



TITLE OF THE REPORT:	GOVERNANCE UPDATE
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:	This report provides a summary for the EIHA members on the governance activity of the Association since the last AGM
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Introduction

Since the last AGM, there has been a significant amount of work done on driving forward governance project for the EIHA.

This paper is presented as an update on the joint-governance steering group with IHUK which has been tasked by the membership of the EIHA to move forward with developing the governance proposals outlined in the EIHA Governance Working Party report approved by members at the EIHA EGM on 1 July.

Governance of EIHA Project Update

The EIHA Board recognise and acknowledge that the existing governance of the Association is not fit for purpose and they have embarked on a whole-scale governance review, with direction and support from the EIHA membership, to ensure a fit for purpose organisation is put in place to govern the sport of ice hockey across the UK in the future.

Summary timeline of activity since the last AGM:

September 2017 AGM	EIHA Board acknowledge governance failings and agree with membership to take concerns away and come back to an EGM with a resolution for how to move forward.
November 2017 EGM	EIHA Board presented a resolution to membership to establish a Governance Working Party to do a full report identifying the best option for the Association to improve its governance. EIHA membership approved the resolution to set-up the Governance Working Party, with 275 votes For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstentions.
January – March 2018	Working Party established and met to discuss and examine governance options for the EIHA
April 2018	Open consultation meeting held in Bracknell
May 2018	Open consultation meeting held in Sheffield
June 2018	Governance Working Party presented final report and recommendations to EIHA Board



June 2018	EIHA Board released full report with recommendations to the EIHA membership ¹
July 2018 EGM	<p>EIHA Board presented a resolution to membership to commit the EIHA in principle to establishing a new unified UK organisation to replace the existing EIHA, IHUK, and SIHA, and to progress with creating a joint-steering group to produce more detailed plans for the membership to vote on by April 2019.</p> <p>EIHA membership approved the resolution to proceed with developing plans for the new organisation as outlined above, with 240 votes For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstentions.</p>
July 2018	<p>IHUK Board met and agreed to join the joint-steering group proposed by the EIHA governance report.</p> <p>Membership of the Joint-Governance Steering Group was confirmed as: Jonathan Hall (independent chair), Joy Johnston, Andrew Miller, Eric Morton, Richard Grieveson and David Hand.</p>
August 2018	Steering Group met and discussed the composition for each of the working groups.
September 2018	Invite emails sent out to individuals to join the various working groups (once the group memberships are confirmed, the EIHA membership will be updated by the Steering Group).

Projected timeline of future activity:

October 2018	Joint-Steering Group meeting to develop plans for the governance of the new organisation.
October – December 2018	Working Groups meet and develop plans for how the new organisation will manage each of the tasks and functional areas outlined by the Joint-Steering Group.
January/February 2019	Initial proposals shared with memberships of EIHA, SIHA and IHUK for feedback and consultation.
March 2019	Proposal for new organisation finalised by Joint-Steering Group.
April 2019	EGM called by IHUK, EIHA and SIHA to formally vote on the resolution to dissolve and create the new organisation.
Summer 2019	New organisation established and in place to operate ahead of the 2019/20 season.

¹ Full Report is appended to this report for reference



The governance review represents a commitment by the EIHA Board and the EIHA membership to over-haul the governance of the Association and ensure a fit for purpose organisation exists in the future.

Failings of the existing governance of the EIHA remain a concern for the membership and the EIHA Board acknowledge these concerns and are directing all their energy towards the above outlined process which will address the existing issues.

Conclusion

The 2017/18 season has seen a huge amount of time and energy invested into the governance work for the EIHA.

The EIHA membership are playing a key role in driving forwards the governance work for the association.

The next 6-9 months will be critical in terms of ensuring a fit for purpose organisation is in place for the future governance of the sport.

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