



Annual General Meeting Agenda

Meeting check-in starts at 9:30 am

Sunday December 8, 2024 – 10:00 - 11:30 am

Zoom

Date of Meeting:	December 8, 2024	Location:	Zoom Conference Call
Minutes Prepared By:	Kelvin Cheng, OVA	Time:	10:00 A.M.

ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In attendance

Leigh Pearson	Director-at-Large Chair, AGM Nominations Committee Chair
Paul Bonfigli	Vice President Administration/Secretary
Andrew Nichols	Director-at-Large
Howie Grossinger	Director-at-Large

Regrets

Katie Hutchinson	OVA President
Christine Cook	Vice President Finance/Treasurer
Victoria Altomare	Athletes' Representative
Michael Amoroso	Director-at-Large
Danny Gosselin	Director, Regional Engagement

REFEREES COMMITTEE

Jason Dodd	Programs Chair
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ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION STAFF

Jo-Anne Ljubcic	Executive Director
Jennifer Harkness	Director of Finance & Administration

1. Call to order
 - a. Leigh Pearson to chair the meeting
 - b. Jo-Anne Ljubicic introduces OVA staff
 - c. OVA land acknowledgement
2. Establishment of Quorum (more than 30 voting members present)
 - a. Quorum is established
3. Introduction of Scrutineers
 - a. Simply Voting to be used for voting
 - b. Documents are in the chat
 - c. Motions and approvals to be put in the chat
4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: To approve the AGM agenda as presented.

Brad Graham/Brenda Willis

CARRIED

5. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest
 - a. Paul Bonfigli – VC Governance Committee; Mr Bonfigli noted that it was not necessarily the Board's view that this presented a conflict, but the declaration was made in the interest of transparency to the membership.
6. Adoption of Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the previous AGM.

Shaun Illingworth/John Curtis

PASSED by Ordinary Resolution

7. Board and Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Board of Directors – Katie Hutchinson
 - i. Video of outgoing message from Katie
 - b. Governance Committee – Paul Bonfigli
 - i. 4 members appointed to committee
 - ii. Last year, ratified changes to comply with ONCA and director eligibility and signing authority

- iii. This year, continued to improve and refine the OVA by-laws
- iv. Sport environment assessment – OSIC – identify any systemic-discrimination/anti-Black racism
 - 1. None found but recommendations provided for further improvement
- v. Policy review every 3 years
- vi. New board policy for Club Leaders & Directors
- c. Regional Council – Danny Gosselin
 - i. Shaun Illingworth from Region 6 presenting for on Mr Gosselin's behalf
 - ii. Updating IVDC, Coach Subcommittee, Regional Council Terms of Reference
 - iii. 12 appointments to different subcommittees
 - iv. Club leader annual survey led to seasonal planning checklist, resource page, staff restructure, social media campaign for deadlines
 - v. CBC Connect
 - vi. Funding programs – referee uniform rebate, club ONCA rebate
 - vii. Moving forward – MRS, tryout window, competition restructure, more funding programs
 - viii. Thanks to committee members
- d. Athletes' Council – Victoria Altomare
 - i. Oklend Llakaj presenting for Ms Altomare
 - ii. 11 new athlete members to total 34
 - iii. Tryout window review and feedback
 - iv. Team O coach selection involvement, nominations
 - v. Recruitment guidance with Six Pack Recruiting
- e. Referee Committee – Andrew Robb
 - i. Jason Dodd presenting for Mr Robb
 - ii. Growth of the sport and referees
 - iii. Success at events Ontario Championships, USport/CCAA, internationals events
 - iv. Continue to get top nominations for medal matches

- v. OUA Partner of the Year
- 8. Presentation of the Annual Report
 - a. Video of OVA achievements presented
- 9. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements
 - a. Jen Harkness presented audited financial statements
 - b. Clean audit opinion from auditors
 - c. No management recommendations
 - d. Lots of cash on hand
 - i. Cash is earmarked for other things \$1.3M accounts payable, internally restricted funds, contingency reserve fund
 - ii. Interest on cash higher than LT investments
 - iii. Restatement, decided to payable to members show on income statement instead of balance sheet
 - 1. Payroll to members – officials ODFs, \$116K for regional membership \$3/member
 - 2. Region 6 income is a different because of legacy hosting funds
 - iv. Program revenue up 23%, increase membership
 - 1. Net revenue - \$146K
 - v. Big admin expenses
 - 1. Legal fees – almost \$500K for OSIC complaints but process is changing in early 2025
 - 2. Will still use 3rd party model, to be contracted

