

MINUTES

1. Welcome

President, Lisa Gilchrist, acknowledged the traditional territories the online meeting took place on, She welcomed Members, the public, and guests, and thanked funders for investing in Volunteer Alberta. Lisa confirmed this was a duly constituted meeting and explained the process for making motions and seconding, electronic voting, and the inclusion of proxy votes. AGM sponsor, OASSIS Employee Benefits, shared some information about health, dental, and other benefits for nonprofits.

2. Approval of the Agenda

"I move that the June 13, 2024, agenda be approved as presented."

Moved: Lisa Gilchrist, Town of Stony Plain FCSS

Seconded: Bonnie Chiu, individual Member

Motion carried (100% for)

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 AGM

"I move that the minutes of the 2023 Volunteer Alberta AGM be approved."

Moved: Lisa Gilchrist, Town of Stony Plain FCSS

Seconded: Ken Kirk, individual Member

Motion carried (95.65% for; 4.35% abstained)

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. The audited financial statements were shared as part of the agenda package. Ken Kirk, Treasurer, highlighted the 2023 fiscal year ended with a surplus of revenue over expenses.

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

Moved: Ken Kirk, Individual Member

Seconded: Dave Maffitt, Volunteer Airdrie

Motion carried (100% for)

5. Appointment of Auditors for 2024 Fiscal Year

"I move that the firm of Metrix Group LLP be appointed as auditors to conduct a financial Audit for Volunteer Alberta's 2024 Fiscal year."

Moved: Ken Kirk, Individual Member

Seconded: David Maffitt, Volunteer Airdrie

Motion carried (100% for)

Ken shared his appreciation of the Team. Separate from the 2023 fiscal year, an audit for a compliance for a program, from 2020-2021, will require the return of some funds. VA will be working with their auditors to ensure that it is properly reflected.

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 years). 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. Continuing Board members in the midst of a term, not requiring re-election: Naomi Mahaffy, Corinne Ethier, and Aedon Janes. Lisa also acknowledged the retiring directors: Bonnie Chiu, David Maffitt, and Lisa Gilchrist.

"I move that the nomination slate of Ken Kirk, Amanda Jensen, Hala Ezzeddine, Robyn Blackadar, and Meenakshi Ramanathan be approved as presented."

Moved: Lisa Gilchrist, Town of Stony Plain FCSS

Seconded: Corinne Ethier, individual member

Motion carried (100% for)

7. President's Review

Lisa noted the new Annual Report was available online. She also acknowledged the Board and staff, and the Strategic Dreaming process they undertook in 2023. The Board was pleased to serve on the IDEAS and Rev Div Comms with staff. Also joined with Naheywin (un)learning training around supporting indigo resurgence and spent time dreaming together. She invited Miki Stricker-Talbot, Executive Director, to speak about Volunteer Alberta's activities.

Miki shared some highlights Volunteer Alberta's 2023 year, including details about some programs, services, and networks. VA launched two new youth engagement programs and an ethnographic research project, enhanced two continuing programs, and were pleased to see increases through the pandemic. VA honoured 100 volunteer managers around the province, convened the Alberta Volunteer Centre Network, participated as a Network Steward of the Alberta Nonprofit Network (ABNN), created spaces for folks to connect with communities, and offered learning and unlearning opportunities. The VA Team prioritized relationships and relationshiping, nurturing a culture of care, and deepening their experimental practices. She thanked the board and staff for their contributions and curiosity.

8. Honourary Member Presentation

Volunteer Alberta's Bylaws provide the opportunity to highlight individuals who have shown distinguished merit in the field of volunteerism, or who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of volunteerism, by presenting them with an Honourary Volunteer Alberta Membership. This year, the Board of Directors honoured Liz O'Neil. Congratulations Liz!

9. Adjournment

Lisa thanked everyone for attending and invited attendees to stay for *Calibration: Tuning in to Volunteer Alberta's Strategic Compass*, the fireside chat and breakout discussions to follow.

"I move to adjourn the meeting at 10:50am."

Moved: Aedon Janes, individual member