



Information Bulletin

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To	Full Members, Associate Members, Life Members and affiliated clubs
CC	BC Soccer Board of Directors and Staff
From	Jason Elligott, BC Soccer Executive Director
Subject	2022 BC Soccer Annual General Meeting Highlights

Packed weekend of activities brings over 200 attendees to the first in-person Annual General Meeting since 2019.

Members and guests from across BC came together in Richmond this past weekend to celebrate the last 12 months of soccer in the province. Key initiatives from 2021-2022 were reported on and captured via BC Soccer's Year in Review document available here: [READ the 2021-2022 Digital Year in Review document](#)

Jason Elligott, BC Soccer Executive Director commented that *"It was great to be back in-person with the many individuals that support soccer from across the province. It was also great to have focused workshops and presentations around Safe Sport, Strategic Planning, and player, Coach and Referee Development. Having Allison Forsyth leading the safe sport session was extremely valuable and we are so pleased to have a strong partnership with her company, ITP."*

Board Director Elections

BC Soccer's voting delegate members elected the following Board Members to a 3-year term:

- Ralph Luongo, Vice President Adult
- Andrea Benton, Director-at-Large
- John Charlton, Director-at-Large
- Don Dancey, Director-at-Large

Ralph, John, and Don being re-elected for their respective positions while Andrea being elected as a new board member.

Landon Ling did not seek re-election to the board. BC Soccer thanks Landon for the valuable contributions made to the Association

Bylaw Amendments Update

At the meeting, bylaw amendments were considered and voted on by the voting delegates members: [linked here is the complete Bylaw Amendments Package POST AGM.](#)

Workshops

In addition to the official business conducted on Saturday morning at the Annual General Meeting, BC Soccer's commitment to increased engagement and providing value to members included several workshops for attendees.

Friday's Technical Lead's workshop focused on the development of players coaches and referees, and the delivery of new programs and services over the coming months.

BC Soccer's Director of Soccer Development Chris Cerroni led the workshop: *"Over the past couple of years, there has been a lot of work done in the soccer development world, the majority of which was built around stakeholder engagement/feedback. We're very excited about some of the imminent initiatives in referee, player and coach development which we think brings value to our members, particularly the grass roots organizations."*

Saturday afternoon featured a Strategic Plan update and interactive workshop facilitated by Jason Elligott, BC Soccer Executive Director and Gayle Statton, BC Soccer President.

The schedule concluded with a Safe Sport workshop led by ex-Olympic Skier Allison Forsyth, COO of ITP Sport, the independent agency which now manages BC Soccer's Discipline, Complaints and Appeals.

Gabriel Assis, Director of Soccer Operations stated, "*Allison's passion, resilience and commitment are inspiring. It highlights to all of us involved in our sport the importance of creating a safe and welcoming environment for all participants of all ages. We look forward to entering Phase 2 of our collaboration with ITP Sport, that will see a more cohesive and efficient process for intake, triage and response to discipline, complaints and appeals.*"

BC Soccer 2022 Award Banquet

On the evening of November 5th, the Association hosted the first ever live inductions to the "*Soccer Hall of Fame of British Columbia*". The Hall of Fame, instituted in 2019, recognizes and celebrates the achievements of BC's most outstanding soccer players, coaches, referees, builders and teams and organizations of distinction.

The 2022 Hall of Fame Induction class featured:

Roy Nosella (*Player*)

Josh Simpson (*Player*)

Clare Rustad (*Player*)

Larry Louis (*Player*)

Sven Haberman (*Player*)

Brian Hughes (*Coach*)

Michelle Pye (*Referee*)

Jim Lamond (*Builder*)

Keith Millar (*Builder*)

UBC Alumni Women 1996-2003 (*Team of distinction*)

Victoria All-Stars 1951 (*Team of distinction*)

Kamloops Youth Soccer Association (*Organization of Distinction*)

North Shore United (*Organization of Distinction*).

[Linked here is a fulsome description of the 2022 Hall of Fame Induction class.](#)

The event also recognized the contributions by individuals to BC Soccer.

The 2022 BC Soccer Annual Awards recognized the following individuals:

Award of Merit: *Brad Hlasney*

Award of Merit: *Joe Bell*

Player of the Year: *Cole Toupin*

Coach of the Year: *Jamie Pond*

Administrator of the Year: *Sheryl Turner*

Referee of the Year: *Dieter Trenkel*

Special Recognition: *Don Taylor*

NCCP Coaching Award: *Joe Jutty*

President's Award: *Joe Basic*

AC Sanford Award: *Rob Lennox*

Life Membership: *Doug Ross*

Life Membership: *Ruben Tremarco*

[For more information on the significance for BC Soccer awards, visits this page.](#)

BC Soccer sincerely thanks the delegates and members who attended this year's AGM weekend activity and look forward to another successful year of creating positive soccer experiences.

For further questions, please contact [Soleil Heaney, Manager of Member Services](#)

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