



Members Meeting Agenda
November 11, 2015 – MC 4061, 5:00-7:30pm

Agenda Item	Description	Time
Dinner	A free dinner – chance to mingle and meet WPIRG volunteers before the meeting!	5:00PM
Introductions	Introduction to WPIRG. Go around! Tell us your name & program.	5:30PM
Approval of the Agenda	Review meeting agenda. Propose changes/add something you want to discuss that isn't on there yet.	5:40PM
WPIRG Updates	<p>Hear activity reports from the WPIRG Board, our Action Groups and Community Partners (Fossil Free UW, Palestine Solidarity Action Group, Community Garden, Food Not Bombs, KW Solidarity Network).</p> <p>An update on recent external funding decisions made by the WPIRG Board will also be provided.</p>	5:45PM
Business Motions	<p>In this section of the meeting, members can make a motion committing WPIRG to a specific action such as funding a project, endorsing a campaign and other things covered under the general meeting section of our bylaws.</p> <p>The motions received so far for this meeting are listed below.</p>	
Motion 1: Members Meeting and Funding Application Process Proposal	<p>Context: At the July members meeting, the board brought forward a draft proposal to make changes to the way the funding process is handled. At that meeting, the membership suggested that we operate on the basis of a committee of members at large to approve funding applications, who will then bring their recommendations to the Members Meeting for ratification. When the final proposal was presented at the October members meeting, there were both positive and negative reactions, but a lack of time for discussion lead to the motion being tabled to a future meeting. Below is the same proposal, but with more clarity and more time for the discussion to take place.</p> <p><u>Proposal Part 1</u> - Remove current funding application process from the MM and replace with the solidarity funding committee*</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WPIRG has limited time to interact with its members. Instead of spending time at MMs discussing funding, time could be better spent elsewhere (political education etc.) - Make MMs less about bureaucracy and more about interacting with fellow members 	6:00PM

- Allows for increased member participation
- More efficient to have committee dedicated only to making decisions on funding, allowing them to get more acquainted with the proposals in advance of meeting
- Ensures that members have final say over a key portion of the organization's decision making power
- Allows members to learn about the funding applications and their associated projects, initiatives events etc.

***Solidarity Funding Committee**

Quorum for the funding committee will be a minimum of 5 members of WPIRG, including at least 1 board member and 2 members at large. Staff members may also be present, but only as an advisory role. There is no maximum number of members to make up the committee, and these meetings are open to all members and will be announced in advance. Funding applicants will be invited to the meeting to present their application and provide clarifications, if necessary.

Decision making in the committee will be based on consensus. Funding committee meetings should occur a minimum of two days before member meetings. The funding committee will record minutes of their decisions and associated rationale, for member review. The rationale should be well documented in order to inform members and answer any questions from the membership. Members from the funding committee should be prepared to present their decisions at the subsequent member meeting. WPIRG members, at the members meetings, will be presented the decisions and rationale for each funding application in order to approve them omnibus, or make amendments, if necessary.

Proposal 2 - Member meetings will have a new format, where the previous time allotted to making funding decisions, will now be used for discussion. These discussions will be driven by the members at the meeting, but an emphasis will be placed on campus and community issues.

Rationale:

- The purpose of the discussions will be twofold: one, is to let other members know that they are not alone in their experiences and two, to hopefully get like-minded people working collectively, rather than individually, on issues that affect them
- It can be difficult to get many members all together at one meeting, and this time spent together should be dedicated to more productive conversations that can improve our collective well-being
- Making decisions on funding applications can be boring for those who are uninterested or unacquainted with the funding proposal and its context. Moving the discussion away from funding and towards a general discussion of campus and community life will make it more engaging and easier for anyone to get involved.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members do not lose control of making funding decisions. Members can (and are encouraged to) have a say on the funding applications via the creation of the solidarity funding committee 	
Motion 2: Funding applications	<p>1. Phil Monture Funding Application*</p> <p>*To be voted only if Motion 1 is voted down by the membership.</p>	6:30PM
Motion 3: Process for handling funding applications left off the official Members Meeting agenda in error	<p>Be it resolved that, in the event of a funding application not being put on the agenda by WPIRG's mistake,</p> <p>1) Every effort be made to have the application heard normally at the meeting- i.e. shown on the screen like the other motions;</p> <p>2) Should the application be tabled to the board/funding committee, that a representative of the application be allowed to defend it in person when that meeting occurs;</p> <p>3) Board members cannot motion to table to the board- the membership must do this.</p>	6:45PM
Open Discussion	An opportunity to discuss current campus issues and ongoing concerns.	7:00PM
Adjourn	Grab any left over food and help with clean up if you can.	7:30pm



