



USA CURLING MEMBERS' ASSEMBLY
October 21, 2022
Teleconference

Approved October 13, 2023 916

1. **Call to Order** - Chair Lynn LaRocca calls the meeting to order at 7:15pm, October 21, 2022.
2. **Appointment of Parliamentarian** – The Chair appoints Miriam Simmons, PRP as Parliamentarian.
3. **Certification of Votes** – Eric Gleason certifies that the vote allocation as was sent to all delegates on October 11, 2022 is accurate and official.
4. **Roll call**
Full roll call found in Appendix A (page 6)
Quorum – With 19,015 membership votes present, and 9,525.75 required the assembly has a quorum.
 - a. Windsor (Orlando CC) recognized. Motion to modify the credentialing report replacing Shelly Dropkin of Broomstones CC with Rich Dropkin due to medical reasons. Allen (Coastal Carolina CC) seconds. Motion approved by unanimous consent.
5. **Approval of Meeting Rules**
 - a. Meeting rules as distributed to delegates on October 21, 2022 (see Appendix B, page 7) were approved by unanimous consent.
6. **Adoption of Agenda**
 - a. The agenda, as distributed to delegates most recently on October 21, 2022 was approved by unanimous consent.
7. **Discussion and approval of Minutes** –
 - a. Minutes from the October 1, 2021 Members Assembly as first distributed on September 21, 2022 were approved by unanimous consent.
8. **Reports to Board:**
 - a. Chair – Thanks members for attending the 2022 USA Curling Members Assembly.
 - i. We are proud of this organization has done for curling and athletes during this time. We are proud of the achievements of our dedicated staff. We have approved a new strategic plan that includes a dedicated pipeline for athlete advancement. We are 100% SafeSport compliant.
 - ii. As with any business, we are not without or challenges especially since the publication of the Yates report. We commend these brave athletes who have stepped forward and wish them healing and justice as they move forward. Continue to hear and listen to feedback from the curling community at this time.
 - b. CEO – Expresses appreciation of the board and staff. Out of respect for victims and the ongoing investigation comments will be limited.
 - i. There has been much discussion about the Yates report. They focused on 89,000 relevant documents, one allegation that came in front of me, and as is indicated in the report acted

- within minutes and fired the individual involved. Continue to be completely committed to change and moving forward.
- c. Member Development
 - i. Dean Gemmell proud to part of the staff involved in this report reviews updating of programs.
 - ii. Level I Instructor program has been revamped to make the process easier and more available to clubs.
 - iii. We run 11 different championships. We have worked to update our rulebook and standaradize our qualification and event formats.
 - iv. New learn to curl model.
 - v. New facility planning resource hub.
 - vi. New junior program guide and clinic formats
 - vii. Sport80 platform is becoming much more robust. Certification, Safesport and event registration are now integrated into the platform. Club administrators can be added.
 - viii. Two ice technician session this past year.
9. **Questions to the chair;**
- a. Several questions related to points of order, vote allocations, the definition of “club in good standing.”
 - b. Montero (Mountain-Pacific CA) requests that Dean Gemmell’s slide deck be share with te community.
 - c. Discussion regarding Broomstone’s reported sending of dues payment as it relates to their vote allocation. USA Curling cannot at the time of the request confirm the payment postmark. Morrison (Orlando CC) moves that Broomstones CC allocation of 412 votes be recognized pending determination of the payment postmark. Luethey (Potomac CC) seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent. With the addition the 412 votes allocated to Broomstones, the AAC delegation will now hold 6,350.5 votes as required by the Ted Stevens Act.
 - d. Significant discussion regarding USA Curling Policies 21-08, 21-10 and the definition of “Good Standing” as found in the bylaws preamble as these relate to vote allocation. Luethy (Potomac CC) questions whether USA Curling Policy 21-08.5.b and 21-08.5.c, regarding proper notification to club prior to being placed on probationary status were properly followed. Luethy (Potomac CC) moves that “The voting allocation be adjusted to include all members that paidbefore the end of the fiscal year.” Morrison (Orlando CC) seconds.
 - e. Chair call for a short recess. Chair reconvenes the meeting.
 - f. Calabrese (Rochester CC) moves that “Any club that has paid their dues up until June 30, 2022, be allocated with the full compliment of votes that they had paid for in their dues statement regardless of whether or not they had paid after January 31, 2022” McNair (Cheasapeake CC) seconds. Luethy (Potomac CC) notes that there is an open motion on the table. The Luethey motion and the Calabrese motion being substantively the same, the chair calls for a roll call vote on the Calabrese motion.
 - g. The Secretary conducts a roll call vote. The voting results are Yes - 6,610.5, No - 12,387.5. With a simple majority vote being required (9,525.75 votes), the motion is defeated (Full vote record can be found in Appendix C, page 9.)
10. **Consideration of full USCA membership** - The following clubs with provisional membership status (and their state/regional association) are under consideration for full USA Curling Membership. Motion to admit as full members by Warr (Schenectady CC), second by Gillespie (Philadelphia CC).
- a. Morgantown, WV (At-Large)
 - b. Nashville, TN (At-Large)
 - c. Sharks Ice, CA (MoPac)

- d. College Curling Association, NY (At-Large)
- e. The motion is approved by unanimous consent.

11. Election of USA Curling Board Members

- a. Nominee for Midwest/Great Lakes Bret Jackson
- b. Nominee for Minnesota Jeff Annis.
- c. No other nominees were presented, Jackson and Annis are declared elected by acclamation.

12. Ratification of the USA Curling Board of Directors action of July 26, 2022, regarding the Grand National Curling Association

- a. Chair indicates that an appeal was heard by the Judicial Committee earlier today. The decision of that committee was delivered to the parties at 5:00pm CT. The Chair reads the Conclusion of the Panel:

The panel limited its review to whether the USCA BoD acted consistently under the authorities and powers granted to it by the Bylaws and Policies. The panel did not place itself in the shoes of the USCA BoD when it voted unanimously to approve the Action to Revoke. The panel has determined that the USCA BoD acted properly and within its powers and authorities in that action. In addition, the USCA BoD's Action to Revoke will be considered by USCA's Members at the Members' Assembly, at which time it will be discussed and debated by USCA's Members.

Accordingly, the panel denies GNCC's complaint asserting that the Action to Revoke is defective.

- b. Chair reads the action of the Directors:

On July 26, 2022, in a unanimous decision, the USCA Board of Directors voted to terminate the membership of the Grand National Curling Club. The Grand National Curling Club having failed to revoke its association with its member clubs having delinquent dues dating from January 31, 2021, as required by USA Curling Policy 21-08 and violating that policy Section 5.d. Additionally, its USA Curling membership was revoked pursuant to USA Curling Policy 21-15.

