

NB Media Co-op
Annual General Meeting
 Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6pm
 Charlotte Street Arts Centre

Present: Susan O'Donnell (SO), Sophie Lavoie (SL), Tracy Glynn (TG), Kylie Bergfalk (KB), Daniel Tubb (DT), Mathew Hayes (MH), Gerry McAllister (GM), Joan McFarland (JM), Najat Abdou-McFarland (NAM); Dirk Groenenberg (DG), Kristi Allain (KA).

Present By Zoom: Judy Burwell (JB), Sarah Kardash (SK), Dave Thomas (DT), Tom MacLean (TM), Brian Beaton (BB), Pete Johnson (PJ), Mark Cunningham (MC)

Regrets: n/a

1. **Appointment of meeting chair-** TG proposing SO, seconded by SL. Adopted by consensus.
2. **Appointment of minute taker-** SO proposing SL, seconded by KB. Adopted by consensus.
3. **Approval of meeting agenda** – amended NAM, seconded by TG. Adopted by consensus.
4. **Bylaw Amendments-** presented by KB, changes to the NB Cooperatives Act. KB worked with the Financial Commission of NB to update the bylaws, as required by new legislation. Section 5.9.2. “Voting and participating allows people to vote by telephone, etc.”. KB proposing to accept the bylaws. SO seconding. Adopted by consensus. Note: Members present by telephone can vote for the remainder of the meeting.
5. **Introduction of members present** (see list above).- SO introduced the members on the phone.
6. **Approval of 2019 AGM minutes-** Minutes were previously circulated. SO asked for changes. SL moves to accept the minutes, seconded by KB. Adopted by consensus.
7. **Annual Report 2019-2020-** presented by TG, previously circulated by email. Gerry McAlister’s story was most circulated (55K readers) and SO on race shifters. Peter Manson was most popular opinion piece. RAVEN partnership is continuing. Document also has summary of finances etc. The document also has a list of events co-sponsored and hosted, as well as our partners, collaborators and supporting unions. TG received no questions. NAM and SO congratulate TG on her outstanding work on the Annual Report, available on the website.
8. **Presentation & adoption of the 2019-2020 financial report-** The Financial Report was previously circulated. TG is presenting this report. The NBMC had more revenues than spending. Monthly donors are up (11) but number of members is up (104). Union donations are down a bit but we have received other union donations since then. MH asked for clarification about the membership numbers contained in the financial report. TM asked about donations to support events with RAVEN. SO clarified the donations from RAVEN for participating in *The Brief* mail-outs (postage), website hosting, etc. BB also clarified some information. TG talked about

expenses: printing *The Brief* was less expensive because we did not print a few issues during the pandemic. BB asked if TG was concerned about fundraising possibilities as a result of the pandemic. MH moved the acceptance of the Financial statement, seconded by SO. Adopted by consensus.

9. **Presentation of the 2020-2021 budget**- The budget was previously discussed with the board and circulated by TG. TG explained the reasoning behind the decisions made. SO clarified that RAVEN would again take care of the website hosting. Because events are online, there might not be an money raised. The New cooperatives act requires a fee to file the financial statements. No questions or concerns. TM moved to accept the budget and GM seconded the motion. Adopted by consensus.
10. **Special resolutions on audits**- SO explained the necessity of the special resolution that an internal auditor audit the books. GM volunteering to do the audit with KB. Thank you! The special resolution to appoint two internal auditors was moved by SL and seconded by JB. The special resolution is to forego auditing for 2021 AGM was moved by NAM and seconded by SL. Adopted by consensus.
11. **Board elections** (call for nominations below)- Statements of interested were received and circulated previous to the meeting. Members present spoke of why they were interested in the positions.

1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) Returning board members: SK, JB. Note: *TG can no longer be a member of the Board of Directors because of the new NB Cooperatives Act.*
- b) New board member: Aditya Rao (not present, introduced by TG)

2. EDITORIAL BOARD

- a) Returning editorial board members: SL, TG, MH, KB
- b) New editorial board members: DT, PJ

Both lists were approved by members present unanimously.

12. **Other business**- TG thanked SO for her long engagement and service at the NBMC. SO was offered a card and gift.
13. **Adjournment**- Moved by MH and seconded by KA. Adopted by consensus.