2018 – 2021
STRATEGIC PLAN
WITH OLYMPIC VISION

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Introduction

The following report is prepared for the FIL Board and the Olympic Vision Committee and is an analysis and set of recommendations for the FIL and its OVC to pursue the vision of lacrosse to be competed on the Olympic Games Program and to achieve its mission.

The vision of the Federation of International Lacrosse is that lacrosse is recognized and played by all countries world-wide and is an Olympic Sport. The fulfillment of the Olympic vision can provide a catalyst to grow the game and brand of lacrosse globally and drive organizational effectiveness and should be the key driver of the strategy and tactics of the organization.

The Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) was established in August 2008 in a merger of both the men’s and women’s international lacrosse associations and is the international governing body for men’s and women’s lacrosse.

The FIL is responsible for the governance and integrity of all forms of lacrosse and provides responsive and effective leadership to support the sports’ development throughout the world.

The FIL currently holds five World Championships:

- Men’s World Lacrosse Championship
- Men’s Under-19 World Lacrosse Championship
- Men’s World Indoor Lacrosse Championship
- Women’s Lacrosse World Cup
- Women’s Under-19 World Lacrosse Championship

Each event is held on a quadrennial basis.

What began as stickball, a native North American Indian contest played by tribal warriors for training, recreation, and religious reasons, has developed over the years into the interscholastic, professional, and international lacrosse. The next step in the evolution of the game is to return to the Olympic program.

Background & Analysis

The International Olympic Committee

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is a unique organization and it is important to understand the history, mission, culture, activities and behavior of this group if lacrosse is to maximize its possibility of becoming an Olympic sport.

The IOC is a diverse group of 100 or so global members from various constituent groups including National Olympic Committees, International Sport Federations and other interested parties. It is important to note the following two points regarding the IOC:

a) The IOC does not answer to any political or governmental organization and has no responsibility to any other entity. They do not bend easily to political or public pressure.
b) The IOC views itself as not simply a sports organization, but rather a global movement that is attempting to build a better World through sport.

Due to pressures from its primary revenue sources of sponsors and broadcasters as well as the demands on the host city to successfully organize the Olympic Games, the IOC has adopted a goal to modernize the Olympic program and maximize the popularity of the Games while reducing the cost and complexity of hosting them. The IOC began this process in earnest after the Sydney Games of 2000. This process resulted in the removal of baseball and softball from the program and the addition of golf and rugby 7’s. After a failed attempt to further modernize the program by removing wrestling, the IOC has for now declared a safe harbor for all sports on the program and a cap or quota on the number of events at 310 and 10,500 total athletes but within those sports and quotas will continue to look to add more popular disciplines and seek more gender equity.

For sports not already on the program and to assist the Host City within its country and local market, the IOC has created a new process, the Host City Proposal, which allows for the host city to propose new sports for inclusion in their games. The Host City Proposal allows lacrosse an opportunity for inclusion in the Games and is the only avenue currently open to lacrosse to do so. Paris has been awarded the Games for 2024 and Los Angeles for 2028 and it is anticipated that both cities will conduct a process and recommend additional sports to the IOC. The current opportunity for FIL to achieve its vision is to position itself as strongly as possible for inclusion on the Host City Proposal process and to build friends and allies within the international sport community.

There will exist significant competition for these spots on the Games program and an analysis has been undertaken that provides an overview and a comparative analysis of FIL against its competitors. The conclusions of the comparison analysis are:

Conclusions of comparison analysis:

- FIL athlete numbers and cost/complexity make Lacrosse more challenging for an Olympic Organizing Committee than many sports
- FIL is not yet fully compliant on institutional matters
- Other IF’s have been at this ‘game’ much longer than FIL
- FIL lags in universality compared to other candidate sports
- FIL has been closing the gap of NGB membership numbers
- FIL World Championships are an underdeveloped property
- Television, digital media, and media interest are behind competitors
- Social media is significantly underdeveloped
- Sponsorship platform and sales are underdeveloped

The comparison provides FIL a roadmap on those areas to aggressively address on the path to Olympic inclusion and should not discourage FIL at this point as FIL has a great story of growth and success and has many other good points that the IOC and the future host cities will evaluate and weigh as part of the Host City Proposal.
A SWOT analysis is a strategic planning tool to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats relative to FIL’s competition. It is a key, critical success factor in the strategic planning process as along with the competitive analysis it forms the basis of the specific strategies and tactics.