It was further moved that GNCC having passed its current bylaws that violate USA Curling Bylaws Section 5.2 and USA Curling Policy 21-08 have its USA Curling membership terminated pursuant to Section 5.3 of the USA Curling Bylaws.

- c. Ruohonen (AAC) moves to ratify the Board's vote to terminate the membership of the Grand National Curling Club, Myers (Mid-America CA) seconds.

d. Discussion

- i. Question regarding the actual percentage and the source of those numbers. Gleason (CFO) responds, in FY21 paid dues represent 49% with 721 paid members out of a potential 1478 from clubs that were open in FY21 and not closed due to Covid. The paid membership were from the January 31 paid membership, the potential were estimates based on FY20 numbers or from rosters received from clubs.
- ii. Question and discussions regarding:
 - how the action meets the organizational mission to "grow the sport;"
 - the number of votes allocated to the AAC and how that is allocated versus the number of actual competitive curlers;
 - whether the GNCC Board adequately informed their membership of the potential ramifications of changing their bylaws in December 2020;
 - FY22 GNCC membership numbers question (85% paid);
 - how every region except GNCC seemed to rebound from Covid so dramatically;

- e. Lila (Wisconsin CA) calls the question, Tolvstad (Dakota Territories CA) seconds. Myers (Mid-America CA) moves for a roll call vote to stop debate and call the question, Tolvstad seconds. The Secretary conducts a roll call vote. The vote was Yes – 13,492.5 votes and No – 5,495 votes. With a simple majority vote being required (9,525.75 votes), the motion to end debate and order the previous question, is adopted (Full vote record can be found in Appendix D, page 11.)
- f. The Secretary conducts a roll call vote on the motion to ratify the board action of July 26, 2022 (2/3rds required, per bylaws the GNCC is excluded from the vote.) The vote was Yes – 13,447.5, No – 5,092. With 12,661.67 affirmative votes being required, the motion to ratify the board decision passes Full vote record can be found in Appendix E, page 13.)

13. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- a. Amendments as provided by Jim Windsor (Orlando CC). Full text of the proposed amendments are contained in Appendix F (page 15.)
- b. There are four proposals for amending the USA Curling Bylaws submitted in accordance with the deadlines set by USA Curling Policy 21-07. The Chair notes that a 2/3rds vote is required for passage and that each proposal will be voted on separately.
- c. Motion by Windsor (Orlando CC) to adopted Proposal 1 in the Bylaws Amendment package. Triolo (PacNW CA) seconds.
- d. Windsor refers to his written supporting statement in lieu of further verbal comments.
- e. Pittard (Granite CC) question regarding pathways for curlers of non-member clubs to find a home in At-Large member clubs in order to compete in regional based playdowns. Gemmell indicates that he will assist in any such situation.
- f. Myers (Mid-America CA) notes that the time since the proposals were submitted isn't enough to full understand the ramifications of the proposal on the National Governing Body. Myers suggests a committee be created to study this further and report back on their findings. Gaum (Midwest CA) supports Myers position.
- g. The Chair indicates that she would propose a Governance 4.0 committee be formed at tomorrow's board meeting to review these proposals and other items that have been discussed in this meeting. The Chair asks if Jim Windsor (Orlando CC) would consider withdrawing his proposal based on the Chair's recommendation of the formation of a governance committee.
- h. Windsor questions the Chair regarding the potential committee makeup. The Chair indicates that the committee would be comprised of a mix of board members, regional representatives, and athletes.
- i. Windsor (Orlando CC) indicates in view of the formation of a Governance 4.0 committee he withdraws the proposal from consideration.

14. Old Business - None

- 15. **New Business** – Hufe (Diamond State CC) proposes a vote of no confidence in the board and of the removal of Plush (CEO). The motion was ruled not in order, in accordance with USA Curling Section 10.9 citing the Member's Assembly duties and authority.

- 16. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourns at 11:01 pm by unanimous consent.

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Appendix A – Opening Roll Call (present indicated by “x”)

Region Member	President	Individual Club Member or Notes	2022 Delegate	Votes	Opening Roll Call
Athletes Advisory Council	Alex Agre		Rich Ruohonen	0	x
Alaska	Bill Gryder		Bill Gryder	284	x
Dakota Territory	Mark Tolvstad		Mark Tolvstad	1374	x
Grand National	Bob Hogan	Sioux Falls CC	Sarah Kolbeck	1	x
		Belfast CC	Bob Hogan	258	x
		CC at Penn State	Ann Kirkpatrick	199	x
		CC at Penn State	Sam Futch	10.5	x
		CC at Penn State	Harrison Cantor	10.5	
		Cheasapeake CC	Russ McNair	41	x
		Jersey Pinelands CC	Erin Klim	42	x
		Lower Cape CC	Peter Nix	49	x
		Lower Cape CC	Amy Henderson	0	
		Potomac CC	Lauren Luethy	294	x
		Rail City CC	Jon Christoff	0	
		Rail City CC	Phil Riker	0	
Rutland Rocks	Abby Bennett	10.5	x		
Rutland Rocks	Gary Watulak	10.5	x		
Great Lakes	Ben Levy		Ben Levy	1165	x
		Copper Country CC	Gordon Maclean	78	x
		Detroit CC	Paul Badgero	333	x
		Grand Rapids CC	Greg Robinson	0	x
		Grand Rapids CC	Dana Kleveland	0	x
		Midland CC	Nate Spoelhof	87	x
		Midland CC	Mike Graves	87	x
Midwest	Sara Gaum		Sara Gaum	500	x
		Exmoor CC	Russ Brown	0	
Mid-America	Nick Myers		Nick Myers	600	x
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Jonathon Lee	300	x
		Delegate Added 10/6/22	Brianna Weldon	97	x
		Kansas City CC	Stacy Force	83	x
		Roadrunner CC	James Brickey	10	x
Minnesota	Marc Beyer		Marc Beyer	639	x
Mountain Pacific	Sonia Montero	75% MoPac Vote	Sonia Montero	576	x
		25% MoPac Vote	Jay Diamond	192	x
		Boise CC	Rachaelle Grimsrud	0	x
		Wine Country CC	Katie Feldman	80	x
Pacific Northwest	Gina Triolo		Gina Triolo	0	x
		Evergreen CC	Bruce Irvin	5	x
		Granite CC	Bryan Pittard	169.33	x
		Granite CC	Lori Markham	169.33	x
		Granite CC	Ryan Doerfler	169.33	x
		Inland NW CC	Matt Moore	51	x
Wisconsin	Dan Lilla		Dan Lilla	2198	x
USWCA			Jennifer Stannard	0	x

Appendix A – Opening Roll Call (cont.)

