



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Detailing the Board Meeting held in August 2024

Please note that the President's Report is a summary of activity at specific Board meeting(s) in a month. It is not a newsletter sharing the many wonderful activities of Rowing Canada Aviron.

Greetings/Bienvenue!

August has been a busy month for our rowers on the world stage. Watching our National Team Women competing at the 2024 Paris Olympics was an exciting experience! Jenny Casson and Jill Moffat finished 8th overall in the Lightweight Women's Double Sculls and the Women's 8+ (Jessica Sevick (bow), Caileigh Filmer, Maya Meschkuleit, Kasia Gruchalla-Wesierski, Avalon Wasteneys, Sydney Payne, Kristina Walker, Abby Dent (stroke), Kristen Kit (coxswain) won a silver medal, a tribute to their stamina in an incredibly competitive field. Congratulations to all.

Also, of note is the performance of first-time Paralympian, Jacob Wasserman, competing in the PR1 M1X in the 2024 Paris Paralympics coming 9th place overall!

Canada was also host to the World Rowing Senior, U23 and U19 Championships in St. Catharines, Ontario. Eighty-three Canadian rowers participated in this regatta developing their experience in international competition with participants from 67 countries. It was a busy and exciting week for our athletes! Thank you to the Organizing Committee under the leadership of Bill Schenck for a successful event.

On August 26, 2024, a scheduled meeting of the Board was held by video conference. All Board members were present except for Charles Minett.

Board members discussed the final Chief Executive Officer role profile, in preparation for posting the role. The Board supported the proposed role description. Next steps include communication to our staff, PSOs and national partners before wider distribution.

Treasurer Derek Ventnor presented the Audited Statements for the year ending March 31, 2024, and the Auditor's Report to the Board. Derek outlined the findings of the auditor, confirming that RCA has received a "clean" audit once again this year. Derek also confirmed that he will be hosting a webinar on September 15 that will be accessible to the entire membership to present a detailed explanation of this year's results and answer questions from the membership. The Board approved the Audited Statements as recommended. Derek reported that there were additional learnings through the audit process and is working with the Finance team to make changes and improve the accounting and reporting processes. A full presentation will be made to the Board when the Q2 results are presented later this fall.

Although Director Minett was absent, an update on the status of nominations and the election process was shared with the Board. Of note was the recognition of four additional candidates putting their names forward before the second closing for nominations which was August 20, 2024. These candidates will be included in the final Nominating Committee Report and access to their Candidate Statement and Curriculum Vitae will be made available to the membership. Voting online will begin on August 30, 2024, and conclude at noon September 18, 2024. Results will be shared at the RCA Annual Meeting on September 19, 2024.

Director Fred Enns presented a draft *RCA Board Assessment Policy and Process* to the Board. Some important discussion took place and Director Enns will follow up with the Governance and Policy Committee to further refine the document.

Director Fred Enns updated the Board on the work of the National Training Centre Project Committee (NTC-PC). New Chair, Mike Walker, has reviewed the status of the many facets of the committee's responsibilities. An RCA communication about updates on the project will be made available this fall.

As we move into our fall season, I look forward to seeing you at our regattas across the country and hearing your thoughts on growing rowing in Canada! Enjoy our sport! Let's dream big together!

See you on the water,
Carol Purcer,
President