

WATERLOO PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING | MC Room 2034  
Thursday, April 4th, 2013 – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

## AGENDA

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Motion: **“That the Annual General Meeting of WPIRG be called to order.”**

Moved: eli at 5:52 pm

Seconded: Adam Lewis

Motion carried, none opposed, no abstentions

1.2 Introductions of Board members and Staff

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Motion: **“That the agenda be approved as presented.”**

Moved: Adam Lewis

Seconded: Hausalya Kulanayagam

Motion carried, none opposed, no abstentions

### 3. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1 Voting procedure outline

3.2 Introduction of board member responsibilities and candidates

Candidates in alphabetical order:

Kathi Mentler

Zoe Miller

Becca Redden

Suzie Taka

eli

3.3 Speeches and Questions & Answers

Each of the candidates presented in alphabetical order, and WPIRG members were given the opportunity to ask questions to candidates.

3.4 Voting

### 4. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

**4.0 Motion “to amend the agenda and move financial business item earlier in the agenda so auditor can leave early.”**

Moved: Hausalya Kulanayagam

Second: Adam Lewis

4.1 Michelle \_\_, auditor, explains the audit for the financial year 2011-2012.

*Question:* Is WPIRG in good financial standing?

*Answer:* Michelle agreed that we are in good financial standing.

*Question:* Will **accounting principles for non-profits** (?) be a good thing or WPIRG?

*Answer:* Yes, this will be a good thing.

*Question:* Can we control where our investments go – i.e. responsible investments?

*Answer:* We'd need to look into bylaws and there are ethical funds out there we can look at.

**Motion: "That the audited financial statement of WPIRG for 2011-2012 be approved."**

Moved: eli

Seconded: Phil Diceanu

Motion carried, none opposed, one abstention

4.2 Approval of auditor for 2012-13 fiscal year.

**Motion: "That Moore McDermot & Partners be approved as the auditor for the year ending August 31, 2013."**

Moved: Jean Halfyard

Seconded: Paul Sauder

Motion carried, none opposed, one abstention

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1 The minutes from WPIRG's Annual General Meeting of 2012

**Motion: "That the minutes of the WPIRG Annual General Meeting of 2012 be approved."**

Moved: eli

Seconded: Kalin Stacey

Motion carried, none opposed, four abstentions

## **6. ANNUAL REPORT**

5.1 Board of Directors – Annual Report Presentation

Staff member Reena Reddy presented WPIRG's annual report, highlighting some of the changes and achievements at WPIRG over the past year.

WPIRG members had a chance to ask questions about the report.

**Motion: "That the annual report be approved as presented."**

Moved: Adam Lewis

Seconded: Majd Al-shihabi

Motion carried, none opposed, no abstentions

## **7. MEMBER QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS**

*Question:* What's one thing you would change at WPIRG?

*Reena:* Hiring the third staff is the big change we've been working on. Alex Diceanu is

starting as Outreach Coordinator next week.

*Question:* Can we boycott MC?

*Answer:* That isn't practical because it's close to WPIRG and often the only building with rooms available.

*Question:* To members: Is there any way to make the AGM more accessible?

*Answer:* If documents were emailed out in advance that would help. Could be on the daily bulletin for uWaterloo.

*Question:* What work do we put into OPIRG in general and helping other PIRGs that are struggling or just getting started?

*Answer:* We have an OPIRG rep who attends meetings, we have provincial board training school and other training sessions to help build network. The provincial mailing list is a tool for asking for and providing help when needed.

## **8. CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER - ELECTION RESULTS**

7.1 The elections results presented by the CRO

The CRO announced that all five candidates were elected to the board.

Motion: **"That the election report be approved as presented."**

Move: Majd Al-shihabi

Secunder: Amy Filsinger

Motion carried, none opposed, no abstentions

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: **"That this Annual General Meeting of the WPIRG membership be adjourned."**

Moved: Jean Halfyard

Secundered: Amy Filsinger