

Annual General Meeting 2009

Minutes

Attendance: Tyler Gschaid (chair), Sandy Sangster (treasurer), Dave Mabell (secretary), GALA/LA members Matthew Beaudoin, Heather Chomos, Troy Coutts, Levi Cox, Brittany Elder, Jimmy Genesta, Kyle Holberton, Jason Holt, Shane Hyros, Jennifer Justinick, Ryan Juss, Shawn Kearns, Jessica Lloyd, A.J. Loitz, Teigan Reamsbottom, Tyson Skriver, Myles Tripp, Arron Wilson, Mickey Wilson, Matt Young and recent member Dennise Nielsen

Regrets: Braden Yamamoto (director on outgoing board)

Called to order at 7:50 p.m.

Agenda: An agenda was circulated by the chair.

Moved/seconded by Matt Young/Heather Chomos: that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Elections chair: A.J. Loitz, a board member who is leaving the country, agreed to chair the elections portion of the meeting.

Voting: Dave (secretary) introduced a new member who applied for membership several months ago, recommending she be invited to take full part in the meeting.

M/S by Dave/Ryan: that we extend membership privileges to Jennifer Justinick. CD

Minutes of previous Annual Meeting were circulated for review and approval.

M/S by Levi/A.J.: that we adopt the 2008 AGM minutes as circulated. CARRIED

There was no business arising from those minutes.

Annual reports: Printed reports (*attached*) on the year's activities were presented on behalf of the chairperson, secretary and treasurer as well as committees for our dance, website, radio show, newsletter, phone line and advocacy initiatives, as well as the chair's report from the executive/planning committee. A further report highlighted collaborations with a variety of Lethbridge programs or groups.

Ensuing discussion emphasized a need for more active security, more cheat-proof membership cards and larger admission price signs at our dances, for more input (and feedback) on Gay in LA radio, and for a review of lower-cost phone options.

M/S by Heather/Myles: that we approve the treasurer's financial report. CARRIED

M/S by Dave/Matt: that we accept all the other reports as presented. CARRIED

The chair thanked all board members, committee members and other volunteers for their support over the past year.

Nominations for new board:

A.J. assumed control of the meeting for the elections. The secretary reported 148 members are paid-up and eligible to run or nominate for elected office, as of this spring's cut-off date.

A.J. reported a number of current board members -- **Tyler, Dave, Heather, Troy, Levi, Brittany, Matt and Braden** -- have said they'll let their names stand for re-nomination. Andrew, A.J., Paul and Sandy have indicated they want to retire from the board.

He then declared those eight willing members nominated, and opened the floor to further nominations. Ryan nominated **Shawn**, Troy nominated **Mickey**, Brittany nominated **Arron**, Levi nominated **Teigan**, Brittany nominated **Jessica**, Aaron nominated **Tyson**, (??) nominated Matthew

Nominations for Ryan, Sandy, Shane, Kyle and Jason were declined.

M/S by Dave/Matthew: that the incoming board have 15 members. DEFEATED

Further discussion ensued.

M/S by Tyler/Matt: that we reconsider that question. CARRIED, 10 to 7

A.J. declared the 15 members elected to the new Board of Directors. He then opened nominations for executive positions.

Chairperson: Shawn nominated Tyler; Aaron nominated Mickey, Teigan nominated Levi (declined).

A.J. called three times for further nominations, and then declared nominations closed.

A paper ballot was conducted, with A.J. and Dennise counting the ballots.

A.J. declared **Mickey** elected as our new chairperson.

Vice-chair: Jessica nominated Brittany, Matt nominated Tyler, Levi nominated Troy (declined), Kyle nominated Levi (declined).

A.J. called three times for further nominations, then declared them closed.

A paper ballot was conducted, with A.J. and Dennise counting the ballots.

A.J. declared **Brittany** elected.

Treasurer: Shawn nominated Matt, Teigan nominated Troy.

A.J. called three times for further nominations, then declared them closed.

A paper ballot was conducted, with A.J. and Dennise counting the ballots.

A.J. declared **Troy** elected.

Secretary: Levi nominated Dave, Brittany nominated Jessica, Kyle nominated Tyson, Matt Young nominated Heather, Troy nominated Tyler.

A paper ballot was conducted, with A.J. and Dennise counting the ballots.

A.J. declared **Tyler** elected.

Financial issues: **M/S** by Matthew/Matt: that Ryan Juss and Sandy Sangster be named auditors

for our accounts at the end of the new fiscal year.

CARRIED

M/S by Mickey/Heather: that all four executive members be named signing officers, with two signatures required on every cheque.

CARRIED

New business: *Bylaws*

M/S by Mickey/Heather: that the board examine our bylaws regarding directors' other affiliations, and review our bylaws in general.

CARRIED

Ballots: **M/S** by Brittany/Matt: that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

Thank you: **M/S** by Mickey/Shawn: that we thank members of our previous board for their service to GALA/LA.

CARRIED

Next board meeting: Mickey suggested he e-mail out a meeting planner, so we can set a date after our Pride weekend.

Adjournment: Shane moved we adjourn. (10:30 p.m.)

CARRIED