



ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

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A successful Annual General Meeting was held in June, which saw the first elected Board and an appointed Finance Director installed under the new bylaws. The Board consists of nine (9) Directors who will continue the hard work of moving this organization forward while planning for the future.

The Board of the Ontario Curling Association as elected/appointed is as follows:

John Shea, Chair	Rick Meraska, Vice Chair
Bill Rourke, Finance	Grant Allman, Director
Doug Kreviazuk, Director	Mark Inglis, Director
Hugh Murphy, Director	Simon Ouellet, Director
Ian Tetley, Director	

The Board met this September to get down to the work of governing the organization within this new model and structure. Board and Operational committees were formed including:

- Executive Committee (**John Shea**, Rick Meraska, Bill Rourke and Stephen Chenier)
- Governance Committee (**Doug Kreviazuk**, Simon Ouellet and Mark Inglis)
- Finance Committee (**Bill Rourke**, John Shea, Rick Meraska, Stephen Chenier, Terri Collicott)
- Competition Review Committee (**Trevor Wall**, Ian Tetley, Hugh Murphy, Dave Hutchison, Stephen Chenier)
- Rules Committee (**Dave Hutchison**, others to be added prior to meeting in May)
- Technical Committee (**Tom Ward** and learning facilitators)

The five (5) stated goals of the new Board are as follows:

1. Update the policies, strategic plan while creating core values for the organization and increasing the brand value.
2. Implement a surplus budget and create a comprehensive sponsorship portfolio.
3. Complete the work of the Competition Review Committee and implement the suggestions.
4. Increase the education of the Board, Staff, Member clubs and curlers.
5. Return the OCA to a leader on the National stage.



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Some of the major achievements over the past year include:

- Created and approved a comprehensive bylaw package with an elected Board and phased in elections for Zone representation.
- Implemented policies under the new governance model that allow for Governance and Operations to work in tandem towards achieving the stated goals of the organization.
- Launched a new interactive website and online scoring system for all events in Ontario.
- Created a new database for competitions and courses to better manage the inputted data and fee collection.
- Member Club Assistance Fund increased access for any project not just emergency funding.
- Started a new Operational committee to do a complete review of all competitions with an eye to structure and financial viability. (Report pending Member input and communication).
- In partnership with the Ontario Curling Council implemented a new High Performance Initiative for youth in both Team and Mixed Doubles disciplines.
- Implementing Curling Canada's 'Learn to Curl' Train the Trainer program across Ontario.
- Ice Technician mentorship program with support of the Curling Canada CAP Fund.
- The OCA has many ongoing projects to help our Member Clubs including:
 1. Hydro Project: several avenues available in order to help Member Clubs conserve energy and install energy savings products. (Full release fall 2015)
 2. Hit, Draw Tap: a youth (age 6-13) competition that will see any child in Ontario throw three rocks with an opportunity to compete at the Ontario Men's Provincials www.ontcurl.com.hdt
 3. The hosting of a comprehensive Member Club Symposium in Kitchener www.ontcurl.com/symposium. All clubs are invited to send two (2) delegates at no charge for a weekend of learning and information. All other interested delegates may attend for the cost value of the hotel and meals.
 4. Creation of a charitable system for clubs to fundraise while enabling tax receipts for all donations. (Full release fall 2015)
 5. Credit Card processing agreement with Elavon Canada in order to help clubs interested in credit card transactions at a reasonable discount rate and lower costs.

The continued success of the Ontario Curling Association will revolve around a Governance model and Board that guides and supports the Operational team to achieve the goals of our Organization. Timely and consistent communications to the Member Clubs will aid in informing Members of activities and plans going forward.



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The Ontario Curling Association is in good hands and has started the process of preparing for the future on both the Provincial and National stage. Ontario will be hosting five (5) National Events this year (2016 Mixed Championships – Weston Golf & Country Club, Travelers Club Championship – Ottawa Hunt Club, 2016 Junior Men’s & Women’s Championship – Stratford Curling Club, Tim Horton’s Brier – Ottawa Valley Curling Association and the CCAA National College Championships – Highland Curling Club). Ontario will also be hosting the 2017 Olympic Curling Trials at the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa.

Happy curling,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John W. Shea'.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Chenier'.

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