

CURLING CANADA

ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING - CURLING CANADA
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

Meeting Chair: Teri Palynchuk

ATTENDANCE:

Member Association Executives (Voting Delegates)

John Barron (NF and Labrador)
Stephen Thompson (New Brunswick)
Dan deWaard (Quebec)
Tim McChesney (Ontario)
Ian Fordyce (Manitoba)
Brenda Sims (British Columbia)
Bob Holmes (Yukon)
Nick Saturnino (Northwest Territories)
Gord Copithorne (Alberta)
Devon Chisholm (Nova Scotia)
Darcey Huyghebaert (Saskatchewan)
Peter Van Strein (Nunavut)
Regrets: Daniel MacFadyen (Prince Edward Island)

Curling Canada Board

Teri Palynchuk, Chair
Rémy St-Pierre, Governor
Kerry Tarasoff, Governor
Jeremy Woo, Governor
Jody Meli, Governor
Scott Hindle, Governor
Rob Belliveau, Governor
Jennifer Howard, Governor and Candidate for Election
Regrets: Ray Baker

Curling Canada Staff

Nolan Thiessen, CEO
Karen Ryan
Terry Smith
Al Cameron
Oksana Ermolenko
Hélène Paquet-Young

Other Attendees:

Beau Welling (President, World Curling)
Craig Baker (CurlMB)
Steve Turner (CurlSask)
Sean Homan (Toronto Curling)
Al Kersey (Optimist Jrs. Curling)
Dale MacMillan (Candidate for Election)
David Blair (Candidate for Election)
Scott Braley (CurlBC)
Brenda Allison-Crilley (NB Curling)
Roselle Gonsalves (Board Member, World Curling)
Kirk Robinson (PEI Curling)
Britta Spring (Canadian Stick Curling)
Charlotte Wang (Candidate for Election)

Parliamentarian
Jason Robinson, Sport Law

Auditor - BDO
Kylie Zuo

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROOF OF MAILING

Chair Teri Palynchuk called the Annual Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked Beau Welling, President of World Curling, for taking the time to join the meeting to provide greetings and an update from their organization.

Nolan Thiessen, CEO, reported that on August 24, 2026 notice that the Annual Meeting would be held virtually on Zoom at 1:00 pm ET on September 26, 2026 was emailed to the Curling Canada Board of Governors, Member Association Presidents and Voting Delegates, Member Association Executive Directors, Curling Canada Senior Management Team, Affiliate Organizations, Sport Canada, Auditors - BDO Canada, Candidates standing for election and

Jason Robinson, Sport Law. Background information was included with the distribution of the notice of meeting.

2.0 REPORT ON CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES AND QUORUM

CEO Nolan Thiessen polled the meeting for voting delegates and a total of 12 votes were recorded (see attendance record for listing of voting delegates). He advised there was a quorum for the meeting, therefore, 7 constituted a simple majority. *It was noted that Prince Edward Island's voting delegate was not in attendance.*

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

The Chair called for any objections to proceeding with the meeting agenda as circulated and received none. The agenda was approved as circulated.

It was reported by the Chair that no Notices for Consideration were received for the 2026 Annual Meeting.

4.0 MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

A moment of silence was observed in respect for members of the curling community who had passed away since the 2025 Annual Meeting.

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

The Chair advised that a spelling correction to an attendee's name had been corrected as a housekeeping item in the 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes. Calling for any further errors or omissions to the minutes, none were received.

The 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved.

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business from the 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes that required further attention.

7.0 GREETINGS FROM WORLD CURLING

Beau Welling, President, World Curling

World Curling President Beau Welling thanked Curling Canada for its continued support and recognized its significant role as World Curling's largest member and business partner.

He reported on a successful but challenging year, highlighting the strong performance of curling athletes at the Cortina Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and noting that curling attracted more than one billion viewers worldwide. He emphasized the increased global profile of the sport and growing broadcaster interest, presenting an opportunity to further capitalize on curling's expanded audience.

Financial sustainability remains a key challenge, particularly given stagnant Olympic funding since the Vancouver Games, rising operating costs, and the financial losses typically experienced during Olympic years. World Curling is exploring structural changes and new revenue opportunities, including improved monetization of broadcast rights and a review of development expenditures to maximize the return on investment in supporting its 78 member associations.

The President also acknowledged the recent World Congress in Slovakia, thanking the Canadian delegation for their participation, and congratulated Roselle Gonsalves on her election to the World Curling Board. He expressed enthusiasm for her anticipated contribution to their organization.

