

## **IPC Swimming Summit Submission by Canadian Paralympic Committee and Swimming/Natation Canada**

**Theme: Operations**

**Topic: Interim Governance**

### **Background/History**

- 1992 to 2006 IPC SAEC SW governance based on IPC Swimming Rule book
- 2006 the IPC Governing Board alters the format IPC Sport Committees and the process for election/appointment
- 2007 IPC Governing Board appoints a Swimming Working Group
- 2008 IPC Governing Board disbands the Swimming Working Group
- The IPC General Assembly approved the motion that all IPC Sports must be independent by 2016

### **Considerations**

- IPC Swimming needs to have a working committee to steer and advise the operations of the sport to the IPC Governing Board.
- Without knowledgeable sport leaders directing Para Swimming development is halted.
- Persons with the knowledge need to be providing support to the sport in all areas to allow for the completion of tasks and programs.

### **Recommendations**

- An IPC Swimming Working Committee needs to be established, which includes:
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair – (Independence working group leader)
  - Head of Classification
  - Technical/Competitions Director

- Officials Director
  - Sport Science Director
  - Coaches Representative
  - Athletes Representative
  - Secretary (non-voting Staff position)
- The Committee will provide direction and support under the approval of the Governing Board.
  - Develop a communications strategy, business plan and roles and responsibilities of the committee members.
  - Move forward and complete the recommendations for the Technical Rules and Classification.
  - Work with the existing staff to complete the work needed for the management of the sport.
  - Work with the Sub Committee on Independence.
  - Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Directors to be appointed by the Governing Board, Athlete and Coaches Representatives are to be appointed by the appropriate groups.