

Letter from your Vice President

January 2007

Dear Members,

Over the past few years several board members who had served for five years have left the board. This year the Canoe Club board determined there was a real lack of continuity in the knowledge and experience available to the board and that this was detrimental to the Canoe Club.

At the Annual General Meeting last November 29th, 2006 a proposal was made to change the manner in which board members are elected in order to address this problem.

I am pleased to report that this proposal passed.

Each year at the AGM four board members will be elected for a three year term. Together with eight board members already serving they will make up the twelve members that the Canoe Club bylaws require.

This is very similar to the way other public organizations such as Mountain Equipment Co-Op structure their board. It provides continuity yet there is still an opportunity for new additions to the board each year.

Board members will now be elected for a three year term and will be limited to two - three year terms before being required to step aside from being a board member for at least a year.

Since this process will begin at the next AGM in November 2007 not all board members elected for this year will serve three year terms. In order to manage this transition some board members will serve one or two year terms.

Here is your new board and their respective terms:

One year

- Addie Gushue
- Sharon Jones
- Mike Sukava
- Rachelle Cronk

Two year

- John Harvey
- Dave Symington
- Robin Whimster
- Judi Sofalvi

Three year

- Terry Mroz
- Charlie Aberhart
- Simon Tanner
- Charlie Williamson

Thank you all for your support and best of luck to the new board of directors for 2007.

Simon Tanner

Vice-President