### Strengths:
- Passionate, dedicated, talented Board of Directors and key volunteers
- Industry leader with no competitor in the sport
- Sport growing quickly with strong appeal to youth
- Minimal internal politics and strife
- Visually exciting fast paced game
- Clean sport
- Committed resource for sport development
- Strong potential donor pool

### Weaknesses:
- Decentralized leadership and management in transition
- Weak brand awareness in international sport
- Lagging competitors in key areas of TV coverage, sponsorship, digital, and social media
- Revenue generation capabilities currently limited
- Continental Federations not fully formed and not aligned fully with FIL
- FIL not yet fully compliant with IOC good governance guidelines

### Opportunities:
- Host city proposal provides Games inclusion opportunity
- Strong interest and support from large donor(s)
- Potential support from new and significant IOC sponsor
- Professional staff can accelerate the pace of change
- Tide from Olympic vision effort can lift all boats

### Threats:
- Increasing competition for Olympic Games inclusion
- IOC evolves processes
- Paris 2024 difficult proposition for Lacrosse
- No current opportunity for core sport status
- Change could stress FIL and NF resources and relationships

### Process and Critical Success Factors

Based on the SWOT and competitive analysis the following are critical success factors for FIL to achieve its Olympic vision.

- Paris 2024 Host City Proposal process should be pursued as it is the first opportunity for inclusion
- Los Angeles 2028 is second opportunity for inclusion and is a better opportunity for lacrosse’s inclusion
- FIL must become more visible and active participant in international Olympic family. It is important to be known, liked and respected in Olympic Family.
- Lacrosse must build its global brand presence and awareness.
- Continued development and growth of FIL member nations and numbers of players, coaches, officials and volunteers.
- Lacrosse must be presented in an exciting format with great action and fan appeal
- The IOC is seeking sports that are popular with youth, have urban appeal and balance gender
• The digital and social media footprint and reach will continue to grow in importance
• The marketability of the sport to sponsors and broadcasters is a key factor to acceptance
• Cost and complexity and athlete numbers of proposed events should be kept at minimum
• Legacy and impact to local Host City and nation
• Olympic Vision effort and FIL strategy need to be aligned and executed as one plan

FIL Olympic Vision Strategy and Plan

Based on the analysis that has been undertaken the following strategy and steps are recommended for lacrosse to grow around the world and gain inclusion in the program of the Olympic Games.

FIL Vision

Lacrosse is recognized and played by all countries world-wide and is an Olympic Sport.

FIL Mission

FIL will provide governance and integrity for all forms of lacrosse and will provide responsive and effective leadership to support the sport’s development throughout the world.

Olympic Vision Committee Mission

Create and lead a global movement to amplify the message to the Olympic family of the values and benefit of lacrosse, support the growth and popularity of lacrosse, and effectively lobby and present the case for lacrosse to the IOC.

Scope

This Strategic plan encompasses the fall quarter of 2017 through the fall of 2024 to coincide with the IOC host city proposal process and is designed to create a set of actions and activities that lead to the fulfillment of the vision and mission of FIL.
FIL Board
President
Vice-President
Secretary General
Staff
Chief Executive Officer
Development Officer
Anti-doping
Executive Assistant

Proposed Olympic Vision structure

OLYMPIC VISION COMMITTEE

Director
Chairman
Staff Liaison

Executive Committee

Olympic Vision Campaign Board (advisory)
The following are key strategies that allow FIL to achieve its vision to build the brand and resources of lacrosse, grow the game, and lead and inspire.

**Key Strategies**

1. **Effectively build relationships and successfully present the case of lacrosse to the IOC, Olympic family, and host cities for the Olympic Games.**
2. **Build the brand, popularity, appeal, and growth of lacrosse globally.**
3. Increase the core competencies of FIL, its Continental Federations, National Federations, and management to support the effort.

### Strategy 1. Effectively build relationships and successfully present the case of lacrosse to the IOC, Olympic family, and host cities for the Olympic Games.

