

# AGENDA December 2016

## General Meeting

Waterloo Public Interest Research Group General Meeting of the Members

Waterloo Public Interest  
Research Group  
Room #4209  
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### OPENING

#### Land Acknowledgment

#### Review of Meeting Agreement

### DOCUMENT APPROVAL

#### Approval of the Agenda

Agenda approved without amendments.

#### Approval of July 2016 Members' Meeting Minutes

July 2016 Members' Meeting approved.

### BYLAW REVIEW PROPOSALS

#### Motions to Change Membership Policy

##### Motion 1:

Whereas the Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG) was subject to a referendum on the question of its automatic student levy in September 2016,  
Whereas the undergraduate voting members of the Federation of Students at the University of Waterloo voted to remove the automatic levy effective Spring Term 2017,  
Whereas all existing WPIRG student and community memberships are due to expire on August 31, 2017,  
Whereas WPIRG will not have a full-time undergrad student-levy based membership as of May 1, 2017,

### DECEMBER 2016 GM

December 1, 2016

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Conrad Grebel  
University College

Room 1301

### AGENDA OVERVIEW

**Opening** land acknowledgment, review of meeting agreement

**Document Approval** approval of today's agenda and minutes from July 2016

**Bylaw Review Proposals** discuss proposed amendments

**Funding Applications** review funding requests

**Board, Action Group and Clubs Updates** time for action groups and clubs to share announcements

BIRT WPIRG adopt a new membership model,  
BIFRT that anyone wishing to be a member may consider a \$15 annual contribution,  
BIFRT that anyone wishing to be a member be subject to an application process,  
BIFRT the WPIRG board apply discretion to prioritizing applicants who meet the following assets: that they be a member of the University of Waterloo community as a current undergraduate, current graduate, current staff, current faculty, or alumnus of the 2013 graduating class or later; that they be currently or recently involved with the activities of WPIRG; and, that they have shown dedicated support for WPIRG.  
BIFRT Policy # 4 (effective September 26, 2003) be replaced with Policy # 4 (passed December 1, 2016; effective May 1, 2017).

**Decision:**

Amendment moved by Brandon Love: Strike “alumnus of the 2013 graduating class or later” and replace with “an individual who is a resident of the KW community who is involved with WPIRG.”

Seconded by Ossian MacEachern.

Vote: 23 for, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. Amendment passes.

Motion to call to question: 17, 7, 3

Motion to pass the by-law as amended: 24, 3, 2

Follow up motion: Board is tasked with consulting with members about membership criteria and to come up with an application process:  
26,0,4.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS PROPOSALS**

**Campus Magazine Proposal | Co-op Students  
Organizing Proposal | Human Rights and STEM  
Education | Representative to Student  
Societies**

Discussion: After each proposal was presented and questions were taken from the floor, the membership was asked to vote on each proposal. Strength of each vote was understood to be taken as a measure of priority for the organization.

Vote Results:



Magazine: 22 for, 0 against, 1 abstention. Jana El Khatib abstains

Coop: 7 for, 1 against , 12 abstentions.

Human rights and STEM: 5 for, 1 against, 12 abstentions.

Student Society: 13 for, 0 against, 8 abstentions.

## FUNDING APPLICATIONS

### **1. University of Waterloo Black Association for Student Expression (BASE)**

Decision: 23 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions. Funding application approved for \$500.

### **2. University of Waterloo African Students Association (UWASA)**

Decision: 21 for, 3 against, 0 abstentions. Funding application approved.

### **3. Aids Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area**

Decision: 7 for, 5 against, 10 abstentions. Funding application not approved.

### **4. Carly Boyce (Suicide Prevention Workshop)**

Decision: 0 for, 21 against, 0 abstentions. Funding application not approved.

### **5. Chippewas Solidarity**

Decision: 21 for, 0 against, 0 abstention. Funding application approved.

## ADJOURNMENT

Filzah Nasir motions to adjourn. Seconded by Amna El Shatshat.

Decision: 25 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

