



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Detailing the Board Meeting held in June 2024

Greetings/Bienvenue!

It has been a very busy high school racing season culminating with the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association Championship Regatta! It was well attended bringing schools from across Canada and the US to compete. Congratulations to the many athletes who participated!

A scheduled meeting of the Board was held on June 5<sup>th</sup> by video conference. All Board members were in attendance.

Director Enns shared a verbal report on the National Training Centre Project Committee with the Board. Fundraising continues to be a priority of the Committee to move forward on various projects at the site.

Director Charles Minett confirmed that the Call for Nominations for the RCA Board of Directors was sent out to the community May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Two Director at Large roles are up for election. Director Fred Enns and Director Paul Fritz-Nemeth 's terms end in September.

Director Enns updated the Board on the RCA Governance and Policy Committee's workplan. We recently learned that NSOs will not be required to align NSO governance to the Canadian Sport Governance Code as originally expected, but instead use it as a guide for good governance. This allows the Committee to focus on the needs of our organization and review our by-laws accordingly. A summary document detailing the proposed changes to the By-laws was circulated for review.

Terry Dillon in his CEO Report shared that the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner was moving from the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada to be hosted by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, effective April 1, 2025. No further information is available as of this Board meeting.

Terry also shared the updates to the Strategic Plan as well as the Risk Registry work that we have been focussed on as a Board. Our next step is to engage key constituents and stakeholders over the next few months with a goal to receive a more complete Strategic Plan and Risk Registry at the November Board meeting.

The Board approved the change from probationary to full member of RCA to the Somba K'e Paddling Club in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. This is our first full member from one of our Territories.

Terry Dillion and National Director Jennifer Fitzpatrick attended the CSAI Summit in Ottawa. At the meeting, Jen presented on the many successful projects that the funding has allowed in our rowing clubs across the country. Her presentation was very well received.

Provincial Director Derek Ventnor reported that PAC members are actively engaged in redefining their role within the bylaws and evaluating their Terms of Reference (TOR). The goal is to improve alignment and working relationships between the 10 Provincial Rowing Associations (PRAs) and Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA).

Athlete Director Lindsay Bergen shared the success of the women's crews at the World Cup II Regatta. Our lightweight double placed fourth and the women's eight won gold setting both crews up nicely for the Olympics. Disappointingly there were no additional qualifications from the Last Chance Qualifier. Both the women's quad and men's eight performed well, with the men finishing a heartbreaking 100<sup>th</sup> of a second outside of qualification.

Summer rowing season is here as many regattas are occurring across the country. Enjoy our sport to the fullest!

See you on the water,  
Carol Purcer,  
President