

DOMINIQUE ROELANTS

Recommended

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I have been on the CCCU board for almost nine years, the last two as chair. We have a great board with dedicated members, but most are very new. I am running to help ensure board continuity and to help mentor those new board members. I am a lawyer, and in the past, I worked as a computer science professor and as senior pension plan advisor. I have many of the skills that CCCU is looking for in this election. I am running to help ensure that Coastal Community Credit union continues to be the best financial institution on the Islands.

Work/Professional Experience

- Served on the BC College Pension Board (one of the five largest pension plans in BC) for 13 years – 4 years as chair.
- Worked as the Executive Officer of the BC College, Public Service and Teachers' Pension Boards for four years.
- Worked as a computer science professor at Vancouver Island University for 30 years.
- Currently work as a lawyer part time and as the Labour Relations Advisor for the Camosun College Faculty Association.

Experience in a Complex Regulatory Environment; Establishing Goals; Approving Major Financial Decisions

As a lawyer, and someone who has drafted regulations in the past, I have the skills necessary to help Coastal Community Credit Union navigate the complex regulatory environment we are in. But legal skills are not enough. I have a strong background in mathematics and computer science, having taught both at the university. That background helps me understand the mathematical complexities and optimization issues that arise in our regulatory environment. That same background helps in the analysis and consideration of the major financial decisions we face.

Experience in Lending (Retail/Commercial); Balance Sheet/Treasury; Audit & Financial Management; Legal

I have been practicing law part time for 20 years while simultaneously working in the pension industry as a senior advisor to three of the five largest pension plans in British Columbia. Pension plans must manage their assets and liabilities, which is precisely the work done in managing Coastal Community's balance sheet. Understanding of swaps and other forms of derivatives was essential to my previous role in the pension industry and I bring that skill, along with my legal expertise, to the board of Coastal Community to help our credit union remain strong and able to serve our members.

Background in Strong Governance

I have served on many boards including Coastal Community Credit Union, the University of Victoria, the Municipal Pension Plan, the BC College Pension Plan, BC Investment Management Corporation (one of the five largest investment firms in Canada), Island Savings Credit Union, the University of Victoria and Vancouver Island University. I was chair of the College Pension Board for four years and I am currently chair of the Board of Coastal Community. That experience helps me ensure that Coastal Community is governed well, and I am running to make sure it stays well governed into the future.

How My Values Align with Coastal Community Credit Union

Credit unions came about to fill a need which was to help people who were not well served by the banks. Credit unions – especially Coastal Community – exist to help their members achieve financial health. My interest in the pension industry was also about helping people with their financial health. We serve the interests of our local communities and our members and I am proud to be part of that. It is about helping people, and at my core, that is who I am.

Relevant Education/Designations

- Ph.D. in Computer Science
- M.A. in Sociology
- B.Sc. in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Laws degree
- Institute of Corporate Directors designation

Community Experience

Served on many community boards including Esquimalt Neighbourhood House Society, the Cowichan Valley Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Wysteria House Society, the University of Victoria and Vancouver Island University

Other Experience, Competencies or Life Skills

I also do a significant amount of pro-bono legal work including doing legal work for individuals unable to afford legal services and legal work for local nonprofit organizations.