Looking ahead, World Curling is actively preparing for the 2030 Olympic Winter Games in France, where curling is expected to share a venue in Lyon with other prominent winter sports. The President also reaffirmed his commitment to representing curling at the International Olympic Committee amid ongoing organizational changes.

He concluded by reiterating his appreciation to Curling Canada for its ongoing contributions and commitment to the growth and development of the sport worldwide.

8.0 REPORTS OF THE CHAIR AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Teri Palynchuk presented the Chair's report (*see addendum for text*) and then had each of the Curling Canada Committee Chairs for Governance, Finance & Audit, Risk, Human Resources and International give a brief update on their committee's work during the past season.

Following the presentation of all reports, Teri expressed her appreciation to the Chairs, and Committee Members for their diligent efforts and the positive outcomes their work has generated during the past year.

Teri went on to recognize and thank members of this year's Candidate Search Committee:

Kerry Tarasoff (CC Governor and Candidate Search Committee Chair)
Jody Saunders (VP, Newfoundland and Labrador Curing Association)
Mike Leier (VP, CurlSask)
Sonny Melançon (President, Curling Quebec)
Patty Warner (Board Member, Curling Ontario)
Erin Pincott (Representative, Athlete Council)
Ron Weiser (Chair, Speed Skating Canada - Independent Member)
Jody Meli (CC Governor and Non-Voting Ex-officio Member).

Teri acknowledged and thanked her Co-Chair on the Governance Advisory Council Devon Chisholm (President of NS Curling) for her contributions to the Council as well as the Member Association Presidents and Executive Directors who volunteered their time to serve on working groups during the past season.

CEO Nolan Thiessen was called upon to present his report (*text in addendum*).

Following the CEO's report, the Chair requested that it be noted in the meeting record that all reports had been received by the members.

<u>Departing Members of the Curling Canada Board</u>

On behalf of Curling Canada, Governor Scott Hindle expressed heartfelt appreciation to Governors Teri Palynchuk and Ray Baker as they concluded their respective terms on the Curling Canada Board of Governors. He recognized their dedicated service, commitment, and valuable contributions to the organization, acknowledging the time, energy, and leadership they generously shared in support of curling in Canada. Their involvement has helped

advance the work of Curling Canada, and they leave with the appreciation and best wishes of the organization.

Governor Roselle Gonsalves was also recognized for her meaningful contributions during her tenure on the Curling Canada Board of Governors. Roselle recently resigned following her successful election to the Board of World Curling. This achievement marks an exciting new chapter in her ongoing commitment to the sport and Scott expressed Curling Canada's appreciation for the perspective, dedication, and experience she brought to her role as Governor.

Remarks – Roselle Gonsalves

Departing board member Roselle Gonsalves expressed sincere gratitude for the opportunity to have served on the Curling Canada Board over the past five years. She reflected on her experience on the Board and, in particular, noted the progress made in increasing diversity and representation within Curling Canada's membership.

She thanked current and former Board members for their guidance and support, Curling Canada staff, led by CEO Nolan Thiessen, for their dedication and hard work, and the member associations for their trust, relationships, and contributions to her learning throughout her tenure. In preparing to take on her new role on the World Curling Board, she reaffirmed her pride in representing Canada and expressed her hope to remain connected with the Canadian curling community, wishing everyone continued success.

9.0 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

F&A Committee Chair Kerry Tarasoff introduced BDO Auditor Kylie Zuo who provided an overview of the audited financial statements to the group. These audited statements had been shared with the Member Associations in advance of the Annual Meeting with an invitation to bring any questions forward and none were received. Following the Finance and Audit Committee's presentation, the Chair advised that the meeting minutes would reflect that the 2025-2026 Audited Financial Statements had been received by the members.

9.1 Confirmation of Auditor's Appointment

MOTION: AGM 2026.01
Moved by Darcey Huyghebaert (SK), seconded by Stephen Thompson (NB), that BDO Canada be appointed as Curling Canada's auditors for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Carried

10.0 RATIFICATION VOTE ON UPDATED CURLING CANADA BYLAWS

Governance Chair Scott Hindle reported that, in February 2026, Curling Ontario, the Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA), and the Ontario Curling Council announced their intention to merge and form a single provincial sport organization for Ontario. Curling Canada expressed its full support for and welcomed the proposed merger.

