

# Governance Committee

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## **Mandate**

*The Governance Committee assists the Board to create and maintain a healthy governance culture that reflects current governance standards and good practices. In particular, the committee:*

- *Recommends to the Board a plan for ongoing Board education and development and leads the orientation of newly elected directors.*
- *Monitors compliance of GHCF with the British Columbia Societies Act and regulations, GHCF constitution and bylaws, and Board policies.*
- *Reports periodically to the Board on the committee's work.*
- *Makes recommendations as required for changes to the structure and membership of committees.*

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- **2020 Review of the Bylaws of the Foundation:**
  - The Covid-19 pandemic has led many societies to opt for various forms of electronic meetings instead of meeting in-person. Most of the proposed changes to the GHCF by-laws are to permit it to hold electronic meetings.
  - In addition, there are minor changes to:
    - Permit the directors, by a 75% vote, to expel or suspend a member for conduct substantially prejudicial to the society,
    - Defined director's signing authorities, and
    - Two or three minor housekeeping changes.

Details of the proposed changes to the by-laws (changes highlighted in red) are on the GHCF web site at

[https://ghcf.ca/AGM/2020\\_by-laws.pdf](https://ghcf.ca/AGM/2020_by-laws.pdf)