Region Member	President	Individual Club Member or Notes	2022 Delegate	Votes	Opening Roll Call
At-Large Clubs					
Aspen, CO	Eric Boyden		Eric Boyden	0	
Campbell County, WY	Kevin Geer		Kevin Geer	25	
Casper, CO	Dean Boril		Dean Boril	0	
Curl Vegas, NV	Brad Whitlock		Brad Whitlock	0	x
Southern California	Peter Dohm		Peter Dohm	3	x
Albany	Kathy Bently		Kathy Bently	143	x
Ardsley	Derek Kayser		Derek Kayser	160	x
Atlanta	Becky Kalman	Delegate changed 10/4/22	Emma Ragauskas	27	x
Brooklyn Lakeside	Erika Omundson		Erika Omundson	0	x
Broomstones	Shelley S. Dropkin		Shelley S. Dropkin	412	x
Cape Cod	Phil Bruce		Phil Bruce	225	x
CC of Virginia	Matt Athayde		Matt Athayde	1	
		Added 10/4/22	Bobbie Todd	0	x
Charleston	Katrina Friedman		Katrina Friedman	1	x
Charlotte CA	Neil Pifer		Neil Pifer	203	x
Coastal Carolina	Sarah Allen		Sarah Allen	26	x
Diamond State	Brian Hufe		Brian Hufe	42	x
Green Mountain	Bill Germer		Bill Germer	0	x
Long Island	Dafna Roberts		Dafna Roberts	0	x
New Pond	Doug Burchesky	Delegate changed 10/4/22	Jane Burchesky	17	x
Nutmeg	Alexis Boccanfuso		Alexis Boccanfuso	180	x
Orlando	Jim Windsor		Jim Windsor	12.33	x
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Bill Morrison	12.33	x
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Travis Haugh	12.33	x
Palmetto	Jillene Van Hoy	Delegate changed 10/6/22	Kenton Morrell	59	x
Petersham	Sherri Dungan		Sherri Dungan	117	x
Philadelphia	John E. Gillespie		John E. Gillespie	17	x
Pittsburgh	Dustin Devine		Dustin Devine	104	x
Plainfield	Mark D Szemple		Mark D Szemple	1	x
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Melanie Walter	1	x
Roanoke Valley	Emily Morris	Delegate changed 9/24/22	Kevin Heaslip	0	x
Rochester	Joe Calabrese		Joe Calabrese	240	x
Rocket City	Shane Stewart		Shane Stewart	0	x
Schenectady	Dion Warr		Dion Warr	232	x
South Shore	Michelle Landry		Michelle Landry	45	x
Tampa Bay	Bernard Skerkowski		Bernard Skerkowski	63	x
The Country Club	Jennifer Bracy		Jennifer Bracy	61	x
Triangle	Michelle Staben Wobker		Michelle Staben Wobker	285	x
		Delegate added 10/5/22	Chris DiPierro	0	x
Morgantown, WV	Jeff Ryan		Jeff Ryan	Provisional	
Nashville, TN	Vanessa Williams		Vanessa Williams	Provisional	
College Curling Assoc, NY	Mary Jane Walsh		Mary Jane Walsh	Provisional	
Sharks Ice (MoPac)	Brent Halpenny		Brent Halpenny	Provisional	

Appendix B – Meeting Rules

USA Curling Members Assembly October 21, 2022, as amended

Dear Delegates,

Given the number of delegates that we have for this year's Members' Assembly.

We have in excess of 80 delegates, and every delegate has the right to speak on any topic on the agenda. We urge you to respect everyone's right to speak in a timely fashion.

1. Delegates ONLY shall speak.
 - a. Delegates will raise their hand in the conference room, the Moderator(s) will respond and queue the speakers.
 - b. Delegates will have up to 10 minutes to speak on the agenda item currently at hand.
2. All comments by those speaking will be directed at the Chair and not at other delegates.
3. If a delegate has a question, it will be directed at the Chair. The Chair may answer or direct another to answer.
4. No delegate may speak twice unless all others wishing to speak have done so or they have been directed by the Chair to answer a question.
5. No delegate may speak more than twice unless they have been directed by the Chair to answer a question.

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Appendix C – Motion to Suspend Voting Rules (Yes “y”, No “n”, Abstain “a”, Split vote “s”)

Region Member	President	Individual Club Member or Notes	2022 Delegate	Votes	Motion to suspend vote rule (y,n,a,s)	Vote 1 (Yes)	Vote 1 (No)	Sum Check
Athletes Advisory Council	Alex Agre		Rich Ruohonen	6350.5	n	0	6350.5	6350.5
Alaska	Bill Gryder		Bill Gryder	284	y	284	0	284
Dakota Territory	Mark Tolvstad		Mark Tolvstad	1374	n	0	1374	1374
		Sioux Falls CC	Sarah Kolbeck	1	y	1	0	1
Grand National	Bob Hogan		Bob Hogan	59	y	59	0	59
		Belfast CC	Ann Kirkpatrick	199	y	199	0	199
		CC at Penn State	Sam Futch	10.5	y	10.5	0	10.5
		CC at Penn State	Harrison Cantor	10.5				
		Chesapeake CC	Russ McNair	41	y	41	0	41
		Jersey Pinelands CC	Erin Klim	42	y	42	0	42
		Lower Cape CC	Peter Nix	49	y	49	0	49
		Lower Cape CC	Amy Henderson	0				
		Potomac CC	Lauren Luethy	294	y	294	0	294
		Rail City CC	Jon Christoff	0				
		Rail City CC	Phil Riker	0				
		Rutland Rocks	Abby Bennett	10.5	y	10.5	0	10.5
		Rutland Rocks	Gary Watulak	10.5	y	10.5	0	10.5
Great Lakes	Ben Levy		Ben Levy	1165	y	1165	0	1165
		Copper Country CC	Gordon Maclean	78	n	0	78	78
		Detroit CC	Paul Badgero	333	y	333	0	333
		Grand Rapids CC	Greg Robinson	0				
		Grand Rapids CC	Dana Kleveland	0				
		Midland CC	Nate Spoelhof	87	y	87	0	87
		Midland CC	Mike Graves	87	y	87	0	87
Midwest	Sara Gaum		Sara Gaum	500	y	500	0	500
		Exmoor CC	Russ Brown	0				
Mid-America	Nick Myers		Nick Myers	600	n	0	600	600
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Jonathon Lee	300	n	0	300	300
		Delegate Added 10/6/22	Brianna Weldon	97	y	97	0	97
		Kansas City CC	Stacy Force	83	y	83	0	83
		Roadrunner CC	James Brickey	10	y	10	0	10
Minnesota	Marc Beyer		Marc Beyer	639	n	0	639	639
Mountain Pacific	Sonia Montero	75% MoPac Vote	Sonia Montero	576	n	0	576	576
		25% MoPac Vote	Jay Diamond	192	n	0	192	192
		Boise CC	Rachaelle Grimsrud	0				
		Wine Country CC	Katie Feldman	80	n	0	80	80
Pacific Northwest	Gina Triolo		Gina Triolo	0	y	0	0	0
		Evergreen CC	Bruce Irvin	5	y	5	0	5
		Granite CC	Bryan Pittard	169.33	y	169.333	0	169.333
		Granite CC	Lori Markham	169.33	y	169.333	0	169.333
		Granite CC	Ryan Doerfler	169.33	y	169.333	0	169.333
		Inland NW CC	Matt Moore	51	y	51	0	51
Wisconsin	Dan Lilla		Dan Lilla	2198	n	0	2198	2198

Appendix C – Motion to Suspend Voting Rules (cont.)