Following receipt of a letter of resignation from NOCA, and pursuant to Article XII of the Bylaws, the Curling Canada Board of Governors met on August 17, 2026, and approved revisions to the relevant provisions of the Curling Canada Bylaws. A redline version outlining the proposed amendments was distributed to Member Associations, along with

notification that the revised Bylaws would be presented for ratification at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

MOTION: AGM 2026.02
Moved by Tim McChesney (ON), seconded by Devon Chisholm (NS), that the Curling Canada Bylaws, amended and approved by the Curling Canada Board of Governors on August 17, 2026, be confirmed as presented.

Carried

11.0 ELECTION OF GOVERNORS TO THE CURLING CANADA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The election process was conducted under the supervision of Curling Canada Governance Committee Chair Scott Hindle, who reviewed the election procedures and provided the following information:

- Parliamentarian Jason Robinson would serve as scrutineer for the elections.
- Voting delegates would cast their ballots using the confidential Simply Voting software.
- Upon request, a private Zoom breakout room was available for voting delegates to convene at any time during the election process.
- In August, the 2026 Candidate Search Committee had completed its work and recommended a slate of three candidates to fill the three vacancies on the Board of Governors. Following Governor Roselle Gonsalves' election to the World Curling Board and her subsequent resignation from Curling Canada's Board of Governors, a fourth vacancy arose for a one-year term. The Candidate Search Committee reconvened and selected an additional candidate for the slate of the election.
- No further nominations were received from the floor.

Parliamentarian Jason Robinson explained that the election was affected by two potentially competing provisions of the Curling Canada Bylaws: the gender-specific provision under Article VIII.5A; and, Article XI.3E which addresses the election of Governors to full terms before the election of replacement Governors.

The following election procedure was proposed:

1. Voting delegates would first vote to elect four candidates to the Board of Governors.
2. Following the election of the four candidates, voting delegates would determine the term of office for each elected candidate through separate ballots.

The voting delegates confirmed their agreement to proceed with the election in the proposed manner.

The slate of candidates selected by the 2026 Candidate Selection Committee for presentation for the 2026 election, listed in alphabetical order:
David Blair (Male)
Jennifer Howard (Non-Male)
Dale MacMillan (Non-Male)
Charlotte Wang (Non-Male)

MOTION: AGM 2026.03
Moved by John Barron (NL), seconded by Devon Chisholm (NS) that Jennifer Howard, Dale MacMillan and Charlotte Wang be elected to the Curling Canada Board of Governors.

Carried

MOTION: AGM 2026.04
Moved by Dan deWaard (QC), seconded by John Barron (NL), that David Blair be elected to the Curling Canada Board of Governors.

Carried

The Parliamentarian went on to explain the process of voting for the terms of office for each of the candidates. Individual balloting then took place for 3 positions with 4- year terms and 1 position for a 1-year term. After each vote, the results were announced:

Jennifer Howard	-	4-year term
David Blair	-	4-year term
Dale MacMillan	-	4-year term
Charlotte Wang	-	1-year term

With the elections completed, Parliamentarian Jason Robinson was asked to maintain in confidence the votes and to erase all electronic ballots and results from the Simply Voting platform.

Candidates were congratulated and given the opportunity to address the meeting to express their thanks to the voting delegates for their support

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

A call was put forward for the members to bring any general announcements or questions to the floor and none were brought forth.

13.0 DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was announced that Curling Canada's next Annual Meeting will take place via Zoom on Saturday, September 25, 2027.

14.0 CLOSING REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF MEETING

In closing the AGM, Chair Teri Palynchuk expressed her appreciation to all those in attendance for their participation and continued commitment to the sport.

Reflecting on her four years of service to Curling Canada, she stated that it had been an honour and privilege to serve as a Governor and Board Chair. She also conveyed her deep appreciation for the people who make the sport so special and expressed confidence in the opportunities and future direction of Curling Canada.

At 2:35 pm, having dealt with all items on the agenda, the Chair announced the conclusion of the 2026 Annual Meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Teri Palynchuk

When I stepped into a curling club for the first time all those years ago, I had no idea of the path that lay before me — much less knowing that I would have the privilege of chairing Curling Canada's Board of Governors for the past two years.

But this journey is one I would not trade for anything, and, as a new Chair and new-look Board prepares for the coming season and quadrennial, I am left in admiration — not only for their willingness to step up and volunteer their time on behalf of our sport and our organization, but also for all of the people who have been a part of my curling story.

As I look back over the past two years, I feel so fortunate to have witnessed both our triumphs and our struggles, knowing that both are necessary for growth and learning. It's through that lens that I view the future of curling, and I can't tell you how excited I am to see what is in store for Canadian curling clubs and curlers.

