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Dear Winston:

Further to our letter dated November 25, 2011, Canadian Masters Athletics submits the following additional comments on WMA's proposed new Constitution and Bye-Laws.

We share the concerns expressed by others about the consolidation of the six Regional Delegates on Council into one representative. We believe that no one person can understand the diverse concerns and issues which affect the six Regions, or adequately represent them on Council. Further, depriving Regions of the ability to appoint a Delegate to Council will hinder the expansion of Masters Athletics in those Regions, deprive Council of the benefit of their knowledge, and convey a negative message which may cause them to seek an affiliation where they feel more valued. The need to promote and expand participation by all Regions in our Championships dictates that all Regions must participate in the management of WMA's affairs, and we believe that this can only be done by membership on Council.

We, therefore, strongly recommend that the new Constitution and Bye-Laws remain unchanged with respect to the appointment of Regional Delegates.

We recognize, however, the need to husband WMA's limited resources, and that our recommendation may increase WMA's costs when compared to the proposed changes. We, therefore, encourage the WMA Council to try other methods of saving costs, including possibly greater use of technology.

Please confirm receipt of this further comment from Canada, and arrange for its posting on the WMA web site.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



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