances on a stick crew and as a timer. I've had many opportunities to grow and learn and I now look forward to the chance to give back to the association that made it possible to learn more about this incredibly fun sport.

Thank you for considering me for this position to help out.

David J Maandag