

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF LIFELONG LEARNERS
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Monday, 19 October 2020 by Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

After checking that quorum was met Ron Foyer, President called the meeting to order at 11:00am and welcomed 53 members that were in attendance by Zoom. Since this is the first time to hold an AGM by Zoom he advised that the meeting was being recorded, that all members would be able to vote on each Motion, as they are all CALL members, using the Zoom poll tool, that the chat tool can be used to ask questions or comments (which will be addressed after the formal meeting) and that after the formal meeting, anyone will be allowed to stay on with the video and audio to socialize.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The proposed AGM Agenda has been posted on the public website and was also reviewed as part of the meeting. A Motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Cathy Martin, seconded by Barbara Decker Pierce and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2019 AGM

The Minutes of last year's AGM had been posted on the public website. A Motion was made to approve the Minutes by Diana Bloom, seconded by Mary Vernon and was unanimously carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ron's full report had been posted on the public website and he then presented an excellent Powerpoint presentation highlighting each section of this most unusual past year due to the onset of the COVID Pandemic starting in mid-March 2020. He broke the year down into three particular areas and then highlighted each of the various Board portfolios in detail within each of these three areas. These areas were:

1. Summer – September 2019 – March 2020
2. From March 10, 2020 – September 2020 (Winter)
3. September 2020 onwards (Spring)

Needless to say this was a most unusual year in CALL's history starting out in "Summer" where face to face participation was the norm and then in "Winter" doing a full pivot into full online programming thus taking us to where we are today in "Spring" with the best yet to come. It should also be noted that CALL was probably one of the only Seniors Lifelong Learning groups in Canada to have survived and stayed active throughout this whole year.

He then introduced and thanked each of the current Board Members individually in turn. He described this Board as a dedicated and skilled group who, without exception, came prepared and committed to participate in all Board activities and where mutual respect was always the norm.

Four members of the Board will not be returning next year. He thanked each for their multiple years of service. They are:

Karen Sharp – Past President for this year; Rita McGillivray – Treasurer for the last 2 years; Robert Scott – Venue Chair for the past 2 years and Pattie Oxendale - Fund Development and Social Chair for the past 2 years.

He also personally commented to the effect that so much of CALL's success comes from the bottoms up approach to its development – every Interest Group has come from a CALL member's initiative. This year the Board has had to be involved much more than usual in day to day operations and he found it inspiring to see that this has not stifled the initiative of members to continue running programs and planning to start new ones.

Ron also paid tribute to the “Fabulous Five” – Carol Gerein, Robert Stamp ??? who were the Founding Group of CALL 10 years ago.

A Motion was made to accept the President's Report as presented by Gail Kingwell, seconded by Karen Sharp and unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Annual Financial Statements for the 2019-2020 fiscal year had been posted on the public website. In the absence of Rita McGillivray, the Treasurer, Cathy Martin, the Treasurer's Assistant presented the Treasurer's Report. The Annual Financial Statements were audited by ...

Cathy reviewed each of the financial statements, all of which were previously posted on the public website. There was a surplus of revenue of \$16,055 over expenses due mainly to reduced expenses as a result of all programming going virtual which has therefore increased our retained earnings at end of year to \$107,726.

A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Carrol Jaques, seconded by Linda Flanagan and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Barbara Murray as Chair of the Governance Committee presided over the Election of the Incoming Board of Directors

Barbara moved that the Slate of Nominees as follows be elected to the Positions and Terms as presented:

Lorraine Smith - President for one year

Leslie Dort - Vice President for one year

And the following each for two year terms:

Cathy Martin - Treasurer

Mary Vernon - Secretary

Gail Kingwell - Chair Communications

Meryl Arnott - Chair Membership

Barbara Decker Pierce - Chair Programs

Diana Bloom - Chair Fund Development

Melody Lane - Chair Volunteers

TBD - Chair Marketing

Seconded by Karen Sharp

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting was then transferred over to Lorraine Smith incoming President for 2020-21.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lorraine thanked the Governance Committee consisting of Barbara Murray, Karen Sharp, Melvin Pasternak and Lorraine Smith for their tremendous efforts in putting together this Slate of Officers and the incoming Board Members for their willingness to let their names stand.

Tom Kerwin brought forward a point to the effect that since our membership is down somewhat as a result of the pandemic that perhaps we should consider offering a two year membership for the price of a one year member ship for the upcoming year only.

Tom's comments were addressed by both Ron Foyer and Lorraine Smith.....

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 pm?? was made by Linda Flanagan. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed by:

President 2020-2021

Date

Treasurer 2020-21

Date

Past President 2019-2020`

Date

Secretary 2020-2021

Date