



## Special General Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2025,

7:00 PM, ET

Video Conference

### Attendees:

<b>Alden Briggs</b>	Director	<b>Bryan Merritt</b>	Director
<b>France Emery</b>	Director	<b>Heather Ratcliffe Hood</b>	Director
<b>Mark Borgares</b>	Director	<b>Rod Hamilton</b>	Director
<b>Brian Rychlicki</b>	Director	<b>Elieen McClean</b>	Director
<b>Luc Grenon</b>	Director	<b>Lester Esteban</b>	Director
<b>Ronald Marion</b>	Director	<b>Val Vollmin</b>	President
<b>Wendy Pattenden</b>	Director	<b>Barry Petrachenko</b>	Executive Director
<b>Terri Boizard</b>	Staff	<b>Elizabeth Werner</b>	Staff
<b>Nuri Kim</b>	Staff	<b>Bruno Monpetit</b>	VCI Interpreter
<b>Rowan Rockley</b>	Data on the Spot	<b>Liam Terry</b>	Data on the Spot
<b>Carlene Walter</b>	Data on the Spot		

### Regrets:

<b>David Perfetti</b>	Director	<b>Geoffrey Biss</b>	Director
<b>Steven Sagal</b>	Director		

**V. Vollmin called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm ET.**

### Chair's Opening Comments

V. Vollmin welcomed everyone to the Special General Meeting and reviewed the rules of procedure.

### Determination of Quorum

V. Vollmin declared Quorum achieved (10 minimum per PCO by-laws).

### Appointment of Scrutineer

Consistent with Section 3.18 of the Pickleball Canada Bylaws, Data on the Spot (DOTS) have been contracted out to lead the voting procedure.

R. Rockley, L. Terry, and C. Walter of DOTS provided a brief explanation on the voting procedure.

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## Approval of Agenda

### **Motion:**

That the agenda of the March 24, 2025, of the Special General Meeting be approved.

(A. Briggs/ R. Folk)

No discussion.

**Motion carried.**

## Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No declaration of conflicts of interest were declared.

## Notice of Motion – Proposed Amendments

V. Vollmin declared noted that W. Pattenden of the Governance Committee will serve as Chair for this portion of the meeting.

W. Pattenden assumed Chair.

W. Pattenden and R. Marion explained the importance of the amendments before the membership and the process/steps that the Pickleball Canada Governance committee took to develop and review these amendments with each of the Provincial and Territorial Organizations.

### **Motion:**

That Bylaw 4.1 be amended to read:

#### **Composition of the Board**

4.1 Directors – The Board will consist of twelve (12) Director elected by the Members.

(R. Marion/ A. Briggs)

R. Lackness asked if the Nominating Sub-Committee will look for an athlete to be placed on the Board. B. Petrachenko stated this will be one of the things the Nominating Sub-Committee will consider.

**Motion carried.**

### **Motion:**

That Bylaw 4.3 be amended to add section c) as follows:

c) Any individual who is an employee, officer or director of any pickleball organization at the national, provincial or territorial level, except if that individual has filed with the Corporation's Nominations Committee a written undertaking of their intention to resign as an employee, director or officer of that organization within seven (7) days of their election as a Director of the Corporation.

(R. Marion/ E. McClean)



Discussion took place on the topic of the pool of people qualified or eligible to serve on the Pickleball Canada Board and whether this would negatively affect the pool of people available to local pickleball club boards. R. Marion confirmed that the motion only restricts people from serving on a PTSO board and the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors at the same time. D. Johnson commented that he had originally thought that the motion might take out a pool of people to sit on the board, however after conversations and learning about the processes that are going to take place, he has changed his mind, and feels it will remove conflicts of interest. B. Merrit stated that this is direction in necessary to conform with legislation and to modernize the organization. D. Christie suggested that it will remove internal biases and it will allow for a completely unbiased Pickleball Canada Board of Directors. B. Seto noted that after reviewing the package he is supportive of the change since the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors is working to ensure that the NPAC will provide the PTSOs the ability to have input on important topics dealt with by the National Board.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:**

That Bylaw 4.4 be amended to read:

**Election of Directors**

4.4 Nominations Committee – The Board will appoint a Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee will be responsible to solicit nominations for the election of the Directors, ensuring a diversity of nominees on the basis of skills, background, gender and geographic location. The Nominations Committee will ensure that there is at least one (1) nominee who is a resident from each of the following geographic areas:

- a) British Columbia and Yukon;
- b) Alberta and Northwest Territories;
- c) Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Nunavut;
- d) Ontario;
- e) Quebec; and
- f) New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

(J. Haselwood/D. Johnson)

R. Lakness inquired as to the PTSO status of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. B. Petrachenko confirmed they are not currently operating as PTSOs but that this motion is structure in anticipation of them organizing at some point. R. Lakness pointed out that the Governance Code requires that no more than 60% of Board be of one gender, and asked for clarification as to whether this is built into the criteria set out in the motion. W. Pattenden confirmed that this is included in the diversity guidelines of the Nominations Committee. B. Seto questioned whether the regional guidelines were necessary to add to the bylaws. R. Marion noted that it was a concern that the PTSOs identified and wanted in our bylaws, and that as a result Pickleball Canada wanted to cement this guideline into the bylaws.

**Motion carried.**

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**Motion:**

That Bylaw 4.8 be amended to read:

**4.8 Election and Term** – The election of six (6) directors will take place at each Annual Meeting, and directors will be elected to serve a term of two (2) years. The number of directors elected at an Annual Meeting may vary if a director has resigned or been removed during their term of office, or to accommodate transitional changes required to implement this amendment.

(J. Haselwood/ G. Brisson)

R. Dove asked if this motion has any term limits. W. Pattenden stated there is a term limit written into the existing Pickleball Canada bylaws.

**Motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

**V. Vollmin declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm ET.**

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