

Program Coordination Committee Report to the Paddle Canada AGM

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The board of directors established the Program Coordination Committee (PCC) to harmonize the non-program-specific portions of the Paddle Canada programs, as much as possible. The members of the PCC consist of the chair of each program development committee (PDC) and one board appointee.

The PCC has had a busy year. Along with the regular ongoing business of the committee, several major projects were undertaken as outlined below.

Achievements

- The large portion of the committee's efforts were spent in rolling out the final components of the new certification maintenance (CM) standards, which were begun last season. The new CM standards bring Paddle Canada up to (or above) industry standards. The rollout task is nearly complete.
- Presented, in cooperation with the PDCs, the terms of reference of the PDCs to the board, which approved them.
- Developed an organization-wide policy proposal regarding visiting instructors who are certified by other paddling organizations in the United States and the United Kingdom, which was approved by the board. If this program proves beneficial, other organizations can be added in the future.
- Developed a set of proposed policies to ensure instructor candidates received appropriate opportunity to practice and demonstrate their instructional skills. The board approved them.

Ongoing projects

- Developing, in cooperation with the PDCs, a vessel-independent Camping program, and the subsequent removal of land-based camping skills from our existing programs. Removing the camping skills duplication from our programs and concentrating them in the new Camping program will remove duplication while providing the flexibility to teach or not teach camping alongside boat/board skills, as the market requires. This is a multi-year project.
- Reviewing the mechanism to become an instructor-trainer and developing industry-leading standards. This is a multi-year project, which may result in recognizing training achieved in one Paddle Canada program for transfer into another Paddle Canada program, standardized IT courses, and/or other changes as the review reveals.

The PCC members

The PCC members (Priscilla Haskin, Rob Lemmon, David Johnston, Tony Palmer, James Roberts) have much work to do within their respective PDCs or the board, so their contribution to the PCC is especially appreciated! Thank you each for all your hard work and dedication!

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Palmer
Chair, Program Coordination Committee