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<th>Present a winning case for lacrosse</th>
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<td>Tactics</td>
<td>Hire TSE Consulting or other consultant to provide benchmarking survey of international sport community (year one only, cost $20,000)</td>
<td>Build case statement and messaging positioning supporting lacrosse as an Olympic sport</td>
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<td>Secure services of Olympic Consultants to gather information, develop key messaging, and support the effort.</td>
<td>Prepare initial materials to support the case, brochures, swag, promotional videos, digital and social media content</td>
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<td>Develop lobby team that remains consistent for the long term to attend key IOC functions and international sport events and meetings.</td>
<td>Infuse all media channels with relevant messaging</td>
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<td>Support individuals within lacrosse or lacrosse backgrounds for election or selection to prominent positions in international sport (no cost)</td>
<td>Recruit key supporters with influence from sport, business, and entertainment sectors</td>
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### Strategy 2. Build the brand, popularity, appeal, and growth of lacrosse globally.

Strategic Goal 2.1 - increase global brand awareness for FIL and international lacrosse.
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<th>Key Strategies</th>
<th>Analyze, build and convey the brand globally and to select Olympic audiences through Brand identity and Brand campaign</th>
<th>Within Brand identity and Campaign exercise develop sub-brand and positioning for Olympic Vision Campaign</th>
<th>Expand FIL’s digital and social media reach and impact and that of OVC</th>
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<td>Tactics</td>
<td>Secure brand agency to assist in delivery and analysis</td>
<td>Develop visual identity, materials and messaging to support Olympic Vision Committee and its work * Budget and delivery plan for 2.1.2 contained in 2.1.1.</td>
<td>Redesign and upgrade FIL website</td>
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<th>Increase revenue and exposure through a comprehensive television broadcasting and live-stream digital media platform</th>
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<td>Create and conduct annual and quadrennial FIL public relations program. Targeted Promotional campaign to support Olympic Vision</td>
<td>Create integrated partner/sponsor platform and sales strategy</td>
<td>Design and direct a comprehensive broadcasting program that encompasses digital, social, and linear television platforms.</td>
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<td>Maintain and manage press relations with lacrosse family and Olympic family media. Hire communications/brand/com</td>
<td>Hire Chief Revenue Officer to oversee all commercial programs and secure outside agency(s) to augment sales efforts if warranted</td>
<td>Generate revenue through the sale of broadcast rights packages and the licensing of original content</td>
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| Attract supporters and raise funds through private donations, foundations, and grants with priority funds to support the Olympic Vision effort | Develop case statement  
Identify and cultivate prospects  
Solicit high end donors  
Create annual fund or giving programs  
Generate schedule of special events and activities to cultivate donors |
| Expand the reach, visibility, awareness, and revenue for FIL and lacrosse through an aggressive merchandise and licensing program | Align merchandise and licensing platform with FIL brand objectives  
In conjunction with website redesign build e-commerce function  
Select merchandise partners and develop line of apparel  
Identify and contract for points-of-sale; retail, NF’s, events, e-commerce, other. |
Strategic Goal 2.2 – Provide a program of events that showcases and develops the sport and builds the brand, exposure and revenue of FIL.

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<td>Develop and implement structure for event management system to include Competition Chair, Men and Women’s competition directors and committees, and management.</td>
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<td>Reimagine and invigorate the World Championships and FIL events platform.</td>
<td>Form internal working group to provide analysis and recommendations for improvements of Championship hosting comprised of former hosts, Continental Federations, National Federations, Athletes, Coaches, Officials, and Board.</td>
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<td>Support and grow the events platform and maximize revenue and exposure through the development of a shared commercial and broadcast platform with FIL event hosts.</td>
<td>Secure and aggregate FIL commercial and broadcast rights via host tendering and contracts.</td>
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<td>Develop shared selling model to leverage partner and sponsor sales and revenue.</td>
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<td>Review standards and requirements for various MSE’s, Youth Olympic Games, Continental Championships, Asian Indoor Sports Games, and others.</td>
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**Strategic Goal 2.3 – Grow and retain people and country involvement in all forms of lacrosse including players, official, coaches, and administrators.**

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**Strategy 3 - Increase the core competencies of FIL, its Continental Federations, National Federations, and management to support the effort.**
Strategic Goal 3.0. – Effectively manage the administrative and business affairs of FIL and ensure financial sustainability.

