



## Message from our Board President

June 27, 2022

Dear fellow Members,

I am writing today to update you on the status of the comprehensive governance review that the Board of HCBC has been undertaking over the past year. Excellent progress has been made, and we are working towards putting a series of proposed bylaw changes to a Member vote at a Special General Meeting (SGM) on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

As background, the need for a review of HCBC's governance model was identified as a priority by the Board in late 2020, in response to upcoming changes to the BC Societies Act, best practices for Provincial Sport Organizations and a review of modern governance models in place for member-based associations. The mandate to conduct the review was given by the Board to the Governance Committee, chaired by Joan Chess-Woollacott and comprised of Lynda Atkinson, Catherine Davidson, myself (ex-officio) and Craig Cherrett (Executive Director/ex-officio). The Board approved retaining external governance advisor McLaughlin & Associates to help in the review and proposed updates.

The intent of the proposed bylaw update is to:

- Align with appropriate best governance practices for member association boards and BC Provincial Sport Organizations
- Increase the effectiveness of our board governance processes and structures on behalf of all members
- Streamline and reduce cost and burden on staff caused by a large board with varying priorities and agendas

Click the button below to see a summary of the proposed bylaw changes.

[\*\*Summary of Proposed Bylaw Changes\*\*](#)

Bylaws serve to protect the Members by clearly stating the rules by which the Society is governed, and we encourage all members to review the proposed changes to ensure an understanding of what is being contemplated, and exercise your right to vote at the SGM. If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the proposed changes listed above, please email me at [president@hcbc.ca](mailto:president@hcbc.ca) before July 8, 2022.

If the Membership is supportive of the proposed changes listed above, the Board anticipates calling a vote on the proposed bylaws at the SGM on August 29th. The Board will share the recommended bylaws in full detail to the Membership (14 DAYS PRIOR) as part of the SGM's Notice of Meeting.

In summary, the following is our timeline:

**July 8:** Members to submit all questions/concerns to [president@hcbc.ca](mailto:president@hcbc.ca)

**August 12:** Notice of SGM circulated and full detail of recommended bylaws provided to Members

**August 29, 2022, 7:00 p.m. (PST):** SGM and vote on the proposed bylaws

Thank you for your attention to this matter; we look forward to receiving your feedback.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Karen Swantje  
Board President

