



2023 Annual General Meeting Standing Committee Report

Standing Committee Name: Governance Committee

Committee Chair and Members:

- Patrick Roch (Chair)
- Gloria Brighten
- Laura Carr
- Guillaume Gfeller
- Patty Klein
- Paul Mallet
- Pier-Luc Paquet

Invited Guests

- Debra Armstrong
- Mary Ellen McDonald

Committee Mandate Summary:

As per its Terms of Reference, the Governance Committee is mandated with **Governance leadership**. The committee accomplishes this by:

- establishing and reviewing **governance processes** related to the Board
- identifying **leading practices and governance principles** appropriate for Skate Canada
- making **governance-related recommendations** to the Board
- ensuring proper attention to **member concerns regarding governance issues**

Furthermore, the committee's mandate extends to **Governance Training and Assessment** by:

- providing **orientation and training to Directors** on Skate Canada's governance model
- making recommendations to the Board regarding **Board education and training initiatives**
- conducting **Director and Standing Committee evaluations**
- reviewing the **Board's responsibilities and standing committee structure**

Committee Report:

Meetings

The Governance Committee met 6 times in 2022-2023

At the beginning of the year, the Governance Committee established and submitted its **2022-2023 Work Plan** to the Board of Directors for approval.

The Governance Committee also reviewed and discussed its **Terms of Reference and** concluded that no change was required. The board was so advised.



Assessment of Skate Canada Governance Structure

Given the media exposure of various national sport organizations (NSOs), an independent assessment of our Governance structure was conducted.

The **assessment report** provided recommendations on gaps between the current Skate Canada Governance structure and the COC Canadian Sport Governance Code.

The Governance Committee reviewed the report and discussed and **established actions** for all recommendations provided within the report.

The committee provided recommendations to the Board on some subjects from the report but none that engage change to the Bylaw at the 2023 AGM.

The committee leaves a well-documented work plan regarding the continuity of this engagement.

Board Education

The Governance Committee reviewed and approved the **Board Skill, Competencies and Diversity Survey** sent annually to Directors.

Bylaws reviews

A review of the **Skate Canada bylaws** will be conducted following the recommendations from the **assessment of Skate Canada Governance Structure**.

No bylaw changes are moving forward for this year.

Thank you to each of the committee members listed above for their contribution and expertise at all the meetings.

Finally, on behalf of the Governance committee, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Management and staff for their contributions, and meaningful engagement this past year.

Patrick Roch

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