



**TO: WORLD LACROSSE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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**FROM: SALLIE BARKER, WL FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR,**  
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**SUBJECT: 2021 WORLD LACROSSE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
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We hope this memorandum finds everyone in good health and spirits as we continue to fight this global pandemic. It's hard to imagine a year has almost passed and we are planning for another General Assembly (GA) but here we are. That said, last year's GA planning was filled with uncertainty wondering if a virtual meeting would work, how would the election software hold up, could we make the time zones work, could we keep people engaged, etc. but largely due to the flexibility and cooperation of World Lacrosse's Membership, the 2021 GA was a great success, and we expect even better results for this year's GA.

As you are hopefully aware, the dates and times of this year's GA is as follows:

**October 9/10** - 3pm MDT/5pm EDT/10pm BST/11pm CEST/6am JST/10am NZDT  
**October 31** - 4am MDT/6am EDT/10am GMT/11am CET/7pm JST/11pm NZDT

In addition to delivering all of the legislation to Membership as per the 60-day requirement, the purpose of this memo is to update you on a number of items.

### **Agenda**

The updated agenda is attached. As you'll note, both Athlete Eligibility and Rules are no longer part of the agenda. With respect to Athlete Eligibility, we've decided there is still additional discussion and clarifications needed so this will be discussed and voted on via a postal vote following a Stakeholder Engagement Webinar after the GA. Similarly, and consistent with the direction of the new rules process that will be presented at this GA, we've listened to feedback from Members and we are going to take the proposed rule changes away from the 2021 GA and discuss them via webinars, followed by a postal vote. This will ensure they get the focus they need and the right people from each NGB are able to engage in the process.

### **2020 Minutes and Matters Arising**

The 2020 draft minutes are in the OneDrive folder. Please notify us of any changes by no later than 6th September 2021. In addition, and in order to maximise our time at the meeting, we would be grateful if you also could let us know by 6<sup>th</sup> September if you have any Matters Arising. Proposed changes to the minutes and Matters Arising can be sent to Sallie Barker at [sbarker@worldlacrosse.sport](mailto:sbarker@worldlacrosse.sport).

### **Papers, Ballots and Legislative Amendments**

As you can see from the GA papers, we have sent you a lot of information! Again, following feedback, we have decided to present this to you differently this year. For each unique legislative section within the agenda, we have included a covering paper which summarises the decision-making process, changes to the WL legislation as a result of the proposals and the wording of each vote to be taken. In addition, a redline draft of both the Constitution and Bylaws is included in the folder. These two (2) documents



include all of the proposed legislation aggregated in one place. Finally, in addition to the papers, all the corresponding votes are detailed in the PowerPoint deck that is included in the folder. This will be used in a similar fashion to last year to walk through each ballot with corresponding votes.

With respect to the WL Handbook, we are asking that we take this as a single block vote, as all of the changes are editorial, structural or clarify existing procedures or processes. However, if there are any points in the WL Handbook, or in any other agenda items, you wish to take to a specific vote, we would be grateful if you could send this to Sallie Barker, WL Finance and Governance Director, at [sbarker@worldlacrosse.sport](mailto:sbarker@worldlacrosse.sport) by 6<sup>th</sup> September. When submitting your proposal, please provide the actual wording of the vote, with the names of the proposer and seconder (this assumes at least two different countries would be involved in the amendment as both would need to be registered Delegates). We hope in organising the GA in this way we can eliminate changes from the floor in order to keep the agenda moving and allow for discussion.

### **Registration**

The NGB registration form is included in the GA folder. Use this form to name your NGB's Voting Delegate and Observer for Full Members and Observer for Associate Members, Continental Federations and Affiliate Members. This form is due back by no later than 6 September 2021.

### **Strategic Plan and Financials**

The updated Strategic Plan will be sent to Membership by 9 September 2021 (30 days before the first meeting where this will be presented). In addition, all relevant financials will be sent to Membership by 30 September 2021 (30 days before the second meeting where these will be presented).

### **Stakeholder Engagement Webinars**

There will be two webinars for GA preparation on 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, as well as specific webinars before then dedicated to answering your questions around some of the key discussion and decision topics. As always, recordings of all webinars will be shared after the meetings in the event you are unable to attend.

We hope this information is helpful and is the first step in making the General Assembly as effective as possible for all stakeholders. Please don't hesitate to contact either Sallie Barker at [sbarker@worldlacrosse.sport](mailto:sbarker@worldlacrosse.sport) or Eric Parthen at +1.719.330.9984 or [eparthen@worldlacrosse.sport](mailto:eparthen@worldlacrosse.sport) if you have questions or need assistance.

We look forward to seeing everyone in October!