

Report of the Governance Committee for 2013-14

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The Governance Committee's work this year was primarily focused on preparing for the transition of FHC to the new legislative regime created by the Canada Not-for-profit Act. That work commenced in 2011, and the Field Hockey Canada Board hoped to have further amendments considered by the Members for approval at the 2013 AGM. However, the members proposed, at the 2013 AGM, that further discussion take place with the input of various stakeholders, and that a subcommittee of the Governance Committee should be created to discuss the proposed amendments to the bylaws.

Accordingly, in August, 2013, the Governance Committee created a subcommittee, comprised of the following members or representatives of members:

Gord Plottel (Chair)	Alvin Bissett	Pat McLeod
Phil Wright	Burgundy Biletsy	Sandeep Chopra,
Mark Saunders	Gavin Caldecott	Ian Baggott

The subcommittee met on September 16 and September 23, 2013, and its work and recommendations on the bylaws was reported to, and accepted by, the Special General Meeting of the members on October 27, 2013. The members directed the Committee to proceed with drafting the bylaws in accordance with the recommendations of the subcommittee. The Governance Committee subsequently oversaw the development and drafting of proposed bylaw amendments and reported to the Board at meetings in late 2013 and early 2014.

It also worked with consultants, Sport Law & Strategy Group, in the work to transition to the new legislation and draft the amendments to the bylaws.

The Field Hockey Canada Board endorsed the Governance Committee's proposed amendments to the bylaws in principle, and a Special General Meeting was called in May 2014, to seek the approval of the members.

The Special General Meeting was adjourned several times as further revisions were made to the proposed bylaws to accommodate positions taken by the members. A Special Resolution to accept amendments to the bylaws was ultimately passed by the members on July 8, 2014. Further work has since been undertaken to complete the transition process to continue FHC under the new legislation.