

WATERLOO PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (WPIRG) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday March 29, 2012
5:20-7:00 PM
MC Room 5158

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

(15 minutes)

(Ashling)

1.1 Motion: **“The Annual General Meeting of WPIRG called to order.”**

Monica Chamberland called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

Lindsay Jack Brauweiler seconded the motion.

FOR 30

AGAINST

ABSTENTION

1.2 Introductions of Board members and Staff

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(2 minutes)

(Ashling Ligate)

2.1 Motion: **“The adoption of the agenda as presented.”**

Moved by Laura MacDonald

Seconded by Sam Tisi

FOR 30

AGAINST

ABSTENTION

3. BYLAW CHANGES

(10 minutes)

(Ashling Ligate)

3.1 New bylaw:

9.15 Ties. In the event that two or more candidates are tied (receive the same number of yes votes, and have not received more no votes than yes votes), and there are not enough seats available for all such candidates under the normal assignment rules (9.13 and 9.14), the tie will be resolved as follows:

- a. All votes shall be recounted. If the candidates are not tied in the recount, seat assignment shall proceed normally, according to the recounted results.
- b. If a tie exists after the recount (two or more candidates have the same number of yes votes), candidate selection shall proceed normally, with ties amongst candidates resolved by ranking tied candidates in descending order of no votes (candidates with fewer no votes are assigned seats first).
- c. If the tie is not resolved by counting the no votes (two or more candidates have the same number of yes and no votes), a second set of ballots shall be distributed, allowing voting members to vote yes for a number of candidates equal to the number of remaining seats. The tie shall then be resolved by ranking tied candidates in ascending order of second-round yes votes (candidates with more second-round yes votes are assigned seats first).
- d. If the tie is unresolved after the second round of voting (two or more candidates have the same number of first round yes and no votes, and the same number of second round yes votes), then all Director seats without a clear winner shall go unfilled.

Q: If there's a tie, wouldn't it be better to elect 10 directors, rather than 8?

A: We have laid out in our bylaws that we have a board of 9 directors... this bylaw will only be invoked if there are not enough seats for all tied directors.

Q: Could we select candidates by consensus if we reach step d?

A: We could consider something in the future, but this is what is being proposed now. Ties are infrequent, having a tie unresolved by step d.

Motion: **"That the proposed bylaw 9.15 regarding election tie procedures be approved."**

Moved by Umar Aftab

Seconded by Monica Chamberland

FOR 30

AGAINST

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4. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(40 minutes)

(Ashling Ligate & Umar Aftab)

4.1 Voting procedure outline

(2 minutes)

4.2 Introduction of board member responsibilities and candidates

(3 minutes)

Candidates in alphabetical order:

Paisley Cozzarin
Laura McDonald
Elysha Schuhbauer
Kathryn Wettlaufer
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4.3 Speeches and Questions & Answers

(30 minutes)

(5 minutes per candidate = 3 minutes speech; 2 minutes Question and Answer)

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

4.4 Voting

(5 minutes)

Q: How many people are we voting for?

A: We are voting for five positions today (although there are 6 seats available).

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(5 minutes)

(Hausalya Kulanayagam)

5.1 Annual General Meeting of _____ 2011

Motion: **“That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of _____ 2011 be approved.”**

Moved by Kathryn Wettlaufer

Seconded by Leah Robinson

Motion carried, none opposed, no abstentions

FOR 30

AGAINST

ABSTENTION

6. ANNUAL REPORT

(15 minutes)

(William Saunders)

6.1 Board of Directors - Annual Report Presentation

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

Moved by Kalin Stacey

Seconded by Jean

Motion carried, none opposed, no abstentions

FOR
AGAINST
ABSTENTION

7. MEMBER QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS

(5 minutes)

(William Saunders)

Question: Aseel Al Dallal: Change in focus from global to local this year should be doing more global.

Answer: Tammy - come into office and ask for support and WPIRG will do what it can to support any cause that falls in its mandate.

Comment: Ethan Jackson - loves being a WPIRG community member.

8. CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER - ELECTION RESULTS

(5 minutes)

(Ashling Ligate)

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

Moved by Luke Stuart

Seconded by Leah Jane Robinson

Motion passed

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9. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

(5 minutes)

(Hausalya Kulanayagam)

9.1 Hausalya Kulanayagam, Treasurer, explains the Audit schedule for the years 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Lindsay Jack B. asked what our revenue was for the past year. Hausalya answered, explaining the staff turnover leading to limited organizational capacity. WPIRG will proactively aim to spend surplus funds.

Aseel Dallal asked what 'programming' and 'OPIRG' in the budget is. Hausalya answered.

MOTION: Umar Aftab

SECONDED: Erick Eiceanu

Motion passed. No against. No abstentions.

9.2 Approval of Auditor for 2012-13 fiscal year.

Motion: **"That Moore McDermot & Partners be approved as the auditor for the year ending August 31, 2012."**

Motion forwarded by Elsyha Schuhbauer, Seconded by Monica Chamberland

FOR everyone

AGAINST none

ABSTENTION none

10. ADJOURNMENT

(2 minutes)

(Ashling Ligate)

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

Motioned by Jennifer Rodrigues

Seconded by Adam Lewis

FOR 29

AGAINST

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