

EYA Mission: Connecting Children and Youth to their Inner Nature

Environmental Youth Alliance Annual General Meeting

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Location: Strathcona Garden Eco-Pavillion, 759 Malkin Avenue, Vancouver

2:14 pm – Dani Bryant, Acting Board Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

There were 29 members were in attendance, which met the quorum requirement of 3 members present as specified in the bylaws.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: moved by Dani Bryant, seconded by Kerri Waite, approved.

2. Approval of 2016 AGM Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2016 AGM: moved by Kerri Waite, seconded by Eileen Jones, approved.

3. Financial Statements and Appointment of the Auditor

The Treasurer, Nelson Lamb, presented the 2015–2016 financial statements, which had been audited by Mahmoud Virani. The Treasurer communicated that the auditor had noted that EYA's controls are consistent with his expectations for an organization of this size. Nothing was identified as of concern in the statements. Nelson acknowledged the roles of Emily Keller and Niki Westman in ensuring a smooth audit. The operational budget had previously been reviewed by board members.

Nelson made a motion to appoint Mahmoud Virani as the auditor for the 2017-18 fiscal cycle, which was seconded by Dani and approved.

4. Chair's Report and Board Update

Dani Bryant presented the Chair's Report. She acknowledge that four new staff members had been hired since the last AGM: Emily Keller, Marika van Reeuyk, Jess Henry, and Niki Westman. Dani stressed the need for EYA to develop a strong donor base, and made an appeal to members to support us in way they can – financially, in-kind donations, volunteer, or just spread the word!

5. Bylaw Amendments

Bylaw amendments were presented as detailed in the "Bylaw Amendments" and "Bylaw Comparison" documents circulated prior to the meeting. The scope of changes included (1) moving a section from the constitution to the bylaws, as required under the new Societies Act, (2) clarification regarding notice required for the AGM, and (3) allowing Board members to be under the age of 18.

Motion to approve the bylaw amendments as presented in the "Bylaw Amendments" and "Bylaw Comparison" documents distributed on March 10, 2017: moved by Dani Bryant, seconded by Nelson Lamb, approved.

6. Board Elections

The Board Appointments were presented: three new Board members (Rebecca Chaster, Zach Romano, and Amanda Adams) and one Board member renewing their term (Eileen Jones).

Motion to appoint Rebecca, Zach, Amanda, and Eileen to the Board: moved by Dani Bryant, seconded by Kerri Waite, approved.

Dani acknowledged that her term with EYA ended after the AGM. She gave thanks to the staff and Board for a great two years of working together.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the AGM: moved by Kerri Waite, seconded by Nelson Lamb, approved.

2:24 pm – Meeting adjourned.