Region Member	President	Individual Club Member or Notes	2022 Delegate	Votes	Motion to suspend vote rule (y,n,a,s)	Vote 1 (Yes)	Vote 1 (No)	Sum Check
At-Large Clubs								
Aspen, CO	Eric Boyden		Eric Boyden	0				
Campbell County, WY	Kevin Geer		Kevin Geer	25				
Casper, CO	Dean Boril		Dean Boril	0				
Curl Vegas, NV	Brad Whitlock		Brad Whitlock	0	y	0	0	0
Southern California	Peter Dohm		Peter Dohm	3	y	3	0	3
Albany	Kathy Bently		Kathy Bently	143	y	143	0	143
Ardsley	Derek Kayser		Derek Kayser	160	y	160	0	160
Atlanta	Becky Kalman	Delegate changed 10/4/22	Emma Ragauskas	27	y	27	0	27
Brooklyn Lakeside	Erika Omundson		Erika Omundson	0	y	0	0	0
Broomstones	Shelley S. Dropkin		Shelley S. Dropkin	412	y	412	0	412
Cape Cod	Phil Bruce		Phil Bruce	225	y	225	0	225
CC of Virginia	Matt Athayde		Matt Athayde	1				
		Added 10/4/22	Bobbie Todd	0	y	0	0	0
Charleston	Katrina Friedman		Katrina Friedman	1	y	1	0	1
Charlotte CA	Neil Pifer		Neil Pifer	203	y	203	0	203
Coastal Carolina	Sarah Allen		Sarah Allen	26	y	26	0	26
Diamond State	Brian Hufe		Brian Hufe	42	y	42	0	42
Green Mountain	Bill Germer		Bill Germer	0				
Long Island	Dafna Roberts		Dafna Roberts	0	y	0	0	0
New Pond	Doug Burchesky	Delegate changed 10/4/22	Jane Burchesky	17				
Nutmeg	Alexis Boccanfuso		Alexis Boccanfuso	180	y	180	0	180
Orlando	Jim Windsor		Jim Windsor	12.333	y	12.333	0	12.333
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Bill Morrison	12.333	y	12.333	0	12.333
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Travis Haugh	12.333	y	12.333	0	12.333
		Delegate changed 10/6/22	Kenton Morrell	59	y	59	0	59
Palmetto	Jillene Van Hoy		Jillene Van Hoy	59	y	59	0	59
Petersham	Sherri Dungan		Sherri Dungan	117	y	117	0	117
Philadelphia	John E. Gillespie		John E. Gillespie	17	y	17	0	17
Pittsburgh	Dustin Devine		Dustin Devine	104	y	104	0	104
Plainfield	Mark D Szemple		Mark D Szemple	1	y	1	0	1
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Melanie Walter	1	y	1	0	1
Roanoke Valley	Emily Morris	Delegate changed 9/24/22	Kevin Heaslip	0	y	0	0	0
Rochester	Joe Calabrese		Joe Calabrese	240	y	240	0	240
Rocket City	Shane Stewart		Shane Stewart	0				
Schenectady	Dion Warr		Dion Warr	232	y	232	0	232
South Shore	Michelle Landry		Michelle Landry	45	y	45	0	45
Tampa Bay	Bernard Skerkowski		Bernard Skerkowski	63	y	63	0	63
The Country Club	Jennifer Bracy		Jennifer Bracy	61	y	61	0	61
Triangle	Michelle Staben Wobker		Michelle Staben Wobker	285	y	285	0	285
		Delegate added 10/5/22	Chris DiPierro	0	y	0	0	0
Morgantown, WV	Jeff Ryan		Jeff Ryan		Provisional			
Nashville, TN	Vanessa Williams		Vanessa Williams		Provisional			
College Curling Assoc, NY	Mary Jane Walsh		Mary Jane Walsh		Provisional			
Sharks Ice (MoPac)	Brent Halpenny		Brent Halpenny		Provisional			
				Total		6610.5	12388	18998
				Required		9525.75		
						Motion Defeated		

Appendix D – Motion to Stop Debate (Yes “y”, No “n”, Abstain “a”, Split vote “s”)

Region Member	President	Individual Club Member or Notes	2022 Delegate	Votes	Motion to stop debate (y,n,a,s)	Vote 2 (Yes)	Vote 2 (No)	Sum Check
Athletes Advisory Council	Alex Agre		Rich Ruohonen	6350.5	y	6350.5	0	6350.5
Alaska	Bill Gryder		Bill Gryder	284	n	0	284	284
Dakota Territory	Mark Tolvstad		Mark Tolvstad	1374	y	1374	0	1374
		Sioux Falls CC	Sarah Kolbeck	1				
Grand National	Bob Hogan		Bob Hogan	59	n	0	59	59
		Belfast CC	Ann Kirkpatrick	199	n	0	199	199
		CC at Penn State	Sam Futch	10.5	n	0	10.5	10.5
		CC at Penn State	Harrison Cantor	10.5	n	0	10.5	10.5
		Chesapeake CC	Russ McNair	41	n	0	41	41
		Jersey Pinelands CC	Erin Klim	42	n	0	42	42
		Lower Cape CC	Peter Nix	49	n	0	49	49
		Lower Cape CC	Amy Henderson	0				
		Potomac CC	Lauren Luethy	294	n	0	294	294
		Rail City CC	Jon Christoff	0	n	0	0	0
		Rail City CC	Phil Riker	0	n	0	0	0
		Rutland Rocks	Abby Bennett	10.5				
		Rutland Rocks	Gary Watulak	10.5	n	0	10.5	10.5
Great Lakes	Ben Levy		Ben Levy	1165	y	1165	0	1165
		Copper Country CC	Gordon Maclean	78	y	78	0	78
		Detroit CC	Paul Badgero	333	n	0	333	333
		Grand Rapids CC	Greg Robinson	0				
		Grand Rapids CC	Dana Kleveland	0				
		Midland CC	Nate Spoelhof	87	y	87	0	87
		Midland CC	Mike Graves	87	y	87	0	87
Midwest	Sara Gaum		Sara Gaum	500	y	500	0	500
		Exmoor CC	Russ Brown	0				
Mid-America	Nick Myers		Nick Myers	600	y	600	0	600
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Jonathon Lee	300	y	300	0	300
		Delegate Added 10/5/22	Brianna Weldon	97	y	97	0	97
		Kansas City CC	Stacy Force	83	n	0	83	83
		Roadrunner CC	James Brickey	10	n	0	10	10
Minnesota	Marc Beyer		Marc Beyer	639	y	639	0	639
Mountain Pacific	Sonia Montero	75% MoPac Vote	Sonia Montero	576	n	0	576	576
		25% MoPac Vote	Jay Diamond	192	n	0	192	192
		Boise CC	Rachaelle Grimsrud	0	n	0	0	0
		Wine Country CC	Katie Feldman	80	n	0	80	80
Pacific Northwest	Gina Triolo		Gina Triolo	0	n	0	0	0
		Evergreen CC	Bruce Irvin	5	n	0	5	5
		Granite CC	Bryan Pittard	169.33	n	0	169.333	169.333
		Granite CC	Lori Markham	169.33	n	0	169.333	169.333
		Granite CC	Ryan Doerfler	169.33	n	0	169.333	169.333
		Inland NW CC	Matt Moore	51	n	0	51	51
Wisconsin	Dan Lilla		Dan Lilla	2198	y	2198	0	2198

