



Extraordinary General Meeting
March 11, 2026
Virtual Conference Call

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgment and Opening Remarks

R. Allan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. She provided a brief land acknowledgement and welcomed all delegates and guests.

R. Allan confirmed that the agenda for the EGM contained a few items: (i) approval of new bylaws and (ii) approval of the 2025 AGM minutes.

She thanked the Governance Committee, on behalf of the Board, for its work on the bylaws to address the recommendations we received from Sport Law as part of the viaSport Operational Enhancement Initiative.

R. Allan asked D. St-Denis if there was a quorum for the meeting to proceed.

She confirmed that there were eighty (80) eligible delegates for the meeting, of which forty-four (44) were present at the meeting. Quorum for this general meeting is twenty-seven (27), based on having one-third (1/3) of the eligible voting members present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Kevin Langley, seconded by Lavaughn Larson, to approve the agenda as circulated. CARRIED (39-1-4)

3. Approval of 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Moved by Rick. Benson, seconded by Jack Hawes, to approve the 2025 Annual General Meeting minutes. CARRIED (37-0-7)

4. Proposed Bylaws Changes

Moved by Kevin Langley, seconded by Lavaughn Larson, to approve the proposed bylaws changes as circulated. CARRIED (34-3-7)

R. Allan invited L. Parkes, Chair of the Governance Committee, to take over the chair to address any questions.

L. Parkes thanked the members of the Governance Committee for their work and then delivered a few highlights. She noted that a town hall was held on February 11, where she went through the bylaw changes in a little more detail. She confirmed that it was not the intention to go through them in any great detail during this general meeting, as people were expected to have reviewed the bylaws in preparation for the meeting. The bylaws were circulated with the bulletin, with the changes shown in red or strikethrough where they were removed. People had a chance to attend on February 11th and ask questions.

She highlighted a few items:



- Section 3.10 of the bylaws indicated that Softball BC would identify the annual process for selecting district representatives and that all districts would use that process to select their district representatives. The original draft of the bylaws missed that change in Section 2.3, so it still said that the districts would select their own process. The board has updated 2.3 to reflect the same language in 3.10.
- A request was made at the townhall to have the new terms of reference for councils circulated to the councils. This has been done, and terms of reference have also been posted on the website under councils and committees.
- The remainder of the proposed changes are to comply with the suggestions made as part of the operational enhancement Initiative. There are certain things that we must do, and certain things that are just recommendations for better governance. There are no major content changes, except for the suggestion that the board is expanded from 7 to 9 members. The reasons for that are primarily to enable greater representation and diversity on the board. And to allow for succession planning, as we're not losing half the board in a short time. It's easy to have 3 elected every year, maintain some consistency, and hopefully attract some board members from more areas of the province, as well as from different groups that may not be fully represented on the board, currently or in the past.

Questions

- C. Young asked whether a district with one registered minor boys player would still get a Boys Minor Representative. R. Allan confirmed that one single registered boy would allow the district to have a Boys Rep.
- B. Edamura - Will the inclusion of the Adult League Member definition prohibit a team that plays in a league that is not a member of Softball BC from joining Softball BC and participating in provincials? D. St-Denis noted that while the long-term goal is to have leagues join, clubs can individually continue to join Softball BC, which is currently the practice.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Appendix A - Attendees

DISTRICT	NAME	ROLE
District 1	Ashley Vukovic	M&W Coord.
District 1	Bill Hawkins	Minor Coord.
District 1	Lori Zehr	Girls Rep
District 2	Al Charlesworth	Minor Coord.
District 3	Kirk Routledge	Girls Rep
District 3	Lisa Hayton	M&W Coord.
District 4	Houtan Maleki	Minor Coord.
District 5	Al Groff	Men's Rep
District 5	Barry Riva	Women's Rep
District 5	Baukje Edamura	Minor Coord.
District 5	Bronwen Marchant	UIC
District 5	Tracy Sherlock	M&W Coord.
District 6	Elizabeth Lee	Minor Coord.
District 6	Jen Mculloch	Boys Rep
District 6	Ryan Gokool	Girls Rep
District 6	Tyler Warren	UIC
District 7	Greg Timm	Girls Rep
District 7	Jeffrey Vanzella	UIC
District 7	Kelly Daugherty	Women's Rep
District 7	Shannon Maion	Minor Coord.
District 7	Thomas Bell	Boys Rep
District 7	Tracey Oye	M&W Coord.
District 8	Bill Cox	Women's Rep
District 8	Kathy Weston	Minor Coord.
District 8	Paul Muirhead	UIC
District 8	Phil Saw	Boys Rep
District 10	Catherine Carreiro	Girls Rep
District 10	Derek Hipwell	M&W Coord.
District 10	Margaret MacDonald	Minor Coord.
District 12	Andy Ferguson	Minor Coord.
District 13	Kevin Horth	UIC
District 13	Noelle Bulloch	Girls Rep
District 14	Chris Young	Minor Coord.
District 14	Dani Gerber	Women's Rep
District 14	Kate Doucette	Boys Rep
District 15	Calvin Holman	UIC
District 15	Gord Johnson	Minor Coord.



Board	Darcy MacKenzie	Board of Directors
Board	Darren Simpson	Board of Directors
Board	Jack Hawes	Board of Directors
Board	Kevin Langley	Board of Directors
Board	Lavaughn Larson	Board of Directors
Board	Rachel Allan	Board of Directors
Board	Rick Benson	Board of Directors

Staff & Contractors

Diane St-Denis, Executive Director

Kelli Tibbles, Member Services & Communications Manager

Shaquille Gilbert, Umpires & Championship Director

Bob Hitchcock, Coaching Development Coordinator

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