



March 2015 Members Meeting Agenda

Date: March 5, 2015

Item

Attendance: 27 Members – Quorum as of 6:30 P.M.

Time Keep: Alex Diceanu

Minutes: Hausalya Kula

Chair: Nadine Tibeh

Minutes

1. Review of Meeting Rules & Agreement & Land Recognition 5
2. Approval of Agenda 5

Motion: Add bike station motion to number 8.

Moved by: Sylvia

Seconded: Shalaka

Decision: for 22; against 0; abstain 0

Motion: Move number 7 to number 5.

Moved by: Thomas

Seconded: Saam

Decision: for 24; against 0; abstain 0

Motion: Approve Agenda

Moved by: Mark

Seconded: Suhaila

Decision: for 24; against 0; abstain 0

3. Approval of minutes from January meetings 5

Motion: Move this item to the next member's meeting

Moved by: Mark

Seconded: Saam

Decision: for 24; against 0; abstain 0

4. Board Presentation on April 2nd Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting/
Board Responsibilities and Elections 20

Discussion: Sepehr describes WPIRG board of director responsibilities and positions. Responsibilities include policy making, hiring, strategic vision, committees.

5. Mind Sphere Action Group Application (Attachment #1) 10

Discussion: Amina presents on behalf of Mind Sphere. They intend to work on mental health through three mediums 1) Producing a film 2) Alternate therapy 3) Documentary making 4) Workshops. Question: Do you have a way to make the campus a more accessible space for people with mental health disabilities? Answer: Yes, through sensitivity training for professors. Second, academic accommodations and accommodations for co-op. Advocate for new policies for accommodation. Question: Would the timeline be affected if it was approved today vs. in the summer?; How are you planning on working on all of the areas of Mental Health?; How do you intend to reach out to campus?

Motion: Approve Mind Sphere as a WPIRG Action Group

Moved by: Mark

Seconded: Saam

Decision: for 17; against 0; 8 abstain

Quorum: Yes

6. JHR Action Group Waterloo Chapter

Discussion: Group cannot attend JHR conference unless approved by someone on campus. Would like WPIRG's support in terms of support and training.

Motion: Approve JHR as an Action Group.

Moved by: Mark

Seconded: Amal

Decision: For 23; Against 0; Abstain 3

Quorum: Yes

7. Funding Applications 30

- a) Islam Awareness Week– Qasim Aaron, or Murk Memon (Attachment #2)

Discussion: 3 days of events for the work including a café, paintings & displays. Question: Who are the speakers? Answer: Finalized list can be sent to interested parties. Imam of Kitchener Mosque, Professors. Question: How will the MSA challenge Islamophobia in our community? Answer: There will be booths to discuss different beliefs including questions about religion. The purpose of this week is to create dialogue in a controlled manner. Question: Have you had a conversation about

the types of speakers you bring in and how they might alienate portions of students?
Answer: The speakers will be talking about why spirituality and mindfulness. Aiming for a broad perspective with a broad panel of speakers. Question: How will you bring in a plurality of perspectives? Answer: Looking at issues of the entire Muslim community. MSA students vote for their speakers. Question: How many women have you invited to speak? Answer four.

Motion: Amended to approve \$500 for IAW week.

Moved by: Yumna

Seconded: Jama

Decision: Amendment Fails

Motion: Those in favour of \$1000

Decision: For 19, Against 0; Abstain 6

Quorum: Yes

b) "The Widow" Play – Idrisa Pandit (Attachment #3)

Discussion: Idrisa explains the play and costs. Costs include transportation and fees etc. Play would be free of cost to Students and \$12 for community members.

Requesting half of the funding for the budget. The play was done in Toronto at the summer works festival. Play is about a widow in Iraq. A love story between the Widow and a professor. Touches on issues of oppression and misogyny.

Motion: To fund \$2500 towards the play "The Widow"

Moved by: Tiffany

Seconded: Zainab Mahdi

Decision: For 19; Against 0; Abstain 1

Quorum: No

c) "A Celebration of Afrikan and Native Resistance to Colonialism, Capitalism and Genocide" – Rowland Robinson (Attachment #4)

Motion:

Moved by: Mark

Seconded: Brandon

Decision: For 13; Against 0; Abstain 3

Quorum: No

d) Student Organizing Conference Delegation - Thomas Little (Attachment #5)

Discussion: Travel expenses for several people to go to Toronto for a Student Organizing Conference. Application includes funding for the conference. The budget allows room for donation and bus fare. Carpooling can be used instead of bus. 6 people are expected to attend. It could be more.

Motion: Motion to approve the funding application for the conference.

Moved by: Mark

Seconded: Zainab

Decision: For 24; Against 0; Abstain 0

Quorum: No

e) (Attachment #6)

Discussion: the applicants are out of town

Motion: Table this decision to the board

Moved by: Filzah

Seconded: Sepehr

Decision: Table to the Board.

f) Healing Range

Motion: Table this decision to the board

Moved by: Mark

Seconded: Filzah

Decision: Table to the Board.

8. Member Motions

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a) Support for the Bike Lane on King Street along the LRT route by the board.

Discussion: Bike Lane Petition.

Motion: WPIRG to write a statement to support the bike lane.

Moved by: Brandon

Seconded: Saam

Decision: For 11; Against ; Abstain 3

9. Action Groups Updates & Announcements

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a) Waterloo 350 Film Screening coming up

b) Endowment fund vote

10. Announcements from Associated Clubs/Groups

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Motion:

Moved by:

Seconded:

Decision: