

Director Nominations for the 2025- 2026 Board of Directors

** To be elected for a SECOND 3-year Term expiring June 2028 **

Azam Ishmael (start date: June 8, 2022)

National Director and 2021 National Campaign Director



In a career that has spanned the country, leading private, public and not for profit offices, Azam has been responsible for establishing and managing organizational best practices, including board governance, strategic direction, fundraising, risk and reputation management. Azam is currently the National Director for the Liberal Party of Canada and served as the 2021 National Campaign Director for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

He has led a number of different organizations and has a proven track record of results with positive revenue and donor growth, stakeholder management and team building. These roles required Azam to navigate strategically in complex, multi-stakeholder environments in heavily regulated and scrutinized industries. Sound judgement, tact, collegiality, integrity & interpersonal skills have been crucial in both leading these organizations and having them succeed.

Further to leading organizations he has served as a Senior Policy Analyst to the Government of Nova Scotia in its Executive Council Office (Office of Planning and Priorities), Senior Advisor to the Minister of Education and Minister of Rural Affairs for the Government of Ontario. He also served as President of Data Sciences Inc. working with a group of leading experts in the fields of data analytics, digital marketing, and engagement campaigns in support of a variety of Canadian non-profits, political parties, and major companies.

Born in Chateauguay, QC, but now residing in Ottawa, On Azam is fluently bilingual in both French and English, has a reputation as a passionate and articulate communicator, and has been invited to speak at events across Canada for his expertise in advocacy and mobilization.

Azam Ishmael currently offers his knowledge and expertise to the Fundraising Committee of Easter Seals Ontario.