

GPACA AGM MINUTES

March 25th, 2020

7:30-8:30pm

[Online/Zoom]

Board members present: Stacey Godsoe, Tara Jaskowiak, Kristy Boutilier, Sadie Watson, Pete Garcin, Paul Aucoin, Phyllis Price, Dee Conrad, Ebony Newell

Regrets: none

Welcome

Welcome remarks made by Tara Jaskowiak (technological requirements/navigation, voting, member fees, message of hope for COVID-19....)

Tara explained fees waived for new members given circumstances so anyone on the call eligible to vote. Asked that anyone interested in being/remaining a member can indicate interest in the chat box.

Those who indicated interest in being new members – Shaun Bradley, Don Sedgwick, Phyllis Price, Melissa Morrison, Ebony Newell, Scott Rawding, Sarah Tingley, Stacey Godsoe, Peter Garcin, Thomas Sullivan, Sean Sears, Kristy Boutilier, Sadie Watson, Nicole Frampton

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Call to Order

Chair (Peter Garcin) called AGM of GPACA to order. Current board members were introduced. All present.

Other participants on the call – Shaun Bradley, Don Sedgwick, Melissa Morrison, Sarah Tingley, Eric Hustvedt, Nicole Frampton, Scott Rawding, Leitha Haysom, Sean Sears

Peter reminded everyone that a link to the minutes were emailed in advance to members. He also let members know that the Director and Treasurer's Reports will be available on our website following the meeting.

Confirmation of Quorum

Secretary (Stacey Godsoe) did a count of those present to confirm Quorum. All members present, including Board members, were included in the count.

- Number required: 7 (20% of total membership - 35)
- Number present: 17

- Quorum confirmed: yes

Due Notice

Chair confirms to membership that due notice of the AGM was given.

Secretary confirms the details, telling everyone that, as required in our bylaws, notice of the AGM was publicly advertised in the local community paper, Lighthouse Now, two weeks in advance of the meeting, on March 11th.

Notice of the AGM was also shared in advance with membership via email on March 11th, change to online meeting sent March 15th, and details were sent again on March 24th.

Notice of the AGM was also shared via Social media, with an Event created, and Notice provided on our website.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The Chair reviewed the meeting agenda and asked if anyone had any additions or changes. Hearing none, Chair asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

- Motion made by: Stacey Godsoe
- Motion seconded by: Leitha Haysom
- Chair called for a vote.
- Vote: approval was unanimous
- Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Previous AGM Minutes

Chair reminded everyone that minutes had been shared via email, hoped everyone had had a chance to read through them. Chair said they could be read if requested, but otherwise we would just highlight the actionable items that have happened since then. There was no request to have minutes read out loud.

Chair confirmed that we had successfully addressed any actionable items.

Chair asked if, with that, anyone needed to know more about the minutes, or had any questions or comments, now is the time.

Hearing no comments, questions, or changes, the Chair then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous AGM meeting as presented.

- Motion made by: Leitha Haysom
- Motion seconded by: Paul Aucoin
- Chair asked for a vote by members.
- Vote: approval was unanimous
- Motion passed

New Business – no new business

Reports – Director and Treasurer

Chair tells us that these will be presented one after the other, and then accepted in one motion.

Director's Report

Chair presented the Director's Report, giving a brief synopsis of our year and will be available in full on our website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer (Paul Aucoin) presented the Treasurer's Report which will be on our website after this meeting.

He said that last year, GPACA had a quiet year on the financial front, with no active fundraising initiatives and no projected major expenses. He said that the most substantial income was from the Community Spirit Award – an amount of \$1500.00. Otherwise contributions and membership dues were the only other revenue.

There was \$323.00 leftover after event expenses which was donated to the Petite Riviere School Art Infusion program.

The Treasurer reported an overall closing balance for 2019 of \$6,315.46.

He gave thanks to our Auditors Thomas Sullivan and Tony Michner, who approved our financial statements and transactions for this year and provided valuable feedback and guidance. He reiterated that our financial statements will be posted to the website a few days after the meeting for all to review.

Questions on Reports

Chair then asked if there were any questions regarding either Report.

No discussion or questions.

Motion to accept reports:

With discussion concluded, Chair asked for a motion to accept both Director's and Treasurer's Reports as presented.

- Motion made by: Phyllis Price
- Motion seconded by: Tara Jaskowiak
- Vote: approval was unanimous
- Motion passed.

Appointment and approval of Auditors for 2020

Treasurer tells membership that we had Thomas Sullivan and Tony Michener last year as our Auditors and that Tony has agreed to do that this year going forward. Chair asks for a motion to approve the appointment of Tony as our auditor and to reserve the right to appoint an additional auditor in the year ahead.

Motion to Approve Appointment of Auditors

- Motion made by: Sadie Watson
- Motion seconded by: Phyllis Price
- Vote: approval is unanimous
- Motion passed

Report of the Nominating Committee

Tara presented this report on behalf of the nominating committee, which this year is the whole board. Seven members have agreed to offer themselves for another term. That is Paul Aucoin, Kristy Boutilier, Peter Garcin, Stacey Godsoe, Tara Jaskowiak, Dee Conrad, Ebony Newell and Sadie Watson.

The Chair notes that before he can put forward the proposed slate, he needs to call for additional nominations three times. So this is the first call for nominations to the Board.

Paul nominated Thomas Sullivan as a new member in his absence.

Chair asks a second time: Are there any other nominations? No response. He asks a third time - any other nominations? No response.

The Chair then said, hearing no additional nominations, “may I have someone make a motion to close the nominations and approve the slate as presented.”

- Motion to accept the slate is made by: Dee Conrad
- Motion seconded by: Tara Jaskowiak
- Vote: approval is unanimous.
- Motion is passed.

Chair said that on behalf of GPACA’s Board of Directors she would like to present the slate of nominees for election and/or acclamation: Dee Conrad, Ebony Newell, Kristy Boutilier, Tara Jaskowiak, Sadie Watson, Peter Garcin, Paul Aucoin, Stacey Godsoe and Thomas Sullivan.

The Chair then thanked leaving board member – Phyllis Price.

Election of Officers

Chair told everyone that the executive will be selected at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn

Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Motion was made by: Stacey Godsoe
- Seconded by: Paul Aucoin
- (No vote is needed)

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm