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May 2019 USCA Board Meeting Key Items of Agreement

*October 2014- In her workshop entitled **Director Education and Leadership Workshop**, Kae Rader suggested that we take a few minutes at the end of each meeting to discuss the significant positive results of the meeting and create a short list of talking points that we can take to our members as part of a consistent message from the Board.*

Motion of Support for the Governance 2.0 Report – The board approved a motion of support for a report from the Governance 2.0 Ad Hoc Committee's suggested amendments to the By-Laws. The suggested amendments will be presented for adoption to the Members' Assembly in October. If adopted the amendments will decrease the size of the board over a two-year period to 13 members, reallocating member-elected director seats to the states/regions through reducing the number of directors assigned for some regions and combining director seats for some regions. It also provides a mechanism for these directors to be elected at the Members' Assembly.

Elections – A slate of nominees was presented by the Nominating/Governance Chair and approved by the board. Scott Stevenson becomes Board Vice-Chair; Hawley MacLean was re-elected as a Board Elected Director; Rich Lepping was elected as a representative to the World Curling Federation; Charles Brown will Chair the Judicial Committee, and Steven O'Keefe and Jeff Annis were elected to the Audit/Finance Committee.

By-Laws Amended – The board passed three minor amendments to the By-Laws. These changes deal with complaint procedures and the Code of Ethics. The changes were posted on the website and may be viewed there. Notification of the amendments' adoption will be sent out in a timely manner (within five days of adoption) by the Secretary per By-Laws. If unchallenged, the changes, go into effect 30 days after the date of notification.

Updated SafeSport Policy Approved – The board approved updated language to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP), which are part of the USA Curling SafeSport Policy and Handbook. This action satisfies some of the items that the USCA is currently shown as "deficient" for in the USOC's NGB Compliance and Audit report. This update represents several months of work with the USOC to make sure that the USCA and any member organization that adopts the USCA SafeSport Policy is in compliance with current standards.

Conflict of Interest, Code of Ethics, and Director Expectations Policies Updated – Changes in language to the Conflict of Interest Form, Code of Ethics Policy and Director's Expectations Policy were approved. These changes bring the policies into alignment with our current By-Laws and provide a clearer delineation of the ethical standards, fiduciary responsibilities, and principles for USCA Board Members.

Town Hall Call – May 23, 7 p.m. C.D.T.

Next Board Meeting – July 30, Noon C.D.T.

Gordon Maclean - Secretary
US Curling Association