



## Information Bulletin

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<b>Date</b>	June 2nd, 2022
<b>To</b>	Full Members, Associate Members, Life Members and affiliate clubs
<b>CC</b>	BC Soccer Board of Directors and Staff
<b>From</b>	Jason Elligott, Executive Director and Gayle Statton, President
<b>Subject</b>	BC Soccer Special General Meeting - Outcomes

### Amendments under consideration aimed to address inequity within the membership voting structure

The BC Soccer Board of Directors put forward several bylaw amendments at its June 1, 2022 Special General Meeting, in an effort to work towards our 2024 Strategic Plan Goal “Strengthen Business Operations and Strive for Governance Excellence” while also aligning with best practices nationally and internationally.

These proposed bylaw amendments were drafted following extensive consultation and engagement with members and stakeholders via meetings, forums and surveys.

In a letter from Canada Soccer in September 2021, our national governing body set the expectation for BC Soccer to address the inequalities in its current membership voting structure. This message was further emphasized by Canada Soccer in a letter dated April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, where President Nick Bontis reiterated the National Association’s expectation that its Member Associations will “maximize the fairness of their voting systems, and that, in the case of BC Soccer, the votes between the Youth District Associations and the Adult Leagues will reflect and respect the principles of balanced stakeholder inclusion and fair and democratic representation”.

While understanding the potential negative impact on BC Soccer’s membership standing with Canada Soccer, BC Soccer’s membership defeated the voting reform bylaw amendment motions.

BC Soccer President Gayle Statton is disappointed that the amendments were not accepted by the members: *“We have fully engaged our membership in order to present a case for a fair and equitable voting structure, supporting our members that want this change as well as supporting the directive of our governing bodies. The voting changes are needed and are paramount to good governance, and alignment with what’s happening in other jurisdictions across the country and around the world. I view this as a significant setback in our attempts to reform an outdated Governance model”.*

BC Soccer will report this information to Canada Soccer and next steps will be determined at a later date.

For further questions, please contact [Gabriel Assis, Director of Operations](#)

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