



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Detailing the Board Meeting held in May 2025

*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.*

**NOTE:** The Board meeting scheduled for April 16, 2025, was cancelled.

Greetings/Bienvenue!

A scheduled meeting of the Board was held by video conference on May 21, 2025. All Board members were present.

Interim Chair Mike Bryden spoke to shared outcomes from the March 28<sup>th</sup> Governance Leadership Inclusion Meeting held in Victoria, BC for the RCA Board members. The Board had determined collectively to commit to a higher standard of connection and communication with each other. We are a policy board that recognizes the needs of RCA's management team and the broader rowing community. Board members are committed to their roles with a focus on achieving consensus and progress within the organization. We will be respectful of our time during Board meetings and aware of the resources that we have and don't have available.

The RCA Independent Review Accountability Committee shared their last report to the Board. As their recommendation to participate in the Own the Podium Culture of Excellence Program was followed by RCA, they determined that they had filled their mandate and recommended that the RCA Board dissolve this committee. We express our sincere gratitude to the committee members for their valuable time and unwavering commitment to this endeavour.

President Purcer reported that she (along with CEO Jeff Powell and Athlete Rep Kristen Kit) attended the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC)/Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) meetings in Ottawa. Tricia Smith will continue for another term as President of COC and Marc-Andre Fabian will continue as President of CPC. Also, Jeremy Hall, an RCA Paralympian, was confirmed as Chair of the CPC Athlete's Council.

Much of the weekend was dedicated to discussion regarding concerns around the current funding model and how to improve the sport system in Canada. During the weekend, the Future of Sport in Canada Commission met with a select group of National Sport Organizations (NSOs). RCA was selected to attend and provide insight to the current state of sport in Canada as well as suggestions for the future of sport in Canada.

CEO Jeff Powell shared insights and updates on his first 100 days in the role. Club visitations, meeting with National Team and Alumni, National Training Centre updates and processes around the development of the Strategic Plan were shared. A communication to the membership will be shared shortly.

The next scheduled Board meeting is June 18, 2025.

See you on the water!

Carol Purcer,  
President