



Three Minutes for Governance Script Nominations from the Floor

Governance Review – Three Minutes for Governance

The purpose of the Three Minutes for Governance videos is to produce educational commentary videos to assist the membership in their understanding BC Hockey Governance topics in simple, layman's terms. Many of the subjects have been raised by members in the governance review process.

This "Three Minutes for Governance" video pertains to **Nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting**

Accepting nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting has historically been standard fare for BC Hockey. The argument for this practice has been that it allows for a realignment of candidates once some of the elections have taken place. And for outlying districts that have not had the opportunity to get together to discuss BC Hockey business, the chance to talk to colleagues regarding the candidates.

However, there are three counter reasons why the practice of nominations from the floor should be discontinued;

First, in the new proposed By-Laws the only position that could possibly allow a "trickle down" of candidates is the Presidential election, however in these new By-Laws this also becomes impossible since for this to happen candidates would have to declare their candidacy as both President and Director. In the current system the Presidential election was followed by the election for officers and then the election of directors. Candidates did not have to declare interest in more than one position.

Secondly, the new Societies Act White paper includes a section that requires directors of societies to meet certain qualifications equivalent to those found in the Business Corporations Act and other corporate statutes.

Ineligible candidates include;

- 1) Those Under the age of 18 years
- 2) Individuals found by any court, in Canada or elsewhere, to be incapable of managing the individual's own affairs
- 3) An undischarged bankrupt person
- 4) Those convicted in or outside of British Columbia of an offence involving fraud

Acting as a director when unqualified will be an offence under the Act.

As a result of these changes preliminary screening of candidates to meet this standard will be required prior to any election. This would certainly complicate the process for nominations from the floor.



Finally, the new updated design for the Nominations Committee creates a better system for electing the BC Hockey Board. A brief description of the new Nominating Committee in regard to the election processes includes;

- Establishing the skills and expertise required for the Board.
- Promoting a regional balance and personal diversity on the Board
- Overseeing all aspects of the election procedures leading up to and at the Annual General Meeting,
- Maintaining records for use by future BC Hockey Nominating Committees.
- Encouraging a long-term view of BC Hockey's leadership need and succession planning.
- Assistance in seeking, identifying, and recruiting qualified individuals to stand for election as Directors.

For the candidate the new process does a better job informing potential candidates of the directors' role, preparing them for the election, and administering the pre-election process.

For our members the new system allows for a better job informing and involving them in the process and notifying them of the candidates' qualifications.

For our organization this allows us to meet Societies Act standards and to exercise succession planning.