Appendix D – Motion to Stop Debate (cont.)

Region Member	President	Individual Club Member or Notes	2022 Delegate	Votes	Motion to stop debate (y,n,a,s)	Vote 2 (Yes)	Vote 2 (No)	Sum Check
At-Large Clubs								
Aspen, CO	Eric Boyden		Eric Boyden	0				
Campbell County, WY	Kevin Geer		Kevin Geer	25				
Casper, CO	Dean Boril		Dean Boril	0				
Curl Vegas, NV	Brad Whitlock		Brad Whitlock	0	n	0	0	0
Southern California	Peter Dohm		Peter Dohm	3	n	0	3	3
Albany	Kathy Bently		Kathy Bently	143	n	0	143	143
Ardsley	Derek Kayser		Derek Kayser	160	n	0	160	160
Atlanta	Becky Kalman	Delegate changed 10/4/22	Emma Ragauskas	27	n	0	27	27
Brooklyn Lakeside	Erika Omundson		Erika Omundson	0	n	0	0	0
Broomstones	Shelley S. Dropkin		Shelley S. Dropkin	412	n	0	412	412
Cape Cod	Phil Bruce		Phil Bruce	225	n	0	225	225
CC of Virginia	Matt Athayde		Matt Athayde	1				
		Added 10/4/22	Bobbie Todd	0				
Charleston	Katrina Friedman		Katrina Friedman	1	n	0	1	1
Charlotte CA	Neil Pifer		Neil Pifer	203	n	0	203	203
Coastal Carolina	Sarah Allen		Sarah Allen	26				
Diamond State	Brian Hufe		Brian Hufe	42	n	0	42	42
Green Mountain	Bill Germer		Bill Germer	0				
Long Island	Dafna Roberts		Dafna Roberts	0	n	0	0	0
New Pond	Doug Burchesky	Delegate changed 10/4/22	Jane Burchesky	17	y	17	0	17
Nutmeg	Alexis Boccanfuso		Alexis Boccanfuso	180	n	0	180	180
Orlando	Jim Windsor		Jim Windsor	12.333	n	0	12.333	12.333
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Bill Morrison	12.333	n	0	12.333	12.333
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Travis Haugh	12.333	n	0	12.333	12.333
Palmetto	Jillene Van Hoy	Delegate changed 10/6/22	Kenton Morrell	59	n	0	59	59
Petersham	Sherri Dungan		Sherri Dungan	117	n	0	117	117
Philadelphia	John E. Gillespie		John E. Gillespie	17	n	0	17	17
Pittsburgh	Dustin Devine		Dustin Devine	104	n	0	104	104
Plainfield	Mark D Szemple		Mark D Szemple	1	n	0	1	1
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Melanie Walter	1	n	0	1	1
Roanoke Valley	Emily Morris	Delegate changed 9/24/22	Kevin Heaslip	0	n	0	0	0
Rochester	Joe Calabrese		Joe Calabrese	240	n	0	240	240
Rocket City	Shane Stewart		Shane Stewart	0	n	0	0	0
Schenectady	Dion Warr		Dion Warr	232	n	0	232	232
South Shore	Michelle Landry		Michelle Landry	45	n	0	45	45
Tampa Bay	Bernard Skerkowski		Bernard Skerkowski	63	n	0	63	63
The Country Club	Jennifer Bracy		Jennifer Bracy	61	n	0	61	61
Triangle	Michelle Staben Wobker		Michelle Staben Wobker	285	n	0	285	285
		Delegate added 10/5/22	Chris DiPierro	0	n	0	0	0
Morgantown, WV	Jeff Ryan		Jeff Ryan		Provisional			
Nashville, TN	Vanessa Williams		Vanessa Williams		Provisional			
College Curling Assoc, NY	Mary Jane Walsh		Mary Jane Walsh		Provisional			
Sharks Ice (MoPac)	Brent Halpenny		Brent Halpenny		Provisional			
					Total	13493	5495.5	18988
					Required	12701		
					Motion Approved			

Appendix E – Motion to Ratify Board action regarding GNCC (Yes “y”, No “n”, Abstain “a”, Split vote “s”)

