

**NOMINEE (FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT
2019 AGM):
MR. CRAIG VOKEY**

**POSITION SOUGHT:
PRESIDENT**

PLATFORM / BIO:

It has been an exciting three years for Karate Canada. A new logo, admission to the 2023 Canada Games, enhanced excellence funding from Sport Canada, Canadians on PKF and WKF commissions, consistently higher levels of success by Canadian Athletes, success of Karate Canada programs, and the list goes on. Today, Karate Canada members are doing more than ever before, both domestic and internationally.

The next three years will be a time for Karate Canada to consolidate gains, review and improve programs and policies, improve its governance, and to set a new strategic plan for after the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. If selected for another term this will be my main focus.

I often joke that being the President of Karate Canada is the worst paying full-time job I have ever had (it is a volunteer position), however, it remains a labour of love. I would like to thank the Board for its support and counsel over the past three years as well as the Provincial and Territorial Presidents who are key to the success of the national federation. Together we can achieve so much. It is truly a great and exciting time to be a part of Karate Canada and I have been honoured to be the President of this federation for the past three years.

A little about myself:

I have served on various volunteer boards and committees since the age of 16. In 1984 I received a yellowbelt in shotokan and now hold a rokkudan in gojuryu karate. I have an honours BA in Psychology and teach a volunteer karate club at Laurentian University which is in its 25th year. Karate may be an individual journey, but there is no need to travel alone.

Sincerely,

Craig Vokey