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<th>Key Strategies</th>
<th>Timely distribution of information to all members</th>
<th>Attain best in world standard and model for professional IF governance</th>
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<td>Tactics</td>
<td>Create and distribute President’s newsletter quarterly</td>
<td>Review current governance practices compared to best in world standards</td>
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<td>Communications policy established/reviewed</td>
<td>Undertake annual board review</td>
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<td>Build and refine website section for member communications (two way)</td>
<td>General Assembly review undertaken with NF’s</td>
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<td>Annual financial reports audited with periodic board approval of outside auditor</td>
<td>Develop staffing plan with positions, timing, and budgets</td>
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<td>Posting of financial statements in members only and distribution to membership</td>
<td>Hire key staff with Board approval – Appendix 2 contains staff job descriptions and cost of proposed staff is in proposed budget.</td>
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<td>Directors and Officers insurance board reviewed periodically</td>
<td>Develop and implement management reporting and communication plans for Board, committees, Continental Federations, and National Federations</td>
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<td>Annual board planning meeting developed and reviewed</td>
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**Potential next steps**

The implementation plan, preparation phase, and initial three phases are recommended as follows:
**Preparation Phase**

Last quarter 2018 and first quarter 2018

**Development of OVC, plan approval, initial fund-raising and support for IOC recognition, strategic plan initiation**

a. Olympic Vision Committee structure and plan presented to FIL Board for Approval  
b. Initial Fund-raising plan and goals approved, meet and solicit lead donor(s)  
c. Support IOC Executive Board Sport recognition decision in Summer – lobby IOC leadership and maintain relationship and monitor application with IOC sports department.

**PHASE I**

**Olympic Family assessment**

Second quarter 2018

a. *International Survey* – I am recommending that Burson-Marsteller (formerly TSE) Consulting or another consulting agency be engaged to conduct a survey of key international sport leaders. TSE is a recognized leader in the field of Olympic sport.

TSE Surveys is an international online survey tool that enables you to ask questions that are important to you in a confidential, user-friendly way to our panel of experts, who are all industry leaders in the world of international sport, such as:

- Senior executives of International Federations  
- International sports journalists and sports editors  
- Commercial sector sports specialists  
- Other key influencers

TSE Surveys can swiftly provide FIL with knowledgeable information based on opinions from experts in international sport regarding your organization’s development and the general perceptions of lacrosse within the world of Olympic sport.

b. *Confidential meetings with key International Olympic Sport leaders*

The Chief Executive will schedule, arrange and conduct informal meetings with many key leaders of the Olympic family. It is recommended to meet in turn with Christophe deeper, IOC Director General, Christophe Dubi, Olympic Games Director, and Kit McConnell, Sport Director, and IOC Executive Board members, IOC Program Commission members, Sport Accord President and/or council members, Los Angeles and Paris OCOG leaders, Olympic Broadcasters especially NBC and others.
The goal of these meetings is to gain valuable information regarding the perception of the sport and the IF.

Phase I Deliverables

- Sport leader survey results
- Initial International Federation assessment
- Summary of IOC insider feedback

Phase II

Analysis of situation

Administrative Process

By-laws and Constitution

Key Organizational and Games memberships

Final Action Plan

- Review organizational assessment results
- Review the organizational documents
- Edit/Create necessary organizational documents that meet the desired standards of the IOC
- Create situational analysis of current environment of sport based on survey results and interviews within Olympic Family
- Political Action Plan and final strategic plan developed providing full road map for International Federation development and IOC Olympic Games sport inclusion

Based on the survey results and assessment, the Chief Executive, the OVC, and the FIL Board appointees would complete a political action plan as well as confirm and finalize the FIL strategic action plan which would identify a set of project objectives as well as key organizations and people necessary to meet strategic objectives.

