

**CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF LIFELONG LEARNERS  
MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Monday, Oct. 17, 2016  
Rosedale Community Centre  
Calgary, Alberta

***1. Call to Order:***

President Lynda Cherry called the meeting to order at 3.05 p.m., and welcomed those in attendance.

***2. Approval of agenda:***

Tom Kerwin moved and Judy Johnson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. *Motion carried.*

***3. Approval of minutes of Oct. 26, 2015 Annual General meeting:***

An amendment was requested to change a reference to CALL's Board from "Governors" to "Directors". Pat Hogan moved and Maryvonne Farrand seconded a motion that the minutes be accepted as amended. *Motion carried.*

***4. President's Report:***

President Lynda Cherry noted highlights and achievements of the past year in three main areas: programs, membership, and financial sustainability. She thanked program organizers and facilitators for the variety of programming available to members, and the cSPACE transition team for their work to facilitate the move to the new facility. This move (currently scheduled for Dec, 1 2016) would provide another physical space for programming, and also the opportunity to create community with other tenant organizations.

She acknowledged the work of the IT and membership committees to find a new database management program (Wild Apricot) to better serve the membership – now standing at 515. She also noted the contribution of two volunteers who came forward to create a tool to survey members. This survey would help CALL get a better idea about members' backgrounds and interests.

With respect to financial sustainability, she reported that there were sufficient funds in reserve to warrant the move to cSPACE. What was needed now was a policy on how much should be kept in reserve on an ongoing basis. Another development geared to financial stability was the application for charitable status, now under review with the Canada Revenue Agency.

She concluded by noting the dedication of all the volunteers engaged with the activities she had mentioned – and many others. Dariel Bateman moved and Trish Bond seconded a motion to accept the President's Report as presented. *Motion carried.*

#### **5. *Treasurer's Report:***

Treasurer Al Berti thanked Dave Arnold and Bob Gerein for their year-end auditor's statement. He noted that the year had been a very good one financially. Program expenses were lower than anticipated, revenue from memberships was higher than anticipated, and the June fundraising dinner earned more than \$4,500. This all resulted in a surplus of \$22,985.

In response to questions from the floor about the surplus, he pointed out that the five-year financial forecast is based on cSPACE costs that will likely decline after the initial moving-in expenses. He also noted that planning is based on memberships, which fluctuate, making accurate financial predictions difficult.

Dariel Bateman moved and Claudette Whiting seconded a motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. *Motion carried.*

#### **6. *Election of Board of Directors:***

Pat Roome, as chair of the nominations committee, thanked Lynda Cherry and committee members for their work. She noted that there was a 50-per-cent change in the board for the coming year, with eight members remaining and eight new members joining. The list of candidates for the 2016-2017 board was presented, along with a call for nominations from the floor. With no further nominations brought forward, the slate of candidates was elected by acclamation.

#### **7. *Transfer of the meeting to the President for 2016-2017:***

President Cherry resumed the chair, and called on past president Don Smith to thank the retiring members of the board: Dennis Burns, Patrick Fettig, Judy Johnson, Pat McCann, Gillian Ranson, and Roy Wilcox. The loss to the board, and CALL, from the death of Bill Johnston in January 2016 was also noted.

#### **8. *New business:***

President Cherry announced that the new board would develop a more formal planning process to deal with issues like the financial sustainability, membership growth and future direction of CALL. She also reminded members to be watching for the forthcoming request for volunteers to take the membership survey to the next step of distribution and analysis.

#### **9. *Adjournment:***

It was moved by Nancy Townshend and seconded by Avalon Roberts that the meeting be adjourned at 3.30 p.m.