Region Member	President	Individual Club Member or		Votes	GNCC			Sum Check
		Notes	2022 Delegate		Vote (y,n,a,s)	Vote 3 (Yes)	Vote 3 (No)	
Athletes Advisory Council	Alex Agre		Rich Ruohonen	6350.5	y	6350.5	0	6350.5
Alaska	Bill Gryder		Bill Gryder	284	n	0	284	284
Dakota Territory	Mark Tolvstad		Mark Tolvstad	1374	y	1374	0	1374
		Sioux Falls CC	Sarah Kolbeck	1				
Grand National	Bob Hogan		Bob Hogan	59	(excluded from vote, per bylaws)			
		Belfast CC	Ann Kirkpatrick	199	n	0	199	199
		CC at Penn State	Sam Futch	10.5	n	0	10.5	10.5
		CC at Penn State	Harrison Cantor	10.5	n	0	10.5	10.5
		Chesapeake CC	Russ McNair	41	n	0	41	41
		Jersey Pinelands CC	Erin Klim	42	n	0	42	42
		Lower Cape CC	Peter Nix	49	n	0	49	49
		Lower Cape CC	Amy Henderson	0				
		Potomac CC	Lauren Luethy	294	n	0	294	294
		Rail City CC	Jon Christoff	0	n	0	0	0
		Rail City CC	Phil Riker	0	n	0	0	0
		Rutland Rocks	Abby Bennett	10.5	n	0	10.5	10.5
		Rutland Rocks	Gary Watulak	10.5	n	0	10.5	10.5
Great Lakes	Ben Levy		Ben Levy	1165	y	1165	0	1165
		Copper Country CC	Gordon Maclean	78	y	78	0	78
		Detroit CC	Paul Badgero	333	n	0	333	333
		Grand Rapids CC	Greg Robinson	0	n	0	0	0
		Grand Rapids CC	Dana Kleveland	0				
		Midland CC	Nate Spoelhof	87	n	0	87	87
		Midland CC	Mike Graves	87	y	87	0	87
Midwest	Sara Gaum		Sara Gaum	500	n	0	500	500
		Exmoor CC	Russ Brown	0				
Mid-America	Nick Myers		Nick Myers	600	y	600	0	600
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Jonathon Lee	300	y	300	0	300
		Delegate Added 10/6/22	Brianna Weldon	97	a	0	0	0
		Kansas City CC	Stacy Force	83	n	0	83	83
		Roadrunner CC	James Brickey	10	n	0	10	10
Minnesota	Marc Beyer		Marc Beyer	639	y	639	0	639
Mountain Pacific	Sonia Montero	75% MoPac Vote	Sonia Montero	576	y	576	0	576
		25% MoPac Vote	Jay Diamond	192	n	0	192	192
		Boise CC	Rachaelle Grimsrud	0	n	0	0	0
		Wine Country CC	Katie Feldman	80	y	80	0	80
Pacific Northwest	Gina Triolo		Gina Triolo	0	n	0	0	0
		Evergreen CC	Bruce Irvin	5	n	0	5	5
		Granite CC	Bryan Pittard	169.33	n	0	169.333	169.333
		Granite CC	Lori Markham	169.33	n	0	169.333	169.333
		Granite CC	Ryan Doerfler	169.33	n	0	169.333	169.333
		Inland NW CC	Matt Moore	51	n	0	51	51
Wisconsin	Dan Lilla		Dan Lilla	2198	y	2198	0	2198

Appendix E – Motion to Ratify Board action regarding GNCC (cont.)

Region Member	President	Individual Club Member or Notes	2022 Delegate	Votes	GNCC Vote (y,n,a,s)	Vote 3 (Yes)	Vote 3 (No)	Sum Check
At-Large Clubs								
Aspen, CO	Eric Boyden		Eric Boyden	0				
Campbell County, WY	Kevin Geer		Kevin Geer	25				
Casper, CO	Dean Boril		Dean Boril	0				
Curl Vegas, NV	Brad Whitlock		Brad Whitlock	0	n	0	0	0
Southern California	Peter Dohm		Peter Dohm	3	n	0	3	3
Albany	Kathy Bently		Kathy Bently	143	n	0	143	143
Ardsley	Derek Kayser		Derek Kayser	160	n	0	160	160
Atlanta	Becky Kalman	Delegate changed 10/4/22	Emma Ragauskas	27	a	0	0	0
Brooklyn Lakeside	Erika Omundson		Erika Omundson	0	n	0	0	0
Broomstones	Shelley S. Dropkin		Shelley S. Dropkin	412	n	0	412	412
Cape Cod	Phil Bruce		Phil Bruce	225	n	0	225	225
CC of Virginia	Matt Athayde		Matt Athayde	1				
		Added 10/4/22	Bobbie Todd	0	n	0	0	0
Charleston	Katrina Friedman		Katrina Friedman	1	n	0	1	1
Charlotte CA	Neil Pifer		Neil Pifer	203	n	0	203	203
Coastal Carolina	Sarah Allen		Sarah Allen	26	n	0	26	26
Diamond State	Brian Hufe		Brian Hufe	42	n	0	42	42
Green Mountain	Bill Germer		Bill Germer	0				
Long Island	Dafna Roberts		Dafna Roberts	0	n	0	0	0
New Pond	Doug Burchesky	Delegate changed 10/4/22	Jane Burchesky	17				
Nutmeg	Alexis Boccanfuso		Alexis Boccanfuso	180	n	0	180	180
Orlando	Jim Windsor		Jim Windsor	12.333	n	0	12.333	12.333
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Bill Morrison	12.333	n	0	12.333	12.333
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Travis Haugh	12.333	n	0	12.333	12.333
		Delegate changed 10/6/22	Kenton Morrell	59	n	0	59	59
Palmetto	Jillene Van Hoy		Jillene Van Hoy	59	n	0	59	59
Petersham	Sherri Dungan		Sherri Dungan	117	n	0	117	117
Philadelphia	John E. Gillespie		John E. Gillespie	17	n	0	17	17
Pittsburgh	Dustin Devine		Dustin Devine	104	n	0	104	104
Plainfield	Mark D Szemple		Mark D Szemple	1	n	0	1	1
		Delegate added 10/6/22	Melanie Walter	1	n	0	1	1
Roanoke Valley	Emily Morris	Delegate changed 9/24/22	Kevin Heaslip	0	n	0	0	0
Rochester	Joe Calabrese		Joe Calabrese	240	n	0	240	240
Rocket City	Shane Stewart		Shane Stewart	0	n	0	0	0
Schenectady	Dion Warr		Dion Warr	232	n	0	232	232
South Shore	Michelle Landry		Michelle Landry	45	n	0	45	45
Tampa Bay	Bernard Skerkowski		Bernard Skerkowski	63	n	0	63	63
The Country Club	Jennifer Bracy		Jennifer Bracy	61	n	0	61	61
Triangle	Michelle Staben Wobker		Michelle Staben Wobker	285	a	0	0	0
		Delegate added 10/5/22	Chris DiPierro	0	a	0	0	0
Morgantown, WV	Jeff Ryan		Jeff Ryan					
Nashville, TN	Vanessa Williams		Vanessa Williams					
College Curling Assoc, NY	Mary Jane Walsh		Mary Jane Walsh					
Sharks Ice (MoPac)	Brent Halpenny		Brent Halpenny		n	0	0	0
Total						13447.5	5092.0	18539.5
Required						12661.67		
Motion Approved								

Appendix F – Orlando Bylaw Amendment Proposals

USAC Members Assembly – Member Proposals 1-4 Supporting Statement

The ongoing issue between USA Curling (USAC) and the Grand National Curling Club (GNCC) has been acrimonious, and full of disagreements, accusations, and misleading statements and positions. However, the one item that is missing from this debate is a SOLUTION.

