



Canadian Hard of Hearing Association
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 28, 2016

Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Ms. Myrtle Barrett, President and Chair of the Annual General Meeting. Quorum was achieved.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION 1: Mr. Craig Ellis moved, seconded by Ms. Gael Hannan that the agenda for this annual general meeting be approved as presented. *Carried unanimously.*

3. APPROVAL OF THE 2015 AGM MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2015

There were no errors or omissions noted for the 2015 AGM minutes

MOTION 2: Mr. Craig Ellis moved, seconded by Mr. Cyril Peach that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on May 23, 2015 in Halifax, Nova Scotia be approved as presented. *Carried unanimously.*

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MYRTLE BARRETT

Ms. Myrtle Barrett brought the memberships' attention to the President's Report as presented in the 2015 Annual Report. One comment from the floor mentioned was that it has been a difficult year; however, it was felt the organization is moving in a good direction through events such as the Leadership in Action workshop.

MOTION 3: Mr. Leon Mills moved, seconded by Mr. Darrel Brenton that the President's Report be approved as presented. *Carried unanimously.*

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GLENN MARTIN

Ms. Glenn Martin began by expressing how she has been impressed with the level of dedication and commitment of the many CHHA volunteers. She continued by mentioning that the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association has had its challenges over the past year which has taken the association in a new direction. CHHA is striving to improve its relevance with its members through projects such as the speechreading project and the broadcasting accessibility fund project. In addition, the national office has tried to help branches and chapters fundraise through an offer of an event registration program which could be used for hosting a walkathon but could also be used in other fundraising events. Finally, the government has taken notice of CHHA and other disability groups. A call for funding has been issued through the Minister for Sports and Disabilities, Honourable Carla Qualtrough. The national office plans on submitting a project for this source of funding. Overall Ms. Martin was very pleased with the current activities of the association and the direction the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association is taking.

MOTION 4: Ms. Carole Willans moved, seconded by Mr. Lee Ramsdell that the National Executive Director's Report be approved as presented. *Carried unanimously.*

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – STESHA HODDER

The Treasurer, Ms. Stesha Hodder, reported that the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association recorded a deficit of approximately \$24,000 for 2015. This deficit was partially due to a reduction of project grants when compared to the amounts shown in 2014. Some other noticeable changes included a slight increase in conference revenue, a decrease in revenue generated through fundraising, and a reduction in funds being received through the CHHA sustaining grant.

Despite ending the year with a deficit, the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association is in a good financial position. It was noted by a CHHA member that the association needs to develop a formal fundraising plan as this will help CHHA accomplish its strategic goals into the future.

MOTION 5: Mr. Craig Ellis moved, seconded by Mr. Leon Mills that the Treasurer's Report and the CHHA financial statements for the fiscal year 2015 be accepted as presented. *Carried unanimously.*

At the end of this discussion, Ms. Myrtle Barrett was presented with a plaque to thank her for her service as President of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association.

7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Standing Committee on Nominations chair, Ms. Marilyn Dahl, began by indicating that this election was a first in a few areas such as competing individuals running campaigns on social media as well as a few people voting electronically. At this point it was announced that results of the 2016 election resulted in Ms. Lorin MacDonald being confirmed as the new President of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association.

MOTION 6: Ms. Carole Willans moved, seconded by Ms. Elsie Edwards to approve the election of Ms. Lorin MacDonald as President. *Carried unanimously.*

The remaining nominees were elected by acclamation: Elsie Edwards, Lee Ramsdell, Sheila Serup, Daria Valkenburg and Jade Coultman.

MOTION 7: Mr. Peter Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Leon Mills to approve the election of these individuals as Directors on the Board of CHHA. *Carried unanimously.*

Following the close of nominations there were two vacant seats on the CHHA Board of Directors. According to their mandate, the Nominations Committee proceeded to find and nominate two additional members to the Board. These individuals were Ms. Jane Scott and Mr. Rhéal Léger.

MOTION 8: Ms. Ruth Warick moved, seconded by Ms. Lorin MacDonald to approve Ms. Jane Scott and Mr. Rhéal Léger as Directors on the Board of CHHA. *Carried unanimously.*

One final motion was then made by Dr. Charles Laszlo.

MOTION 9: Dr. Charles Laszlo moved, seconded by Mr. Mike Hocevar that the Nominations Committee be authorized to destroy the ballots. *Carried unanimously.*

9. BUSINESS ARISING

No new business was reported

10. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

At this point, the outgoing President, Ms. Myrtle Barrett, thanked the membership and previous Board of Directors for their support. Although she will no longer be the President of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, Ms. Barrett will continue to work within CHHA in other capacities. The previous Board of Directors were then asked to stand to be acknowledged.

Ms. Lorin MacDonald then addressed the membership as the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association's new President. Ms. MacDonald provided some history on how she made the decision to run for President of CHHA. In addition, she also mentioned how excited she was begin her work as the new President for this association.

11. OTHER BUSINESS – CHHAF PRESENTATION

President of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Foundation, Ms. Carole Willans started her presentation by providing some highlights of the Foundation report presented in the annual report. The CHHA Foundation is a sister organization of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association. During the previous annual general meeting of the Foundation, it was mentioned that the Memoriam of Understanding between CHHAF and CHHA should be reexamined. Ms. Carole Willans was pleased to announce that this was accomplished and a new Memoriam of Understanding has been signed. It was also announced that the CHHA Foundation Board of Directors recently passed a motion to set up a fund directed to helping CHHA Branches and Chapters. An application process will be set up this year for branches and chapters to use to submit funding proposals.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

Ms. Lorin MacDonald announced that the next annual general meeting and conference will be in Sidney, BC on May 25-27, 2017.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Craig Ellis moved that the Annual General Meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.