

# GOVERNANCE CHANGE AS A STARTING POINT FOR STRATEGIC CHANGE

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# INTRODUCTIONS



- Paddy Boyd
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   Seeking to improve NSO/PSO alignment

#### **OUR PROBLEM**



- Selling the National message to Provincial Leadership
- As basic as attendance at National AGM
- Lack of engagement at coaching level of Provinces

# **OUR SOLUTION**



- Support costs of attendance at face-to-face meetings
- Have meetings facilitated to keep on track
- Create inter-provincial meetings at coaching level

# THE CHALLENGE



- Sometimes support not enough
- Change hats take off your provincial hat and put on the Maple Leaf!
- Younger group perhaps more conservative and change averse than their elders

## THE OUTCOME



- 9 Provinces represented 2014, 10 represented 2015
- Coaches now aligning provincial goals with national goals
- Selection processes agreed with national best interest in mind

# THE TAKEAWAY



- Consistent message, repeat regularly
- Always emphasize national interest
- Be aware of personal impact
- Don't expect light bulbs



#### RIGHT PEOPLE, RIGHT ROLE, RIGHT THINGS



"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

# OUR PROBLEM



Highly Complex

Lack of Trust

Be all things to all people



**80 000** Voting Members **11** PTSOs

4 Funding Partners

#### **NSO Leadership**

4 CEO's in 7 years

8 Sport Disciplines

**142** Committees

Highly Ineffective

Lack of Accountability

Inattention to Results & Performance

# **OUR SOLUTION**



- Investigate. Listen. Trust and Verify. Decide.
  - **2** Build a manageable strategy. Control the controllable.
    - Build for Success. Secure the buy-in of the "top dogs" and get them on your team.
      - 4 Start
    - **5** Build the Team
  - 6 Prioritize the priorities
- Run it as a business. Make the tough decisions. Take risks. Own it.

# THE CHALLENGE



Underestimated the scope and depth of the issues.

2 Interconnectedness of the core problems.

**3** Personal agendas

## THE OUTCOME



Bylaws / Lean Governance

Foundation

Horse Power

Cohesive Board & Leadership Team

Cross-Functional Business Units

Champions of Change

Engaged Community

# THE TAKEAWAY



- 1 Right people, right role, focused on the right things.
  - 2 Clarify authority, accountability, responsibility across the organization.
  - Talk about, and deal with, *the elephant*.

**4** Great governance is the foundation.