The USAC's Board of Directors, in voting to expel the GNCC as a region, and therefore by extension the approximately one-quarter of the curlers in the US that it represents, is in direct conflict with its mission statement of growing the sport of curling in the US, and representing the best interests of the members it represents.

The USAC and the Board of Directors, by actions taken¹ and public statements² has changed the model of membership and dues collections from one that involved the Clubs and Regions, to one where individual curlers register as members and pay dues directly to USCA, bypassing the Clubs and Regions. However, Bylaws and Policies were not correctly updated as part of this change, and still contain outdated references to the previous dues/membership model, and therefore are inconsistent and contradictory.

At the core of the dispute, the USAC, while wanting to control the membership process directly, is still expecting the Regions and Clubs to act as their membership "enforcers" in a process that the Clubs and Regions no longer have any control over.

Therefore, the solution is to update the Bylaws to remove outdated sections and update them for the current membership model. As such, we are submitting the following 3 proposals at the Members' Assembly, as permitted under USAC Bylaws sections 10.9(a) and 22.1:

Proposal 1 – Implement Individual-based membership rather than club-based membership in USAC

This proposal amends the bylaws to define a member as strictly an individual, and corrects language that identifies a club as a member, and further clarifies the status and responsibilities of a Club.

Proposal 2 - Changes to the Members' Assembly, including right to vote, accessibility, and quorum changes.

This proposal amends the bylaws pertaining to the Annual Members' assembly, correcting voting and quorum rules to be consistent with individual membership. It also requires the Members' Assembly to be available to members virtually or by other electronic means to allow remote attendance. Currently, this is at the discretion of the Board.

Proposal 3 – Changes to the relationship between USA Curling the Regional Curling Associations.

This proposal amends the bylaws pertaining to Regional Associations, The role is re- designated to be an entity that supports it's member clubs, grows the sport on a regional basis, and hosts competitive selection events to determine teams that will compete in USAC National Competitions that are regionally based. It also clarifies it's lack of role in the membership process, and under what specific circumstances, and the process, for it to be removed by the USAC

Furthermore, as good governance depends in part on an organization's governing documents, policies and procedures to be consistent, and good governance is essential to improve communication between USA Curling and its Members, and to improve delivery of services, we therefore also submit advisory proposal 4 as permitted under USAC Bylaws sections 10.9(b):

Proposal 4: Review and updating of Policies, Rules and other governing documents to be consistent with the Bylaws and each other

This proposal directs the Board of Directors and CEO to initiate a review all of the governing documents, rules, policies, and procedures of USA Curling, and identify and implement changes in said documents to make them consistent with the Bylaws. Note that this proposal is not dependent on the approval or rejection of any of the preceding proposals.

¹ Action by Board of Directors to amend bylaws to create "Individual Membership" (Members' Assembly, November 14, 2020, Agenda Item 13b)

² Email from USAC Member Services to all individual members, Feb 1, 2021 introducing MyUSACurling/Sport80: "our member services team has been hard at work developing USA Curling's membership into one that allows the individual member to sign-up directly through the new myusacurling.com. Historically, USCA dues have been included in the dues that each club member pays to their club. While you will still be able to work with your Club Administrator as in the past, individuals can also now sign up for, manage, and edit membership on their own."

Proposal 1: Implement Individual-based membership rather than club-based membership in USAC.

Motion:

Make the following modifications to the USA Curling Bylaws, as adopted October, 2021:

I: Page 7 – Section 5.1 – Categories of Membership – Clause a) - Strike in whole and replace with:

- a) USA Curling shall have membership comprised of all individual curlers who have paid individual dues, and met other requirements as set by the Board of Directors in Section 5.2 for the current year.
 - 1. Dues will be due and payable by January 31st of a given year for the calendar year. Members who do not renew their dues payments by January 31st will be removed from the membership rolls until such time as they pay their dues for the year.
 - 2. The Board of Directors may establish multiple categories of individual membership, with different membership dues. Such categories must be based upon levels of service rendered to the member.
 - 3. The Board of Directors may establish Multi-Year or Lifetime membership categories. Those categories may be offered at a discount rate from annual dues.
- b) Curling Clubs may voluntarily choose to handle membership dues collection and payment to USA Curling for their club members.
 - 1. A Curling Club choosing this option must submit a roster of USA Curling members for the year, as well as any category of membership chosen by its members, no later than January 31st, along with payment for those memberships.
 - 2. The Curling Club choosing this option does NOT become a member of USA Curling in its own right, its individual members paying dues are the members, just as if the individual members had paid dues directly to USCA.
 - 3. A Curling Club may choose to allow Non-USA Curling Members to be a member of its club. Non-USA Curling Members are not to be listed in the roster of USA Curling Members, nor are USA Curling dues to be collected for such Non-USA Curling Members.
 - 4. USA Curling has no authority to sanction a Curling Club for the number of members or Non-USA Curling Members the Curling Club may have.
 - 5. USA Curling is not obligated to provide services to Non-USA Curling Members, and it is allowed to consider the number and membership percentage of the members of the Curling Club when examining bids to host events, receive grants from USA Curling funds, or when making other requests of USA Curling.

II: Page 7 – Section 5.1 – Categories of Membership – Clause b) – Remains in the By- Laws but is renamed to clause c)

Proposal 2: Changes to the Members’ Assembly, including right to vote, accessibility, and quorum changes.

Motion:

Make the following modifications to the USA Curling Bylaws, as adopted October, 2021:

I: Page 28 – Article 10 – Annual Members’ Assembly - Section 10.2 – Place – Add the following clause:

b) Even if the assembly is being held at a physical location, the assembly will also be broadcast to paid individual members of USA Curling. This may be done via conference call, web streaming service such as Zoom, or other similar communications equipment, which may be separate from any conference call or similar that Board Members are using. Members attending via this mechanism may be put in a “listen only” mode unless they have the floor to address the assembly.

II: Page 28 – Article 10 – Annual Members’ Assembly - Section 10.4 – Member’s Vote

– Remove and replace with the following:

- a) Individual Members of USA Curling in good standing shall be entitled to vote at the Members’ Assembly on all matters before it, other than a vote concerning their individual membership.
 - i. An Individual Member must indicate to USA Curling their intent to attend and be counted for purposes of voting at the Members’ Assembly, either physically or via remote accessibility, no later than 21 days prior to the Members’ Assembly.
 - ii. Once the number of attending and voting members is established, the Athlete-Elected Representatives shall be allocated a number of votes equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the number of Individual Members attending (rounded up to the nearest whole number), which will be divided by the number of Athlete-Elected Representatives attending as evenly as practicable.

a. Example: 300 Individual Members indicate their intent to attend. 150 additional votes are allocated to the three Athlete-Elected Representatives who have indicated their intent to attend evenly, 50 to each (in addition to the Representatives’ individual vote, therefore giving each 51 votes in total). This brings the total number of votes for the Members’ Assembly to 450, 1/3 of which are allocated to the Athlete-Elected Representatives.

