

GPACA AGM MINUTES

March 31th, 2021

7:00-8:00pm

[Online/Zoom]

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

Regrets: Thomas Sullivan

Welcome

Welcome remarks made by Sadie Watson (land acknowledgement, technological requirements/navigation, voting, intro special guest).

Sadie explained we will once again be waiving fees for new or renewing members given circumstances so anyone on the call eligible to vote.

SPECIAL GUEST

Hannah Main - PhD candidate, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University

Hannah is exploring what rural schools mean to communities, and Petite is one of the communities she is studying.

“The heart of the community: The conflicting roles of a rural school” - intro research & share contact info for follow-up

Highlights – her study is focused on what a sch means to a rural community, how those meanings look differently for policy makers versus community members and how that impacts decision making. As well as being informed by the conflict that sometimes arises.

She shared that she will have something for people to read based on her initial findings in early June, but the full project will probably be completed closer to early 2022. She will be in contact with everyone who participated as it is written, and plans to share the findings in Petite as well.

Contact info - Hannah.Main@dal.ca

BUSINESS MEETING COMMENCES

Call to Order

Chair (Peter Garcin) called AGM of GPACA to order. Current board members were introduced including those absent.

Other participants on the call – **Phyllis Price, Don Sedgwick, Amanda Bostlund, Sarah Tingley, Hannah Main, Leitha Haysom, Alex Hickey**

Peter reminded everyone that a link to the minutes were emailed in advance to members and is available on our website:

<https://petiteforthefuture.ca/site/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GPACA-AGM-Minutes-March-2020.pdf>

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 Board members except one were present, including additional members.

- Number required: 6 (20% of total membership - 33)
- Number present: 15
- Quorum confirmed: yes

Due Notice

Secretary confirms the details, telling everyone that, as required in our bylaws, notice of the AGM was publicly advertised in the local community paper, Progress Bulletin, two weeks in advance of the meeting, on March 17th and ran for two weeks.

Notice of the AGM was also shared in advance with membership via email on March 17th.

Notice of the AGM was also shared via Social media and 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: Ebony
- Motion seconded by: Tara
- 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 and are available on our website:

<https://petiteforthefuture.ca/site/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GPACA-AGM-Minutes-March-2020.pdf> , hoped everyone had had a chance to read through them. Chair said they could be read if requested. There was no request to have minutes read out loud.

Chair confirmed that there were no 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: Kristy
- Motion seconded by: Sadie
- Chair asked for a vote by members.
- Vote: approval was unanimous
- Motion passed

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.

The Treasurer reported an overall closing balance for 2020 of \$5577.60

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: Dee
- Motion seconded by: Leitha
- Vote: approval was unanimous
- Motion passed.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Tara presented this report on behalf of the nominating committee, which is the whole board. Eight members have agreed to offer themselves for another term. That is Paul Aucoin, Kristy Boutilier, Peter Garcin, Stacey Godsoe, Tara Jaskowiak, Ebony Newell, Thomas Sullivan 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.

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: Tara
- Motion seconded by: Paul
- 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: Ebony Newell, Kristy Boutilier, Tara Jaskowiak, Sadie Watson, Peter Garcin, Paul Aucoin, Stacey Godsoe and Thomas Sullivan.

The Chair then thanked leaving board member – Dee Conrad.

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
- Seconded by: Sadie
- (No vote is needed)

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm