

Governance Chair Annual Report 2015 -2016

The focus of the governance committee this year was supporting clubs with constitutions, governance and conflict resolution. Working on updating section board policies and codes of conduct, were also completed or are nearing completion.

Several clubs requested assistance revising their club constitutions at the beginning of the season. Skate Canada provided members with sample constitutions which several clubs reported as being helpful. Information on how to chair meetings, structure agendas and revise club constitutions was offered in the fall at Skate Canada Nova Scotia's Club Day.

Clubs also reached out for assistance this season with issues related to governance and conflict resolution. The section executive director, section chairperson and the governance chair offered assistance to clubs who were experiencing conflict between members as well as clubs who wanted to enhance their governance structures. Collaboration with clubs and consultation with Skate Canada policies were helpful in resolving the majority of these matters.

Looking forward to the 2016/2017 skating season, the governance committee is looking for ideas from clubs regarding which resources would be most helpful with club governance. If any clubs have ideas of what they would like for education, please contact the section office.

Respectfully submitted,

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