



August 12, 2014

To: Rowing BC Member Clubs

From: Peter Jackson – President, Rowing BC

Re: Change in Governance Structure for Rowing BC

During a review of our operational plan to deliver on the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan it became apparent that the governance structure of Rowing BC, as described in the Society's By-laws, could be improved to allow Rowing BC to better serve member clubs, coaches, athletes and umpires. Subsequently the Board of Directors initiated a review of the governance structure of Rowing BC that indicated the possible need to modify the current structure of the Board of Directors. Accordingly, modifications to the existing by-laws are being considered.

The Board has undertaken to develop the appropriate resolutions that will be presented to the Membership for a vote at this year's Annual General Meeting on **November 22nd**. As an important part of its process, and prior to finalizing resolutions for the membership to vote on, the Board is requesting input from the membership. A summary of the changes being considered is provided below.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Peter Jackson, president@rowingbc.ca

Summary of changes:

- Replace specific VP-portfolios with Director-at-Large positions and create a Board with a minimum of seven Directors and a maximum of ten Directors. Currently there are eight Directors with the possibility of a ninth to ensure regional representation.
- President and Treasurer continue to be elected directly by the membership. President to be elected in even numbered years, Treasurer to be elected in odd numbered years. The Board will appoint a Vice President and a Secretary from the elected Directors.
- The Board will decide the number of positions open for election prior to the formation of the nominating committee being appointed for elections at the current year's AGM. In addition, the Board will have the authority to increase the number directors, up to ten during a year if they deem it necessary.



- The Past President sits as a voting member of the Board in addition to the positions outlined above. No change from the current practice.
- Define an “Executive Committee” as Executive Director, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- 2-year terms for all Directors – equal, or as close to equal as possible, number of directors and/or positions elected each year.
- Any director will be limited to 10 consecutive years, not including any time served as past president.
- Limit of 4 consecutive years for a Director in any one Executive position.
- Remove the requirement for there to be a Regattas and Technical Installation Committee; the functions of this committee will continue to be a responsibility of Rowing BC.
- Remove the requirement for representatives from each of three zones – Metro Vancouver, Vancouver Island and the Interior. The Nominating Committee will work to ensure representation from all regions.
- All nominations for Directors will continue to be circulated to the membership in advance of the AGM. Any nominations from the membership, in addition to the nominations on the slate put forth by the Nominating Committee must be in 30 days advance of the AGM so they can be circulated to the membership. Nominations from the floor for Director, President or Treasurer will no longer be possible.