Deliverables

- Situational Analysis of current sport and environment
- Assessment and analysis of FIL
• Recommended Organizational organic documents
• Recommendation for membership into various multi-sport Games
• Application for membership into selected International multi-sport organizations
• Action Plan for sport inclusion and final FIL strategic plan

Phase III

Key Relationship Meetings

Communication Plan

Lobbying strategy

• Develop and implement lobbying strategy by identifying key audience and meetings to attend and supporting activities as well as key consultants
• Create Brand identity, messaging, and brand campaign for lacrosse
• Build Olympic Vision media and communication strategy around important meetings, events, and key Olympic activities as well as progress against action plan with insider Olympic media.
• Implement action plan and promote progress around it.
• Begin to attend and/or exhibit at key events where key messages can be delivered
• Create materials and promotions that support Olympic Program inclusion

Phase III is the initial introduction phase of the campaign to introduce and promote lacrosse to the Olympic family and campaign for inclusion in the Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. in the Olympic Games program of Paris 2024 or Los Angeles 2028. This Phase has an overlap with Phase 2.

Phase III Deliverables

Deliverables
• Brand identity, messaging and brand campaign plan/execution
• Fund raising campaign to support Olympic vision
• Media and communication strategy and execution with Olympic insider media
• FIL strategic plan support and implementation
• Development of promotional materials to support campaign
• Lobbying and relationship building strategy and support
• Key event attendance and exhibition support- SportAccord 2018 and other International sport events
Phase IV

Plan implementation

Implement fully Strategic Plan

Execute Lobbying and event strategy

Continue Communication plan

Launch revenue generation and exposure platforms

Bid and host reimagined events

- Fully exercise lobbying and event strategy with IOC members, Program Commission, and Olympic leaders through the 2024 and 2028 OCOG Program process
- Provide cover and support for Lobbying efforts with media campaign
- Work to become valued member of Olympic Family
- Participate actively in key membership Organizations
- Fully implement FIL Strategic Plan to provide most attractive sport and IF of Olympic inclusion

The key outcomes for Phase IV are to win the recommendation of the Organizing Committee for the 2024 or 2028 Olympic Games to be placed on their sport program and then to have the IOC Program Commission, the IOC Executive Board, and the full IOC membership approve that recommendation. This would necessitate a supporting lobbying effort and media campaign. It will involve a candidature phase with the 2024 Host city Paris that will consist of a written application as well as in person presentations to the OCOG, and, hopefully, the IOC Program Commission, the IOC Executive Board, and the IOC membership as the Tokyo 2020 session as well as the same for Los Angeles 2028 four years later.

Phase IV - Deliverables

- Political Action plan implementation, periodic reports
- Website redesign and launch
- Social media plan and execution
- Website and social media content
- Broadcast platform
- World Championships reimagination
- Sponsorship and Merchandise/licensing sales
The following budget is developed and proposed to encompass the three key overall strategies to achieve Olympic program inclusion. It is very much an aspirational budget and must first have revenue secured from the Olympic Vision Campaign to implement the full budget. The budget may need to be adjusted to the expected revenue from fundraising and other sources once the initial ‘silent’ phase of the campaign is final.

**FIL Strategic Plan with Olympic Vision expense budget**

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Appendix 1- FIL Proposed Staff Organizational Chart and Job Descriptions

FIL Staff Structure
Blue – Year One (2018)
Red – Year Two (2019)
CEO Job Description- (from employment agreement)

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) is responsible for the operation leadership of the FIL within strategic directions agreed upon by the FIL Board.

The CEO will develop the FIL organizational structure, operation and professional staff and will select and manage outsourced services and will deliver key organizational functions.

The CEO will be responsible for supporting the Board and delivering the following functions:

Marketing and Communications-
- Strengthen the standing of lacrosse on the world sporting stage.
- Develop and maintain effective contact and communications with FIL member federations and other relevant bodies.
- Develop and implement the FIL’s communication and marketing strategy

Income Generation (fundraising and partnerships)
- Develop and implement the FIL’s fundraising program
- Evolve and develop the structure and policies of FIL events
- Develop and manage the FIL’s commercial activity relative to sponsorship platform and media rights

Financial and Legal
- Prepare the annual budget and manage the finances of FIL
- Ensure that all contractual matters relating to FIL operations are effectively negotiated, managed and organized

Development
- Support the development of lacrosse as a global sport
- Represent the FIL on other relevant bodies as required
Administrations

Advise the Board on all relevant matter
Organize and attend meetings of the FIL Board and General Assembly as required
Oversee the organization of FIL events
Oversight of the FIL’s anti-doping program
Management of staff as assigned
Discharging other duties and functions as may be required from time and time
Chief Revenue Officer

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Purpose and Reporting:

The Chief Revenue Officer reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer and supports the achievement of the mission and goals of the FIL and the effectiveness of the executive office.

