



The 2019 RCA Semi-Annual Meeting was held on January 26<sup>th</sup> in Calgary Alberta at the Hotel Arts and was called to order by President Carol Purcer at 8:00 a.m. MST.

**Attendance:**

- There were 145 members in good standing (a record number) prior to the Semi-Annual Meeting representing 327 proportional votes.
- 90 members attended the Semi-Annual Meeting in person or by proxy, representing 213 votes.

**Agenda items considered by the members were:**

1. The 2018 RCA Annual Report including RCA management reports, national team results, volunteer awards and other important information - click [here](#) to download a copy.
2. The Committee on Dues and Fees Report including 2 motions for consideration by the membership:

**Motion 1:**

*That the RCA Membership approves an increase in the RCA Seat Fee for the Fiscal Year starting April 1, 2019 to \$3.75 per seat.*

*Motion Defeated.*

**Motion 2:**

*That the RCA Membership approves an increase in the RCA Base Participant Fee for the Fiscal Year starting April 1, 2019 to \$24 per participant.*

*Motion Defeated.*

As a result, membership fees remain unchanged for the next fiscal year (April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 as noted below:

**Member Club & Association Annual Dues:**

- Provincial Rowing Associations - \$700.00
- Special Associations and Associate Organizations - \$500.00
- Rowing Clubs - \$400.00

Rowing Participants:

- RCA Base Fee - \$20
- Sanctioned Event Seat Fee - \$3.25 per seat

### 3. By-law Amendments

#### Paragraph 1.1 Definitions: Good Standing

- In prior years, members were required to sign their declaration form and the forms were collected via email, fax or post. To simplify this process and improve records management, an online system for collecting the forms was created.

As a result, the following amendment to Paragraph 1.1. was ratified by the membership:

#### 1.1 Definitions “Good Standing”

“Good Standing” – shall mean a member of CARA:

- d. who has executed an annual declaration form confirming that it has collected and remitted the required Participation Fees for all its participants in accordance with paragraph 7.5.

#### Paragraph 7.5 Submission of Participation Fees and Annual Declaration

- Changes to the language in the By-laws were required regarding the signature on the declaration form.

As a result, the following amendment to Paragraph 7.5 was ratified:

#### Paragraph 7.5 Submission of Participation Fees and Annual Declaration

Members are responsible for the collection and submission of Fees payable by their Registered Participants as established under Section 8. Members shall be required to execute an annual declaration form confirming that they have collected and remitted the required Participation Fees for all their participants.

#### Paragraph 20.2 Rules of Racing

- It was noted that an amendment to the RCA Rules of Racing, Paragraph 1.10 Amendments to the Rules of Racing (noted below), as approved by the members at the 2018 RCA Semi-Annual Meeting, was inconsistent with the CARA By-laws: Paragraph 20.2 Amendments to the Rules of Racing.

As a result, the following amendment to Paragraph 20.2 was ratified:

#### 20.1 Prescribed by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors may, from time to time, prescribe such rules and regulations consistent with the by-laws relating to the management and operation of CARA and to the sanctioning of regattas and participation in events sanctioned in accordance with Section 21, including all rules relating to the registration of Registered Participants.

#### Paragraph 20.2 Rules of Racing

Section 20.1 shall not apply to the RCA Rules of Racing, including the Rules of Racing Appendices, which shall only be amended once during the quadrennial following the Summer Olympic Games by Ordinary Resolution of the members at a Semi-Annual meeting of the members following a comprehensive review. The Board of Directors shall appoint a working group to conduct such a review every four years to take account of any changes made by FISA to its Rules of Racing in the year following the Summer Olympic Games. In cases of force majeure, including but not limited to reasons of safety or fairness, the Board of Directors may make an alteration to the Rules of Racing to take immediate full force and effect until the next Meeting of members at which the alteration will be repealed, confirmed or ~~changed~~ amended.

Please click [here](#) to download an updated copy of the RCA By-laws.

#### 4. Other Business

Dates of the next Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings & National Conference:

- **2019 RCA Annual Meeting** - 5:30 pm PDT/8:30 pm EDT, September 19, 2019 via webinar and teleconference
- **2020 RCA Semi-Annual Meeting** - January 26, 2020 (Location TBA)
- **2020 RCA National Conference** - January 23 - 26, 2020 in Ontario (City and Hotel TBA)