



2015 Annual General Meeting
12:00 noon, June 19, 2015
Riverview Room
Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton

MINUTES

1. Welcome

President, Doray Veno, explained the voting and seconding process, and confirmed this was a duly constituted meeting. She acknowledged The Co-operators as AGM sponsor and the Government of Alberta, longtime supporters. Doray also welcomed members, the public, and special guests.

2. Approval of the Agenda

"I move that the agenda be approved as presented."

Moved: Doray Veno, Hanna Learning Centre

Seconded: Gary Shelton, Edmonton Sports Council

Carried: All

3. Guest Speaker: Imagine Canada

Volunteer Alberta staff, Katherine Topolniski and Jennifer Esler, launched the organization's new brand identity and shared a brief review of the process involving members and stakeholders. Terry Hauer, representing AGM sponsor The Co-operators, introduced Imagine Canada's Stephen Faul. Stephen spoke about The New Narrative core resource created because they kept seeing a disconnect indicating the sector is not understood as the dynamic force it is. He highlighted how important telling the story of the sector is as well as celebrating the impact. "Real impact requires real investment."

4. Approval of the Minutes of the June 6, 2014 AGM

"I move that the minutes of the 2014 Volunteer Alberta Annual General Meeting be approved."

Moved: Doray Veno, Hanna Learning Centre

Seconded: Scott Lundell, Servus Credit Union

Carried: All

5. Adoption of Reviewed Financial Statements

Doray turned the meeting over to Scott Lundell, Treasurer. Scott acknowledged the efforts of Controller Brooke Matter, Executive Director Jann Beeston, and the other management staff throughout the year. Volunteer Alberta's annual budget was established and approved by the Board. The financial statements were reviewed at each Board meeting and monitored on a continuous basis. The Finance and Audit Committee met during the year, communicated with our external auditors and heard presentations from the financial staff and Executive Director on matters they have determined to be appropriate within their mandate. Over the past year, the organization has demonstrated financial responsibility and ensured that due diligence is a key component in the conduct of its financial affairs. There is one note to highlight, which indicates \$50,000 of the net profits indicated have been allocated to an internally restricted net asset – our operational reserve fund.

"I move to adopt the reviewed financial statements as presented."

Moved: Scott Lundell, Servus Credit Union

Seconded: Wendy Rhodes, Volunteer Centre for Fort Saskatchewan

Carried: All

6. Appointment of Auditors for 2015 Fiscal Year

"I move that the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak be appointed as accountants for Volunteer Alberta's 2015 Fiscal year."

Moved: Scott Lundell, Servus Credit Union

Seconded: Darlene Kowalchuk, Christmas Bureau

Carried: All

7. Nomination of Board of Directors

Volunteer Alberta bylaws allow for a maximum of 10 directors and a minimum of 6. The Immediate Past President will be an additional Director, per Article 6.08. As nominations cannot be received from the floor, there are two sources of names for nomination slate. First is the current board (those eligible to serve another term) and the other is from the general membership.

The recommendation of the Nominating Committee is as follows:

- a. Volunteer Alberta Board members completing the fourth year of their second two-year term and not requiring re-election:

Timothy Jobs, Edmonton

Scott Kennedy, Edmonton

Diana Sim, Lethbridge

- b. Board members completing the first year of their two-year term and not requiring re-election:

Scott Lundell, Sherwood Park

Jeanette Bancarz, Fort McMurray

- c. The following Board members have agreed to let their name stand for reappointment for a second term (of two years) and do not require re-election:

Robert Baldauf, Calgary

- d. Retiring Directors:

Jason Banack, Edmonton

Jeff Wyton, St. Albert

Doray Venno, Hanna (to stay on as Past-President)

- e. New nominees: (Their bios are on the screen.)

Susan Gulko, Edmonton

Tracey Vavrek, Grande Prairie

Renée Gagnon, Edmonton

Matt Knight, Edmonton

"I move that the nomination slate of Robert Baldauf, Jeanette Bancarz, Renée Gagnon, Susan Gulko, Timothy Jobs, Scott Kennedy, Matt Knight, Scott Lundell, Diana Sim, Tracey Vavrek, and Doray Venno as Past President, be approved as presented."

Moved: Doray Venno, Hanna Learning Centre

Seconded: Lisa Topilko, Volunteer Vegreville

Carried: All

8. President's Review

Doray welcomed Jann Beeston, Executive Director, to speak about Volunteer Alberta's activities.

Jann recognized the Board and their work during the past year on governance, rebrand engagement and welcomed the new Board members. She also acknowledged the dedication of Volunteer Alberta's staff. Jann noted this has been a successful year for Volunteer Alberta, especially in efforts in the Serving Communities Internship Program (SCiP), having already reached the maximum number of internships for 2014-2015. The new SCiP year will start in August 2015. While developing program and service alignment and fulfilling our mandate, our focus became clear as: network stewardship and workforce development. Volunteer Alberta recognizes the value of engagement and as we continue working on emerging issues, we are expanding partnerships (ex. with the Edmonton and Calgary Chambers of Voluntary Organizations) and developing and growing relationships (such as the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission). Jann thanked members for their support.

9. Martha Parker Bursary for Emerging Leaders

Jann announced the *Martha Parker Bursary for Emerging Leaders*. A five-year program, the fifth \$1000 will go towards the costs of a Volunteer Alberta member to attend professional development. Jann presented the Bursary to Arthur Lewandowski (Northlands). Congratulations Arthur!

10. Acknowledgement of retiring directors

On behalf of Volunteer Alberta's Board and staff, Jann thanked retiring directors, Jeff Wyton, Jason Banack and Doray Veno, for their contributions as members of the Board of Directors.

11. Door Prize Draws

Congratulations to the winners:

Set of Resources: Katherine Winters, Rimbey Volunteer Centre

Set of Resources: Shannon Peacooke, Canadian Mental Health Association

12. Adjournment

Doray thanked the Government of Alberta and The Co-operators for their support of Volunteer Alberta and the AGM.

"I move to adjourn the meeting at 12:53pm."

Moved: Scott Lundell, Servus Credit Union