Duties and Job Responsibilities:

General

- Support the CEO in managing the day-to-day operations of the International Federation
- As a member of the Senior team, work directly with the CEO to fulfill the requirements and expectations of the FIL Board of Directors; including the development and execution of long-range strategic and operational plans.

Broadcasting (Digital/Social/Television)

- Design and direct a comprehensive broadcasting platform and program that encompasses digital, social and linear television platforms
- Generate revenue through the sale of broadcast rights packages and the licensing of original content

Merchandise and licensing

- Develop and direct a merchandise and licensing program that supports the growth of the FIL brand and generates revenue

Commercial property and event development

- Develop, package, prospect and sell corporate partnerships, sponsorships, and supplier relationships on behalf of FIL and FIL partners
- Assist the CEO to reimagine and develop the World Championships and other events as properties that have well developed media interest, broadcast and digital rights, sponsor assets, social media following, and fan attendance.
- Build a properties model developing FIL assets for sale
• Leverage and build FIL events as properties for broadcast, digital media distribution, ticket sales, sponsorship, merchandise and all event related revenues
Chief Brand, PR and Communications Officer

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Purpose and Reporting:

The Chief Brand, PR and Communications Officer reports directly to the chief executive officer and supports the achievement of the mission and goals of the FIL and the effectiveness of the executive office.

Duties and Job Responsibilities:

General

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Brand

- Execute a process to define and build FIL’s brand identity and visual marks system
- Develop and launch a brand campaign to increase FIL’s brand exposure
- Manage brand architecture system and develop brands for all FIL activities and properties

Strategic Communications

- Serve as FIL spokesperson
- Design and direct a comprehensive strategic communications strategy and program that raises the profile of the FIL globally and generates greater awareness and support for the sport.
- Strategically position the FIL, its leadership and the sport of lacrosse as a key requirement in the campaign to gain Olympic inclusion.
- Implement Board and President regular communications and National Federation communications
- Manage all FIL communications

Broadcasting (Digital/Social/Television)
• Design and direct a comprehensive broadcasting platform and program that encompasses digital, social and linear television platforms
• Generate revenue through the sale of broadcast rights packages and the licensing of original content

Website and social media

• Manage FIL website and all social media
• Supervise Social Media Manager
• Drive growth in FIL on-line fan base and audience and grow all forms of social media following for FIL
Director of Private Donor Fundraising – Job Description

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Purpose and Reporting:

The Director of Private Donor Fundraising reports directly to the chief executive officer and supports the achievement of the mission and goals of the FIL and the effectiveness of the executive office.

Duties and Job Responsibilities:

General

- Support the CEO in managing the day-to-day operations of the International Federation
- As a member of the Senior team, work directly with the CEO to fulfill the requirements and expectations of the FIL Board of Directors; including the development and execution of long-range strategic and operational plans.

Capital Campaign

- Manage and oversee the Olympic Vision Capital Campaign
- Plan and execute all Capital Campaign fundraising events
- Identify prospective Capital Campaign donors
- Prepare internal progress reports for CEO, OVC, and other partners as necessary
- Develop all printed materials and fundraising collateral

Annual giving

- Develop and manage FIL’s annual fundraising program
- Explore and report on the viability of direct mail or other forms of fundraising
- Develop and manage FIL’s annual fundraising program
- Maintain ongoing communications with private and corporate donors
- Prepare and ensure accurate and timely reports to all donors and foundations
- Research and write requests for funding to foundations and other funding agencies
- Manage donor fulfillment programs at all FIL events
- Develop and execute fundraising events in support of Olympic vision Campaign and annual fundraising programs
Social Media Manager – Job Description

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Purpose and Reporting:

The social media manager reports directly to the chief brand officer and supports the achievement of the mission and goals of the FIL and the effectiveness of the executive office.