10. Appointment of Auditor

MOTION: To appoint MacNeill Edmundson as auditors

Sylvie Lapierre/Dwayne Cochrane

PASSED by Ordinary Resolution

11. New Business/Questions (if any submitted)

- a. Open call for questions and new business, none proposed

12. Approve By-Law Amendments

- a. Paul Bonfigli presented change proposals

- b. Amending titles of two VPs
 - i. Remove hierarchy of board members
- c. Clarification for Nominations Committee
- d. Removing requirement of Executive Committee
- e. Initial- membership provision for Regional Council to be removed
- f. Removal of transitional provisions, no longer needed

MOTION: To approve the six by-law amendments as presented

Ryan Giles/Brenda Willis

Each motion PASSED by Ordinary Resolution

13. Election of new Directors

- a. Thanks to outgoing board members
- b. President
 - i. Brad Graham & Howie Grossinger candidates
 - ii. Brad Graham – volleyball since 1982, want to be part of growth of sport and stakeholders, rural outreach, also is an official and coach, continue to be athlete centred organization
 - iii. Howie Grossinger – 45 year connection with OVA, transition to volleyball dad, owner of Madawaska, explore opportunities for future growth, OVA board members last 3 years, collaboration of stakeholders, familiar with board process, awareness of current strategic plan and continuity
 - iv. Congratulations to Howie Grossinger on being elected the new OVA President.
- c. Director, Regional Engagement
 - i. Sylvie Laperriere acclaimed
- d. Director at Large
 - i. Margo Malowney, acclaimed
- e. Members were advised by Ms Pearson that the nominations process was still followed and vetting still completed despite no election due to no other applications received

14. Adjournment

Next Annual Meeting is December 7, 2025

Attendance List

Voting Members

Alex	Park
Andrea	Lampman
Andrea	Crawford
Anne-Claude	Bedard
Antonio	Curciarello
Baolin	Chen
Beth	Schulz
Brad	Graham
Brenda	Willis
Candice	Keller
Charlena	Harvey
Chi	Luton
David	Kociancic
Derek	Falardeau-Mercier
Don	Morton
Dwayne	Cochrane
Irving	Ho
Isaiah	Clelland
James	Bonney
John	Curtis
John	Gillis
Jonathon	Graham
Karen	Leslie
Kelvin	Hui
Lacey	Pratt
Laurie	Fernandez
Liane	Falardeau-Mercier
Lisa	White
Michael	Albert
Michelle	Cramp
Nicholas	Hung
Rachel	Smith
Rhonda	Brown
Robert	Wojcik
Ryan	Giles
Sarah	Irwin
Shaun	Illingworth
Simon	Lloyd
Sue	Burns
Sylvie	Laperriere
Thomas	Osadaca

Voting Members

Tina
Vanassa
Zac

(continued)

Nguyen
Lin
Schulz

Non-voting Attendees

Alishia	Lidums	OVA staff
Jo-Anne	Ljubicic	OVA staff
LP	Mainville	OVA staff
Jennifer	Harkness	OVA staff
Mylene	Andrade	OVA staff
Dylan	Brennand	OVA staff
Oklend	Llakaj	OVA staff
Mario	Rando	OVA staff
Michelle	Kozlowski	OVA staff
Claire	Melanson	OVA staff
Taylor	Callow	OVA staff
Lauren	Sokolowski	OVA staff
Suzanne	Fogg	OVA staff
Mark	Wiersma	OVA staff
Carrie	Campbell	OVA staff
Kerish	Maharaj	OVA staff
Kelvin	Cheng	OVA staff
Jacob	Barker	OVA staff
Margo	Malowney	
Matt	Harris	
Jason	Dodd	
Charlena	Harvey	
Nicholas	Huang	