

MINUTES

1. Welcome

President, Morgan Bamford, acknowledged the traditional territories the virtual event took place on. He explained the voting and seconding process and confirmed this was a duly constituted meeting. Morgan welcomed members, the public, and guests, and thanked funders, including OASSIS Employee Benefits, AGM sponsor.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

Moved: Morgan Bamford, Edmonton

Seconded: Sian Anderson, Okotoks

Motion carried

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM

"I move that the minutes of the 2019 Volunteer Alberta AGM be approved."

Moved: Morgan Bamford, Edmonton

Seconded: Renita Bartlett, Cochrane

Motion carried

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. 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. Susan Gulko, Treasurer, also highlighted significant changes during the 2019 fiscal year contributing to a deficiency of revenue over expenses.

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

Moved: Susan Gulko, Edmonton

Seconded: Jeanette Bancarz, Sturgeon County

Motion carried

5. Appointment of Auditors for 2020 Fiscal Year

"I move that the firm of MNP LLP be appointed as auditors to conduct a financial Audit for Volunteer Alberta's 2020 Fiscal year."

Moved: Susan Gulko, Edmonton

Seconded: Bonnie Chiu, Edmonton

Motion carried

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: Renita Bartlett, Hero Laird, and Naomi Mahaffy.

"I move that the nomination slate of Bonnie Chiu, Lisa Gilchrist, Lesley MacKinnon, Pieter de Vos, Morgan Bamford, and Sian Anderson be approved as presented."

Moved: Sian Anderson, Okotoks

Seconded: Naomi Mahaffy, Edmonton

Motion carried

7. President's Review

Morgan shared highlights of how the Board and staff worked together towards the Strategic Directions 2018-2020, highlighted new programming and noted the 2019 Annual Report was available online. He invited Karen Link to speak about Volunteer Alberta's activities.

Karen Link, Executive Director, invited some of our Members and Partners as Guest Impact Speakers to share how Volunteer Alberta has made an impact in their organization and community over the course of the past year.

- Tiernan Neufeld, Volunteer Airdrie Board of Directors, shared the impact Youth @ the Table made for their board and community.
- Kate Potts, Youth @ the Table youth participant at the Lethbridge Family Centre, spoke about the difference for her in experience the governance side of nonprofits and their work in community.
- Drew Delbaere, Edmonton Fringe Theatre, shared stories that were made possible with the Volunteer Screening Program.
- Karen Bentham, OASSIS Employee Benefits, talked about the changing landscape and the impact on the nonprofit sector.

Karen highlighted some of the activities Volunteer Alberta will be exploring the upcoming year and beyond, including Volunteer Alberta's 30th anniversary, strategic planning, working with and convening networks, internal upgrades to better support sector learning and connectivity, revenue diversification, and continuing to offer programs and services for and with the nonprofit sector. She acknowledged the staff and Board for their efforts on behalf of Volunteer Alberta.

8. Honourary Member presentation

Volunteer Alberta's Bylaws provide for 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 and/or the nonprofit/voluntary sector. This year, the Board acknowledged two deserving individuals: Diana Sim, Lethbridge, and Russ Dahms, Edmonton. Congratulations Diana and Russ!

9. Acknowledgement of Volunteers

Morgan Bamford recognized retiring directors, Amanda Giang and Susan Gulko, and thanked them for their energy and commitment to Volunteer Alberta. He acknowledged Jeanette Bancarz for her work as Past President.

10. Adjournment

"I move to adjourn the meeting at 11:53am."

Moved: Susan Gulko, Edmonton