Standing Rules Committee Report – BGM Meeting November 2023

The Standing Rules Committee (Jan Fletcher, Tom Ross, Bruce Van der Beek, and Bill Frederickson) have held several meetings via Zoom and face to face since January 2023. Our tasks have been to review the Standing Rules for changes in Terminology, changes in current applicability, and making sure the Document reflects current practices.

The Committee perused the documents separately and then reviewed together the changes that we felt needed clarification and/or updating. We also asked for input from the Staff as they will frequently notice items that need to be addressed. The group then sent a report of those changes, concerns, and recommendations to the BGM Executive Board for review. The Executive Board in turn returned their comments about the changes to the Standing Rules Committee.

Currently the Committee is finalizing those changes and will then send an updated copy to the Executive Board.

The Committee is also tasked with reviewing the By-Laws for the same purpose of clarifying terminology, updating wording, and making sure the document is current. The committee hopes to complete that task by the summer of next year for the Executive Committee to review and organize any changes that would require a Biennial vote in June of 2025.

Respectfully submitted.

Jan Fletcher, Chair