

MINUTES

1. Welcome

President, Timothy Jobs, explained the voting and seconding process, and confirmed this was a duly constituted meeting. He acknowledged OASSIS Employee Benefits as AGM sponsor and the Government of Alberta, longtime supporters. Timothy also welcomed members, the public, and special guests.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

Moved: Timothy Jobs, Edmonton

Seconded: Susan Gulko, Edmonton

Carried: All

3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 19, 2015 AGM

"I move that the minutes of the 2015 Volunteer Alberta Annual General Meeting be approved."

Moved: Timothy Jobs, Edmonton

Seconded: Doray Veno, Hanna

Carried: All

4. Adoption of Reviewed Financial Statements

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.

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

Moved: Timothy Jobs, Edmonton

Seconded: Diana Sim, Lethbridge

Carried: All

5. Appointment of Auditors for 2016 Fiscal Year

"I move that the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak be appointed as auditors to conduct a financial review for Volunteer Alberta's 2016 Fiscal year."

Moved: Timothy Jobs, Edmonton

Seconded: Matt Knight, Edmonton

Carried: All

6. Amendment of Bylaws

Timothy invited Diana Sim, Secretary, to the podium. Volunteer Alberta provided notice of the proposed bylaw amendments to the membership, per the provisions of Bylaw 5.0 Special Resolutions. Nine articles were proposed to be amended (please see Addendum). Diana Sim provided the rationale for the changes.

“I move that the bylaw amendments to Articles 2.0, 3.0, 4.03, 4.09, 4.09.1, 4.11, 6.05, 6.06, and 14.0 be approved as presented.”

Moved: Diana Sim, Lethbridge

Seconded: Susan Gulko, Edmonton

Carried: All

7. Nomination of Board of Directors

Diana invited Doray Veno, Past President and chair of the Nominating Committee, to the podium. 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:

Volunteer Alberta Board members completing the first year of their two-year term and not requiring re-election: Matt Knight, Edmonton; Tracey Vavrek, Grande Prairie.

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: Jeanette Bancarz, Fort McMurray; Renée Gagnon, Edmonton; Susan Gulko, Edmonton; Scott Lundell, Sherwood Park.

Retiring Directors: Timothy Jobs, Edmonton (to stay on as Past-President); Diana Sim, Lethbridge.

New nominees: Sian Anderson, Okotoks; Morgan Bamford, Edmonton; Savanna Holland, Medicine Hat; Evan Romanow, Edmonton.

“I move that the nomination slate of Sian Anderson, Morgan Bamford, Jeanette Bancarz, Renée Gagnon, Susan Gulko, Savanna Holland, Matt Knight, Scott Lundell, Evan Romanow, Tracey Vavrek, and Timothy Jobs as Past President, be approved as presented.”

Moved: Doray Veno, Hanna

Seconded: Diana Sim, Lethbridge

Carried: All

8. President's Review

Timothy welcomed Jann Beeston, Executive Director, to speak about Volunteer Alberta's activities. He also noted the 2015 Annual Report was provided to attendees.

Jann highlighted some of Volunteer Alberta's accomplishments in 2015, including the continuation of the rebrand process, including the award winning logo, launched at last year's AGM. This has allowed staff to focus on program design and redesign, as well as membership and services, with more clearly identified value, service, and partnerships. Volunteer Alberta is growing their relationship with Pixel Blue College, engaging students in graphics and video design - they animated *Vibrant Communities and You* video launched during National Volunteer Week. Jann recognized the Board for their leadership and support, and staff their work and dedication during the past year.

Jann noted Volunteer Alberta's future lies in partnership and collaboration as we explore nonprofit/voluntary sector leadership in Alberta. She acknowledged the Alberta Volunteer Centre Network, Government of Alberta, CCVO, ECVO, Propellus, Fuse Social, and Volunteer Lethbridge. Volunteer Alberta is working closely with these organizations and others to advance our collective work and reflect community and nonprofit value and concern to stakeholders. For example, we are working collaboratively on advocacy around police information checks, Labour Market Information, and nonprofit data. All the while, continuing to grow nonprofit/voluntary sector capacity, resilience, and building engaged community across the province.

9. Guest Speaker: Kate Letizia

Kate Letizia to talk about The Future of Social Innovation in Alberta (and where you fit in!). She shared learnings and an ecosystem map from her recently completed Alberta Social Innovation (ABSI) fellowship with SiG International. Kate noted how social innovation is a continuum, spanning intention to involvement to invention and innovation. She also revealed some patterns and pathways they discovered through their work and challenged the attendees to see where their organization would be find in the patterns. For example, a pattern is how we (don't) take risks, while a pathway could be making risk taking and experimentation "safe". For more information on AVSI, please visit www.absiconnect.ca.

10. Acknowledgement of retiring directors

On behalf of Volunteer Alberta's Board and staff, Doray thanked retiring directors, Timothy Jobs and Diana Sim, for their contributions as members of the Board of Directors.

11. Door Prize Draws

Congratulations to the winners:

FitBlt: Erica Bell, Canadian Cancer Society, AB/NWT

Set of Resources: Sheena Swierenga, YMCA Calgary

12. Adjournment

Timothy thanked the OASSIS Employee Benefits for their support of Volunteer Alberta and the AGM.

"I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:23pm."

Moved: Matt Knight, Edmonton