Duties and Job Responsibilities:

The Social Media Manager will administer the company's social media marketing and advertising. Administration includes but is not limited to:

- Deliberate planning and goal setting
- Development of brand awareness and online reputation
- Content management
- SEO (search engine optimization) and generation of inbound traffic
- Cultivation of leads and sales

The Social Media Manager is a highly motivated, creative individual with experience and a passion for connecting with current and future customers. That passion comes through as he/she engages with customers and fans on a daily basis.

Content management duties include:

- Administrate the creation and publishing of relevant, original, high-quality content.
- Identify and improve organizational development aspects that would improve content
  - Create a regular publishing schedule.
  - Implement a content editorial calendar to manage content and plan specific, timely marketing campaigns.
- Promote content through social advertising.
- Manage social media marketing campaigns and day-to-day activities including:
  - Develop relevant content topics to reach the company's target customers.
  - Create, curate, and manage all published content (images, video and written).
  - Monitor, listen and respond to users in a “Social” way while cultivating leads and sales.
  - Conduct online advocacy and open a stream for cross-promotions.
  - Develop and expand community and/or influencer outreach efforts.
  - Oversee design (i.e.: Facebook Timeline cover, profile pic, thumbnails, ads, landing pages, Twitter profile, Blog, etc.).
  - Design, create and manage promotions and Social ad campaigns.
• Manage efforts in building online reviews and reputation. Monitor online reviews and respond to each review.
• Analyze key metrics and tweak strategy as needed.
• Compile reports for management showing results (ROI).

• Become an advocate for the company in social media spaces, engaging in dialogues and answering questions where appropriate.
• Demonstrate ability to map out a comprehensive marketing plan. Drive strategies that are proven by testing and metrics.
• Develop organizational elements to implement a proactive process for capturing happy, loyal customer online reviews.
• Monitor trends in social media tools, applications, channels, design and strategy.
• Identify threats and opportunities in user-generated content surrounding the company. Report notable threats to appropriate management.
• Analyze campaigns and translate anecdotal or qualitative data into recommendations and plans for revising social media, content marketing, SEO and social advertising campaigns.
• Monitor effective benchmarks (Best Practices) for measuring the impact of social media campaigns. Analyze, review, and report on effectiveness of campaigns to maximize results.
Director of Development (Sport)

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Purpose and Reporting:

The Director of Development reports directly to the chief executive officer and works closely with the Chair of the Development Committee and supports the achievement of the mission and goals of the FIL and the effectiveness of the executive office.

Duties and Job Responsibilities:

- Support the development committee to increase membership and forms of lacrosse as measured by increase in full, association and allied membership and numbers of athletes corresponding to member nations

- Implement policies and process for increasing the number of international officials, coaches and volunteers

- Update and improve member and new member guidelines; review of the new member procedure and criteria to be in good standing as a member of FIL

- Develop membership best practices seminars and materials

- Follow-up with current members on current criteria to insure all countries are compliant with membership rules

- Development survey, feedback from members on development; create and develop a survey to include SWOT and development needs

- Maintain accurate reporting for statistics of member countries on programs, events, and member numbers for FIL board and Development committee

- Review and update all administrative documents as required
• Assist in the development of regional and local events

• Create and maintain as current, “How to start, organize and market a new lacrosse organization” for prospective members

• Support new and prospective members to successfully start a lacrosse program, marketing and promotional initiatives and encouraging new members, support emerging member, and enhancing effectiveness of existing members

• Support Continental Federation development and effectiveness

• Support Development Committee to conduct and promote clinics and equipment grant program

• Build grant program for emerging new member federations
Competition Manager

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Purpose and Reporting:

The Manager of Competitions reports directly to the chief Revenue Officer and works closely with the FIL Board Competition Director and supports the achievement of the mission and goals of the FIL through effective event bidding and management.

Duties and Job Responsibilities:

Manage FIL’s Competition and Athletes Programs including event direction/management, event registration and processing, event communication, event support, personnel and committee support, and other program-related duties and projects.

