

MINUTES

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

Moved: Jeanette Bancarz, Fort McMurray

Seconded: Doray Veno, Hanna

Carried: All

3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 12, 2017 AGM

"I move that the minutes of the 2017 Volunteer Alberta Annual General Meeting be approved."

Moved: Jeanette Bancarz, Fort McMurray

Seconded: Darlene Kowalchuk, Edmonton

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 received 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, including policy work for more oversight.

Discussion: Gary Shelton, Edmonton, asked what the organization's intent was for two years of surplus. Renée Gagnon, Treasurer, responded it was for an operational reserve fund, for financial security.

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

Moved: Renée Gagnon, Edmonton

Seconded: Scott Lundell, Sherwood Park

Carried: All

5. Appointment of Auditors for 2018 Fiscal Year

"I move that the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak be appointed as auditors to conduct a financial review for Volunteer Alberta's 2018 Fiscal year."

Moved: Renée Gagnon, Edmonton

Seconded: Scott Lundell, Sherwood Park

Carried: All

6. Nomination of Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors are appointed for a two-year term with potential to renew for two additional terms of two year each (a maximum of six year). 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 or in midst of a term) and the other is from the general membership.

"I move that the nomination slate of Sian Anderson, Morgan Bamford, Jeanette Bancarz, Renée Gagnon, Susan Gulko, Heather Laird, Shaun Maslyk, and Evan Romanow be approved as presented."

Moved: Sian Anderson, Okotoks

Seconded: Scott Lundell, Sherwood Park

Carried: All

7. President's Review

Jeanette noted the 2017 Annual Report was provided to attendees. Jeanette noted that in 2017 the Board and staff worked together to develop five new Strategic Directions 2018-2020. She invited Karen Link to speak about Volunteer Alberta's activities.

Diana Sim, Volunteer Lethbridge, shared the impact the Serving Communities Internship Program (SCiP) has made in her community.

Karen acknowledged the staff and Board for their efforts on behalf of Volunteer Alberta. She also highlighted some of the activities Volunteer Alberta will be exploring the upcoming year and beyond, including network exploration, engaging with partners, social innovation, engaging youth, leadership development, and continuing to offer programs and services for and with the nonprofit sector.

8. Guest Speaker: Blythe Butler

Karen Bentham, OASSIS Employee Benefits, who spoke briefly about the value of benefits, introduced guest speaker Blythe Butler. Blythe's presentation focused on the Strategic Value of Network Leadership and shared nine principles to be considered.

9. Honourary Member presentation

Volunteer Alberta's Bylaws provide for an Honourary membership, given at the discretion of the Board of Directors, to highlight an individual who has shown distinguished merit in the field of volunteerism or who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of volunteerism. This year, the Board acknowledged Jann Beeston. Jann was unable to attend and Jeanette shared her response thanking Volunteer Alberta for the honour and gift of an Honourary membership. Congratulations Jann!

10. Acknowledgement of Volunteers

Jeanette recognized retiring directors, Tracey Vavrek and Scott Lundell, and thanked them for their time and commitment to Volunteer Alberta. Tracey was unable to attend and Scott shared his appreciation for his tenure on the Board of Directors. Jeanette also acknowledged the work of Cindy Walter, Operations Director/Board Administrator.

11. Door Prize Draws

Congratulations to the winners.

Set of Resources: Lauren Calleja

Bluetooth Speaker: Gary Shelton

12. Adjournment

"I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:29pm."

Moved: Scott Lundell, Sherwood Park