



# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Hockey Alberta Membership

**SUBJECT: 2018 Annual General Meeting – Final Update**

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The 2018 Hockey Alberta Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on Friday, November 23 and Saturday, November 24 at three locations in Red Deer – the Sheraton Hotel, the Cenovus Learning Common at Red Deer College, and the Hockey Alberta office in the new Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre at RDC.

The 2018 AGM provides opportunities for member Minor Hockey Associations, Senior and Junior Club Teams, Sport Schools, Pond Hockey programs, Sledge Hockey programs and League Administrators to participate in interactive sessions targeted at some of the hottest topics in the game today.

The meeting includes guest speakers, presentations and workshops involving people from all different aspects of amateur hockey. The weekend also includes a Trade Show and Social, Awards Presentations, the Annual General Meeting and an Open House at Hockey Alberta's office in Red Deer College's new Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre.

Included in this Bulletin is updated information pertaining to the AGM on Saturday afternoon, and other sessions on Friday evening and Saturday morning. The full schedule for the weekend is outlined in this Bulletin. We recommend that each Minor Hockey Association and Club Team plan to attend the AGM and bring the appropriate delegates to participate in the advertised sessions.

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## **Friday, November 23, Sheraton Hotel**

All Friday's activities are at the Sheraton, starting with delegate registration at 5 pm, opening remarks at 7 pm, and a player safety presentation from HeadCheck Health at 7:30 pm.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** Friday evening's keynote speaker is Allyson Tufts, author of *Lessons from Behind the Glass*. Allyson's book is a collection of her experiences from watching her son play hockey, and the lessons she learned with a goal to try and make each hockey parent's minor hockey experience a positive one.

After the Keynote Address, delegates are encouraged to interact with people from other associations and organizations at the Trade Show & Social, which includes information booths set up by Hockey Alberta sponsors and partners. Appetizers will be served and a cash bar available.

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## **Saturday, November 24, Cenovus Learning Common, Red Deer College**

All Saturday's activities are at Red Deer College, starting at 9 am.



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**PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS:** The morning session consists of discussion and workshops designed to engage association and team executive members in building a plan for the future of hockey in Alberta.

Drawing on the lessons from Friday's Keynote Address, delegates will be challenged to evaluate the status quo and think outside the box while discussing potential changes to the hockey model within which we currently operate. The session will provide information on Hockey Canada's future direction as well as an overview of the current environment within which hockey exists.

Key areas of focus for the session include:

- **Competition in Youth Sports:** Evaluating the existing hockey system and identifying the reasons for recent growth of unsanctioned programs at the recreational and competitive levels.
- **Operating Standards:** Evaluating the role of the local association in the leadership, development and delivery of programs and identifying governance, structural and implementation strategies that will help create more positive experiences for players in the game.
- **Seasonal /Team Structure:** Evaluating the current practices for establishing the framework of schedules for both practices and games and identifying modifications that can be used to provide a better experience for players and optimize the developmental time available to them.
- **Options in the Game:** Evaluating programs that exist within and outside of our sanctioned hockey system and identifying what is required to establish more choices for families.

**HOCKEY ALBERTA AWARDS:** Following lunch, the annual Awards Presentation will recognize individuals from within amateur hockey in Alberta. This event consists of presentations to those administrators, coaches, officials, players, and associations that have made a significant contribution to hockey in their community and/or Alberta over the past season. The Presentations will be made prior to the AGM being called to order.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The Annual Meeting of Hockey Alberta is held within six (6) months after the conclusion of the fiscal year end. In addition to any other business that may be transacted, the following business shall be conducted this year:

- The election of three Directors, each for a term of three years (please refer to the Nomination Committee Final Report, below, for the names of candidates being brought forward for election);
- The presentation of the audited financial statements and report of the auditor;
- The appointment of the auditor for the ensuing fiscal year; and
- The report of the Directors, if any.

Additionally, the 2018 AGM will include a Special Resolution to amend the Bylaws:

- N.O.M. #1      Article 5      5.15 (b) – 'Remuneration'

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**NOMINATION COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT:** Hockey Alberta's Board of Director positions are elected by the members of Hockey Alberta at the AGM. There are three (3) positions of Director at Large up for election at this year's AGM and each successful candidate will be elected to serve a term of three (3) years. Per Hockey Alberta Bylaw 5.2, the final date for nominations to be accepted for Board of Directors elections was November 9, 2018 and therefore the nomination process is now closed. Per the Hockey Alberta Bylaws, the following individuals have filed a proper nomination application with the Nominations Committee and will be brought forward for election to the Board at the 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday, November 24.



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**Nominee**

Michael Bates  
Edward Croken  
Francois Gagnon  
Wilson Gemmill  
Jerrold Lemko (Incumbent)  
Todd Thiessen

**Hometown**

Cochrane  
Edmonton  
Fort McMurray  
Grande Prairie  
Vegreville  
Red Deer

A credentials summary and short video of each candidate can be accessed at the following link on the Hockey Alberta website:

<https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/members/annual-general-meeting/2018-board-candidates/>

**VOTING:** Please note that Member Dues for the 2018-2019 season and any overdue accounts must be paid in full for Members to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Member Dues statements were distributed via email. If your organization did not receive a Member Dues statement, contact Katrina Papke, [kpapke@hockeyalberta.ca](mailto:kpapke@hockeyalberta.ca). Please refer to Article 4, 4.6 (b) of the Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations for information about voting privileges/procedures.

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**Saturday, November 24, Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre, Red Deer College**

**OPEN HOUSE:** Following the Annual General Meeting, and before heading for home, all delegates are invited to attend an open house at the new Hockey Alberta offices in the Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre at Red Deer College. The Open House runs from 4-5 pm and includes refreshments and a small gift for everyone who attends.

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**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel rooms are still available at the [Best Western Hotel](#) for AGM weekend. Please book your accommodations as soon as possible to access these rates. If booking by phone, please indicate you are with the **Hockey Alberta Annual General Meeting**.

Full details about the 2018 Annual General Meeting can be found online under the Members tab at [hockeyalberta.ca](http://hockeyalberta.ca).