- b) Individual Members of USA Curling may delegate their votes to another member of their Curling Club or Regional Association via Proxy.
 - i. An Individual Member wishing to delegate their vote via Proxy must indicate such, identifying the person who will hold their proxy, to USA Curling no later than 21 days prior to the Members’ Assembly.
 - ii. A Proxy may only be voted by a person who is an Individual Member of USA Curling in good standing as of the date of the Members’ Assembly.

- iii. Athlete-Elected Representatives may not delegate their vote via Proxy. If an Athlete-Elected Representative is unable to attend the Members' Assembly, their votes will be divided between the attending Athlete-Elected Representatives.

III: Page 29 – Section 10.5 – Delegates – Remove in full, renumbering all proceeding sections as appropriate

IV: Page 30 – Section 10.6 – Quorum (renumbered to 10.5) – Change to the following:

At the annual Members' Assembly and at any special meeting of the Members' Assembly, for there to be a quorum, the number of votes represented by Members attending in person or voting via Proxy must equal or exceed the majority of the number of Individual Members in good standing of USA Curling. This count for quorum will not include the additional votes granted to Athlete-Elected Representatives, but Athlete-Elected Representatives will count as Individual Members for this count for quorum.

Proposal 3: Changes to the relationship between USA Curling and Regional Curling Associations.

Motion:

Make the following modifications to the USA Curling Bylaws, as adopted October, 2021:

I: Page 11 – Article 6 – Regional Associations - Strike and replace with the following:

ARTICLE 6 – REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Section 6.1 – Regional Associations

- a) Regional Curling Associations are as defined in this document’s preface “Definitions.”
- b) The Board of Directors shall recognize Regional Curling Associations in accordance with USA Curling policy. Regional Curling Associations in existence at the time of the adoption of these By-Laws shall continue as such.
- c) As the membership of USA Curling changes, it may be appropriate for USA Curling to recognize new Regional Curling Associations or adjust the borders of existing regions. The Board may recognize new regions or recommend changes of the borders of existing regions per USA Curling Procedures.
- d) Any action recognizing new regions or changing the borders of existing regions must be ratified by a majority of votes at a Members’ Assembly or Special Members’ Assembly before becoming effective at the beginning of the succeeding curling season (September 1st).

Section 6.2 – Curling Clubs Assigned to a Region

- a) An individual Curling Club may petition USA Curling for assignment to a Regional Curling Association other than the one with which they are then presently associated with geographically.
- b) If an individual Curling Club does not wish to be associated with any Regional Curling Association, they may petition to be considered “At-Large”.
- c) The Board of Directors shall make determinations on either of these petitions based upon the best interests of USA Curling, but should generally allow a Curling Club to be a member of the Regional Curling Association which best meets its needs, or none at all.

Section 6.3 – Duties of a Regional Association

- a) Regional Curling Associations have the responsibility for furthering the spirit and expansion of the game of curling in their regions, assisting their member clubs when desired, and representing and promoting Curling to local and state governments in their region.
- b) Regional Curling Associations are responsible for management and running of selection procedures to identify teams to compete at National Championships and other similar events which are determined by the Board to be Regionally Based.

- i. Any persons participating in a selection competition for a National Championship must be an Individual Member of USA Curling at the time of registration for the event and must remain in good standing through the ending date of the relevant National Championship.
- c) Regional Curling Associations may have their own separate By-Laws, collect their own separate dues assessments from members or member clubs, and determine their own rules for membership.
- d) Regional Curling Associations are expected to support the interests and goals of USA Curling in general, but they are expected to represent the interests and desires of their member Clubs to USA Curling via their appointed Board Members.
- e) Regional Curling Associations have no role in the administration or collection of dues from Individual Members or Curling Clubs for USA Curling.
- f) If a Regional Curling Association has member Clubs or Individual Members who are not members of USA Curling, those members are not to be counted by USA Curling for purposes of determining which regions are entitled to Board seats under Section 7.6.a.
- g) Regional Curling Associations shall comply with all obligations and requirements that NGBs must follow under the Ted Stevens Act and USOPC bylaws.

Section 6.4 – Removal of a Regional Association

- a) The Board of USA Curling may, if necessary, move to terminate the relationship between itself and a Regional Association for Good Cause.
 - i. “Good Cause” is defined as demonstrable actions taken by the Regional Association which are harmful to USA Curling as a whole, or by membership of the Regional Association falling to such a level as to be incapable of adequately representing the clubs in its area.
 - ii. “Good Cause” is specifically NOT defined as the Board of the Regional Association disagreeing with an action taken by USA Curling.
- b) A Motion by the Board of USA Curling to terminate the relationship between itself and a Regional Association must pass the Board by a 2/3 vote. Any Board member appointed to their seat as a representative of the Regional Association shall have no vote on this matter.
- c) Any motion by the Board to terminate the relationship between itself and a Regional Association must then be ratified by a 2/3 vote at a Members’ Assembly.
 - i. Individual members of USA Curling who are members of the Region being voted upon are entitled to cast their votes, including via proxy, on this question.
- d) If the motion passes the Members’ Assembly, it becomes effective at the beginning of the following curling season (September 1st).
 - i. Any regionally based playdowns for the current season will continue as before, with no discrimination against the region’s qualified team at the relevant National Competition.
 - ii. Any Board Member who was appointed to their seat as a representative of the Regional Association being removed is automatically removed from their seat. Effective upon the ratification of the motion, the seat will be filled from the next largest Regional Association not already having an individual Board Member at the next regular Board meeting.
 - iii. Any Clubs who are members of the Regional Association being removed may petition to be considered as members of another Regional Association, or to stand as At-Large, or to form a new Regional Association. This choice needs to be made in adequate time before the beginning of the next curling season.
 - iv. No punitive action may be taken against a Curling Club if they chose to remain a

member of the Regional Association who was removed. However, that relationship will be irrelevant for any matters pertaining to USA Curling.

II: Page 13 – Article 7 – Section 7.6 – Member-Elected Directors – Strike the following two phrases:

“three Member States and/or” and “Member/State”

Proposal 4: Review and updating of Policies, Rules and other governing documents to be consistent with the Bylaws and each other

Motion:

The members of USA Curling directs the Board of Directors, the CEO, and appropriate sub-committees and support staff, to undergo a review all of the governing documents, rules, policies, and procedures of USA Curling, and identify and implement changes in said documents to make them consistent with the Bylaws.