Specific responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Management and oversight of FIL’s Event competition management system
- Event registration, processing, and communication support for Competition Director
- Manage updates to competition and administrative guidelines in collaboration with Competition Director
- Manage qualification process for select World Events
- Create and maintain computerized records for World and other events. Ensure that records are complete, accurate and up-to-date. Includes managing and assisting with related data entry.
- Manage FIL response to player/team eligibility issues (inc. staff support to eligibility committees) –
- Support Event bid procedures and process assist in securing event hosts and bids –
- Work directly with Local Organizing Committees and Tournament Directors to coordinate event logistics –
- Prepare Event content for FIL Website
- Coordinate all competition-related aspects of championship event(s), including team selection/qualification, seeding, formats, scheduling, and competition rules.
- Attend championship event(s), as directed - Assist with site selection for future championship event(s) Event support
- Staff support to Competition and other committees, as assigned –
- Manage temporary staff hired for event related tasks Other program-related duties and projects
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Qualifications and Experience

• Possesses knowledge and experience in the tenets of traditional marketing. Marketing degree is welcomed but not required with relevant work experience.
• Demonstrates creativity and documented immersion in social media. (Give links to profiles as examples).
• Proficient in content marketing theory and application.
• Experience sourcing and managing content development and publishing.
• Exhibits the ability to jump from the creative side of marketing to analytical side, able to demonstrate why their ideas are analytically sound.
• Displays in-depth knowledge and understanding of social media platforms, their respective participants (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Pinterest etc.) and how each platform can be deployed in different scenarios.
• Maintains excellent writing and language skills.
• Enjoys a working knowledge of the blogging ecosystem relevant to the company's field.
• Displays ability to effectively communicate information and ideas in written and video format.
• Exceeds at building and maintaining sales relationships, online and off.
• Practices superior time management.
• Is a team player with the confidence to take the lead and guide other employees when necessary? (i.e.: content development, creation and editing of content, and online reputation management).
• Makes evident good technical understanding and can pick up new tools quickly.
• Maintains a working knowledge of principles of SEO including keyword research and Google Analytics. Highly knowledgeable in the principles of “Search and Social.”
• Possesses functional knowledge and/or personal experience with WordPress.
• Demonstrates winning Social Customer Service techniques such as empathy, patience, advocacy and conflict resolution.
• Possesses great ability to identify potential negative or crisis and apply conflict resolution principles to mitigate issues

Executive Assistant Job Description

Purpose and Reporting:

The Executive Assistant reports directly the Chief Executive Officer and supports the achievement of the mission and goals of the Federation and the effectiveness of the Executive Office. The EA will also support the President of the Federation from time to time as assigned by the CEO.

Executive Assistant Job Responsibilities:

Enhances executive’s effectiveness by providing information management support; representing the executive and organization to others.

Produces information by transcribing, formatting, inputting, editing, retrieving, copying, and transmitting text, data, and graphics.

• Conserves executive's time by reading, researching, and routing correspondence; drafting letters and documents; collecting and analyzing information; initiating telecommunications.
• Maintains executive's appointment schedule by planning and scheduling meetings, conferences, teleconferences, and travel.
• Represents the executive by attending assigned meetings in the executive's absence; speaking for the executive.
• Welcomes guests and customers by greeting them, in person or on the telephone; answering or directing inquiries.
• Maintains customer confidence and protects operations by keeping information confidential.
• Completes assigned projects and follows up on results.
• Prepares reports by collecting and analyzing information.
• Secures information by completing data base backups.
• Provides historical reference by developing and utilizing filing and retrieval systems; recording meeting discussions.
• Maintains office supplies inventory by checking stock to determine inventory level; anticipating needed supplies; evaluating new office products; placing and expediting orders for supplies; verifying receipt of supplies.
• Ensures operation of equipment by completing preventive maintenance requirements; following manufacturer's instructions; troubleshooting malfunctions; calling for repairs; maintaining equipment inventories; evaluating new equipment and techniques.
• Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops; reviewing professional publications; establishing personal networks; participating in professional societies.
• Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed.
• Prepares and maintains financial reports.
• Assists with the management of the internal Information Technology and web site maintenance as required.
• Produces reports and documents on Excel, Microsoft word, and Power point as needed and requested.
• Supports the implementation and management of Office 365 for the Chief Executive and the Board.

Executive Assistant Skills and Qualifications:

Writing Skills, Reporting Skills, Supply Management, Scheduling, Microsoft Office/Office 365 Skills, Organization, Time Management, Presentation Skills, Equipment Maintenance, Travel Logistics, Information Technology, Financial Reporting, Verbal Communication