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## TO: ALL VOTING DELEGATES

It is hard to believe that another bowling season is almost over. Unfortunately our game is still on the decline. Bowling centre closures is still our number one enemy as we continue to lose membership, tournament participation as well as fundraising. At the provincial level we have been working hard trying to find new ways of streamlining the way we do business as well as trying to find new ways to make our organization more viable.

At this convention we will be making a number of proposals that we hope will help to revitalize our sport. At our April board meeting we will be finalizing our proposals and it is our hope that we will have these in your hands to review prior to arriving at the convention.

Following are some of the things we will be proposing:

- NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD
- NEW MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA
- NEW TOURNAMENT ASSESSMENT
- ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING TOURNAMENT
- NEW TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
- ESTABLISH A YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Also in this mailing you will notice we have changed the look of our Annual General Meeting. We have changed the starting time on Thursday to 3:00 p.m. and have replaced the three committee meetings with two "Discussion Forums". After each forum we will be voting on all motions pertaining to those committees. We have also removed both the "Volunteer Service Awards" and the "Appreciation Awards" from the Convention agenda. These awards will now be presented at our Semi-Annual Meeting in November.

Although we are all going through tough times in our sport we remain confident that by working together and making changes, which will help our sport we all can survive and keep our sport alive for another 100 years.

Yours truly,

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