

Canadian Stick Curling Association
Report of the Chair to the 2025 AGM

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Executive, the Board of Directors, as well as those who served on the various committees, for their many hours of dedication and commitment towards advancing the sport of two-person stick curling. There has been a significant amount of work undertaken this year as we continue to promote and grow our sport and it is certainly greatly appreciated.

This year my focus was on positioning the CSCA as the national leader for two-person stick curling. To this end the priority was relationship building, specifically with Curling Canada. While good working relations with the provincial associations are crucial, those associations take their lead from that between Curling Canada and the CSCA. Following on a presentation made by Rick at a Curling Canada meeting of provincial representatives, Rick and I met with Nolan Thiessen, the CEO of Curling Canada and Michael Szajewski, the Chair of the Board of Governors for Curling Canada. We discussed a number of issues of importance to the CSCA.

Primarily, from a governance perspective, Michael informed us that the governance model for Curling Canada would not allow the CSCA to “have a seat at the table” but that the most appropriate relationship for the two organizations is that of an affiliate member, which is already in place.

Our discussions with Nolan covered a number of topics. Most heartening to hear was that Curling Canada could potentially sanction

the National Stick Curling Championships. This would certainly enhance the credibility and visibility of our sport.

We also sought their views as to whether 2-person stick curling championships should be congruent in format with other national championships which have men's, women's and mixed championships. This has been a thorny issue for the CSCA with strongly-held opinions on both sides of the debate. While the National Stick Championships will be moving to a three division format in 2026, it would be helpful to have the opinions of Curling Canada going forward.

As you have heard in the reports of the other members of the Executive, there are many initiatives underway and there are others that are premature to discuss. It has been a busy and productive year since the last AGM, and once again I thank everyone for their important contributions to growing the sport of 2-person curling and strengthening the leadership role of the CSCA.

Respectfully submitted

Sherril Minns