

EEPSA annual general meeting 2012

Location: Stanley Park Pavilion

Date: June 21, 2012

In attendance: eepsa exec -Selina Metcalf, Jonathon Dyck, Kate Henderson, Bruce Ford, Donna Boucher, Patrick Robertson, Shannon Leddy, Vanessa Lees, Vanessa Norris; guests: Erin Desautels, Anita – Stanley Park Ecology Society, Katie - SFU student, Kyle – SFU student, Lauralei Primeau , Carie-teacher,

Called to order at 4:39

1) Welcome (Selina)

2) Introductions and Highlights of the year-2 minutes each (All)

3) Membership update (Eriko) over 440 members but there are some duplications so not accurate. 209 bctf,

4) Financial Report (Kate) – currently \$12,000 in bank account. Started year with \$8500 but increased over past years.

5) Proposal to raise membership fees and affiliate with EECOM and NAAEE (Kate and Bruce) – current fees do not cover costs of Green Teacher subscription (students \$15, bctf members \$25) so we are proposing to increase fees to \$20 for students, \$30 for bctf members, \$49 +HST for non-enrolling members

Motion : Kate has proposed to raise the eepsa fees to accommodate for rising costs. Seconded by Bruce. Motion carried. New eepsa fees will be \$20 for students, \$30 for bctf members and \$49 +HST for non-enrolling members

Motion: Bruce has proposed eepsa join EECOM as an organizational affiliate for \$115 per year and provide associated benefits to eepsa members. Seconded by Vanessa C. Motion carried.

6) Integrated communication strategy discussion (Patrick) – how can executive best communicate information to members?

a) Website – being reformatted to make more user friendly and hope to be ready by Sept.

- b) Listserve – active but kept as communication to members not group communications
- c) Social Media – Twitter and Facebook page with Kate making regular posts – just let Kate know what you want to post.
- d) Ecolacy – quarterly newsletter not really being followed so future would be connected to website
- d) Social Opportunities – meetings, retreats, field trips

Discussion followed about best opportunities for communications and majority felt an updated website with resources, forum discussion and face-to-face opportunities would improve communications.

7) Priorities for 2012/13 and meeting structure revisited (Selina)

- a) deliver Pro-D Opportunities
- b) communications strategy (especially website).
- c) re-invigorate sub-committees.
- d) revisit awards/recognition
- e) executive retreat
- f) set meetings of the whole on calendar.

8) Elections (Vanessa Lee)

Up for nominations:

President: Selina Metcalf agreed to stand; Bruce seconded; carried
Vice President: Jonathon agreed to stand; Selina seconded; carried
Secretary: Donna agreed to stand; Patrick seconded; carried
Treasurer; Kate agreed to stand; Donna seconded; carried
Past President: Patrick agreed to stand; Vanessa seconded; carried
Pro- D Chair: Bruce agreed to stand; Kate seconded; carried
Membership: Lorelei agreed to stand; Jonathon seconded; carried
Members-at-large: Carrie agreed to stand; Selina seconded; carried
Shannon agreed to stand; Kate seconded; carried
Communications Chair: Vanessa Norris agreed to stand; Jonathon seconded; carried

9) Constitutional amendments (Jonathon)

Jonathon proposed amending our constitution

- a) Change wording for clarity

MOTION: Jonathon makes a motion to revise our constitution as discussed
Seconded by Selina. Motion carried.

10) new executive will pick new date for retreat.

11) Vote to adopt minutes and close the AGM (Donna) Motion carried

AGM ended at 6:01.

After the meeting: Solstice Celebration