So many strides have been taken over the past few years to ensure that perspectives, pains and triumphs are shared, examined and used as new starting lines for journeys forward.

It hasn't always been easy, but so often the struggles and tension lead to new ideas, new processes and increased resolve to continue collaborating, to continue finding ways to be better. That, I genuinely believe, has defined Canadian curling over the past few years, and the best is yet to come, for a variety of reasons.

First and foremost of those reasons is the spirit of cooperation and ambition that drives Curling Canada and its 13 Member Associations to constantly strive to be better. As many will tell you, it hasn't always been that way. Today, however, we continue to take strides forward with the understanding that so much more can be accomplished through system alignment in addition to open, honest and timely communication.

Also, thanks to the efforts of curling administrators and volunteers across our country, the message is being sent and heard that our sport is cool. It's welcoming. It's fun and it is a sport you can enjoy your entire life!

During the past season, it was a thrill to watch our athletes perform on the world stage. Like all of you, I wore the Canadian colours with pride and cheered loudly as our teams represented us with class and distinction, and earned their places on the medal podium at the Olympics, Paralympics and World Championships.

Seeing Canadian curlers have international successes will be a lasting memory that I will carry with me long after my time with the Curling Canada Board of Governors is done. But, just as important, will be the memories of meeting club curlers across our country, asking them what is right and wrong with our sport, and knowing that we all want the same thing, and understanding that working together is the best path to reach that goal.

To close, I want to thank all of my fellow Governors and take the time to say goodbye to our out-going Governors, Roselle Gonsalves and Ray Baker. It was an honour and a privilege to work with you both. I also extend a thank you to Board members who served at our Provincial and Territorial Member Associations for the time they gave to our sport. You all inspired me, and it was an honour to work alongside you.

To Curling Canada's incoming Board Members, thank you for your desire to give back to our sport, and I wish you and your fellow Governors nothing but success going forward. As I, too, say goodbye to my fellow Governors, I do so with a tremendous sense of pride in what we have accomplished together over the past four years. We have navigated challenges, embraced opportunities, and made important decisions with the best interests of Curling Canada and our sport at heart.

What I will remember most, however, is the commitment, thoughtful discussion, and shared sense of purpose that each of you brought to the Board table. We may not always have agreed—and good governance means we shouldn't—but we shared a common desire to leave the organization and the sport stronger than we found it.

To curlers across Canada — good curling, good fellowship and please enjoy this 2026-27 season.

CEO's REPORT

Nolan Thiessen

This year was about more than medals and podium finishes. While Canadians celebrated outstanding performances on the world stage, including three Olympic and Paralympic medals, the bigger story is that Curling Canada successfully balanced performance today with intentional strategic planning and investment in tomorrow. This was a year that demonstrated our sport can achieve excellence while building a stronger future.

The success of our athletes reflected the strength of the entire curling ecosystem. From athletes and coaches to clubs, officials, volunteers, Member Associations, partners and fans, every achievement was made possible by a united community committed to the growth of the sport. These victories reminded Canadians that our country remains a world leader in curling and that excellence is never achieved alone.

Equally important was the work happening behind the scenes. through strong financial management, successful events and the continued support of sponsors and partners, Curling Canada strengthened its financial position. Those resources are not an end goal but a means to reinvest in athletes, clubs, coaches, officials, programs, and the systems that support curling across Canada.

Over the past year, more than $2.3 million was invested directly into grassroots initiatives, including club development, youth programming, women in curling, education, and support for local communities. Looking ahead, additional investments will focus on workforce development that ultimately supports participation growth, high-performance pathways from National Team through Next-Gen, sport integrity, and research that equips the entire curling community to adapt, thrive and tell the story of curling better.

A key milestone was the launch of the Grow the Game Campaign. More than a marketing initiative, it represented a commitment of many clubs and contributors to attracting new participants, improving experiences, and ensuring more Canadians remain connected to curling throughout their lives.

As the sport evolves, success can no longer be measured solely by championships or medals. Future success will also be measured by participation, retention, community impact and the ability to create welcoming environments where people stay because they feel like they belong. Our focus remains on strengthening the pillars that support long-term growth: strong people, high performing systems, and facilities that bring curling to life.

Looking ahead, there is significant reason for optimism. Clubs remain the heart of the sport, partners continue to believe in curling's future, we have athletes who want to go on the high-performance journey and take on the discipline to train and sacrifice to achieve their dreams and, most importantly, we have stakeholders across the country that share a common goal: a healthy, sustainable and growing curling system. By working together and aligning our efforts, we can ensure the future of curling in Canada is stronger than ever.