WPIRG Funding Application Form

Thank you for interest in applying to WPIRG for financial support. In order for us to assess the possibility of WPIRG supporting your initiative, please fill out the attached form.

Instructions for WPIRG's Funding Application:

Before submitting an application please ensure you are familiar with WPIRG's [mission statement](#) as well as our Funding Application Evaluation Rubric.

In order to request funding from WPIRG, please fill out the form on the next page with concise and accurate information about your initiative. This form must be submitted, along with a completed budget including all expected sources of revenue and expenses for the event. Please note that all information on the attached form will be made public.

Please submit the completed application form & budget to meetings@wpirg.org. Note: Applications should be submitted to this address, rather than individual staff members or directors for quicker processing.

Please note that funding applications may take up to 31 days to process. We cannot guarantee that applications will be processed sooner than this, regardless of deadlines for the applicant. As such it is recommended that funding applications be submitted as far in advance as possible.

In addition, you may be requested to present further information at a meeting before a decision is reached. All applicants located within Kitchener-Waterloo are expected to attend this meeting if requested.

Once a decision has been made, applicants will receive an email to inform them of the decision. In addition, if applicable, applicants will be informed of when cheques are ready to be picked up in the WPIRG office or have been mailed out.

WPIRG FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

1. Please ensure the completed application does not exceed one page.
2. Please attach a complete budget with shows all expected revenue and expenses.

Administrative Information	
Name of contact person:	
Email Address:	
If approved cheques should be made out to:	
Mailing address for cheque or identify if picking up from WPIRG Office.	
General Information	
Tentative name of initiative:	Six Miles Deep: A History of the Haldimand Tract
Amount of funding requested: (250, 500, Other)	\$400
Is your initiative affiliated with any organizations or groups on campus or in the community?	Aboriginal Student Centre, Department of History
Please select the most appropriate category for your application:	UW Campus/Student Initiative Indigenous Solidarity Initiative
Please provide a 1-2 sentence summary of your initiative:	We would like to bring Phil Monture to the Aboriginal Student Centre at the University of Waterloo to lecture on the history of Six Nations and the Haldimand Tract. This tract is a parcel of land promised to the Haudenosaunee and measures six miles deep on either side of the Grand River.
Please provide 1-2 sentences outlining the goals/ mission of your initiative:	According to the Haldimand Treaty of 1784, the University of Waterloo is currently occupying Six Nations territory. Our goal is to educate UW students/faculty/staff on the history of this contested land, and in doing so, create a space to critically engage with contemporary legacies of colonialism in Waterloo Region and Canada more broadly.
Please provide 1-2 sentences explaining how this initiative fits within WPIRG's mandate:	Interest in BDS and other anti-colonial campaigns at UW should be grounded in the historical context of Canadian colonialism and its impacts on Indigenous sovereignty. Learning how UW is implicated in the occupation of Haudenosaunee land is essential to this work.
Has this initiative and/or group previously received funding from WPIRG?	We received funding to bring Tomson Highway to UW on September 24 2015.

For Office Use Only:

Application Status: _____	If Approved, Amount: _____
Date of Decision: _____	Date of Cheque: _____
Decision By: _____	Cheque Received: _____

Budget

REVENUE		
Department of History		100.00
WPIRG		400.00
	Total Revenue	500.00
EXPENSES		
Item		Expense
Phil Monture Honorarium		300.00
Phil Monture Travel & Hospitality		200.00
	Total Expenses	500.00