

Report of the Governance and Strategic Planning Committee on Bylaw Changes

Motion: Subject to the approval of the Registrar, be it resolved that the Board of Directors recommends the following changes to the Curl BC Bylaws to the membership at the Annual General Meeting:

- **Amend Bylaw Part 1 paragraph 1. to add Item h. to read:**

h. "Governor" shall have the same meaning as "Director" as defined in the Society Act.

- **Amend Bylaw Part 2 Paragraph 4 from:**

"4. Membership in the society shall be divided into three classes, namely:

- a. Member facilities*
- b. Life Members*
- c. Honorary Life members Amendment September 16, 2006"*

to

"4. Membership in the society shall be divided into five classes, namely:

- a. Member facilities*
- b. Life Members*
- c. Honorary Life Members Amendment September 16, 2006*
- d. Affiliated Curlers*
- e. Affiliated Associations*

- **Add a new Bylaw Paragraph 10 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly:**

"10. Any association or organized group whose primary purpose is the advancement or development of the sport of curling, whose members are affiliated curlers and who is not eligible to become a member facility may apply to the directors for membership in the society and on acceptance by the directors as an affiliated association. Affiliated associations shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the society, save and except voting at any meeting of the society."

- **Amend the current bylaw paragraph 12 from:**

"12. Each member facility shall annually submit to the society a list of all curlers participating in regularly organized curling activities within its facilities."

To:

"12. Each member facility shall annually submit to the society by the date set by the directors a list of all curlers participating in regularly organized curling activities within its facility. These curlers shall be 'affiliated curlers' and shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the society, save and except voting at any meeting of the society (except as a delegate)."

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- **Amend the current Bylaw paragraph 21 from:**

“Each member facility in good standing shall appoint one female and one male delegate to attend and represent the facility at all meetings of the society, but each set of female and male delegates shall together hold only one vote at meetings. Each member facility shall inform the secretary of the society in writing of the names and addresses of its female delegate and its male delegate prior to the commencement of any meeting.”

to

“Each member facility in good standing shall appoint one delegate to attend and represent the facility at all meetings of the society. Each member facility shall inform the secretary of the society in writing of the name and address of its delegate prior to the commencement of any meeting.”

- **Amend the current Bylaw paragraph 22.e from:**

“The respective member facilities within regions 1 through 10 shall elect one female and one male region representative and shall further each elect one of those region representatives as directors of the society.”

to

“The respective member facilities within regions 1 through 10 shall elect two region representatives and shall further elect one of those region representatives as a governor of the society.”

- **Amend the current Bylaw paragraph 22.f from:**

“The member facilities within region 11 shall elect four female and four male region representative and shall further elect four of those region representatives as directors of the society.”

to

“The respective member facilities within region 11 shall elect eight region representatives and shall further elect four of those region representatives as a governor of the society.”

- **Wherever they appear in the current bylaws:**

- “Director” shall be amended to “Governor”;
- “Directors” shall be amended to “Governors”;
- “Board of Directors” shall be amended to “Board of Governors”;
- “President” shall be amended to “Chair”;
- “Vice President” shall be amended to “Vice Chair”;
- “Chair” shall be amended to “Meeting Chair”.

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Rationale

At the January Board meeting, the Board approved looking at bylaw changes addressing three areas of potential change:

- Membership classes;
- Gender status; and
- General terminology.

Membership Classes

The bylaws currently define three membership classes:

- Member facilities (the voting members);
- Life members (non-voting); and
- Honorary life members (non-voting).

The objective in this area was to look at a membership class to include “affiliated curlers” i.e., curlers affiliated with a member facilities in good standing or a curler participating in regularly organized curling activities within a member facility as well as a membership class to include other “curling associations” as recognized in policy such as BC High School Curling, Fireman’s Curling, BCIMCA, PCMA, BC Stick Curling Association, etc.

This is also going to be required to satisfy changing requirements at the national level and potentially provincial government level recognizing and accounting for individuals.

As section 7(2) of the BC Societies Act states that “A society may have non-voting members but their number must not exceed the number of voting members” and as it is our intent that the member facilities remain as the voting members, the addition of these two other class as non-voting members requires a waiver from the Registrar. A letter has been sent to the Registrar requesting a waiver on this requirement similar to that of other Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs).

Gender Status

The current bylaws require member facilities to send one female representative and one male representative to each meeting (although together they only have one vote) and also to elect an equal number of male and female regional representatives. While this was a requirement during the merger of the BCLCA, BCICA and PCCA, member facilities and regional meetings have requested that the gender requirements for club delegates and regional representatives be eliminated and that only one delegate need represent a member facility.

General Terminology

In line with the Board’s direction to become a governance board instead of an operating board, the terminology stated in the bylaws should be modified to be consistent with governance terminology.