Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting of QPIRG Concordia

29 September, 2016, 1500 de Maisonneuve W., #204

1. Introduction

Ashley Fortier facilitating.
Bita Eslami taking notes.
Fred Burrill is chief returning officer for elections.

More than 60 members of QPIRG Concordia present at beginning of AGM, including 30 students and more than 25 community members.

Accessibility arrangements:
  • Translator is Mathieu.
  • The location is wheelchair accessible.
  • Food in the boardroom.

Facilitator asked media to identify themselves. None present.

Purpose of the Assembly is to get the annual report and to elect a new Board of Directors and a Conflict Resolution and Complaints Committee (CRCC) for the coming year. All voters should have red card. Non-voting members are welcome to stay as well but only red cardholders will vote. Open vote will proceed as follows: first yes's, then no's, then abstentions.

1. 2. Presentation and Approval of Agenda

Proposed Agenda:
1) Introduction
2) Presentation and Approval of Agenda
3) Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes
4) QPIRG Reports
i) Board of Directors Report
ii) Staff Reports: Administrative and Communications Coordinator; Finance and Fundraising Coordinator; Programming and Working Groups Coordinator
iii) Reports from Core Projects and Other Initiatives
5) Questions about Reports
6) Candidates and Elections for Conflict Resolution and Complaints Committee (CRCC)
7) Candidates and Elections for QPIRG Concordia Board of Directors
8) Community Event Announcements
9) Election Results
10) Adjournment
Agenda has been advertised in advance, in accordance with constitution. It is on website and is in the package distributed at the door. It is projected on the overhead with a few small typos corrected.

Motion to adopt meeting agenda by Josh. Seconded by Julie.

VOTE:
YES: many.
NO: 0
Abs: 0

Meeting agenda adopted by unanimity.

1. 3. Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes

Minutes are in package received at the door.

Motion to approve the 2015 AGM minutes by Sophia (who was at the assembly last year). Seconded by Jasper (who was also at the assembly last year).

VOTE:
YES: many
NO: 0
Abs: 10 (were not present last year)

AGM 2015 minutes adopted.

1. 4. QPIRG and Core Projects Reports


The reports were summarized by the following:

a) Board of Directors Report (Shayla)
b) Administration and Communications Coordinator (Adrienne)
c) Finance and Fundraising Coordinator (Noah)
d) Programming and Working Groups Coordinator (Jaggi)
e) Core Projects & Initiatives (summarized by staff)
Proposal to adopt reports and Annual report: proposed by Eamon, seconded by Gabriel.

YES: many

NO: 0

Adopted.

Proposal to appoint Caroline Pombert of APSV Comptables professionnels agréés inc as QPIRG Concordia’s auditor; proposed by Gabriel, seconded by Camille.

YES: many

NO: 0.

Adopted.

5. Questions about Reports

No questions. Well-summarized in Annual Report.

1. 6. Candidates and Elections for Conflict Resolution and Complaints Committee (CRCC)

Process

Fred Burrill, Chief Office explains process: there are 4 positions on CRCC. First we will have nominations. Can nominate self or someone else. Then we need a second, and the person must accept the nomination. Then we will hear presentation of candidates (some are also in the package). Then we will vote by secret ballot; voting cards will be explained in detail immediately before voting but in general those with red cards can vote and, if it not a competitive election, a simple majority wins. If competitive, the top candidates win with a simple majority.

CRCC nominations and votes:

Sophia nominates Shayla, Emma seconds

Shayla nominates Stef in her absence, Eli seconds

Shayla nominates Sophia, Julie seconds
Traditionally CRCC has been made up of past board members, both are. Shayla and Sophia discuss their reasons for wanting to run. Shayla presents on behalf of Stef.

Kliph and Arielle will be scrutineers/helping Fred w ballots.

STUDENT NOMINATIONS:
1. Camille nominates self, Eli seconds
2. Zachary nominates Eli, Sophie seconds
3. Sima nominates Eamon, Cassie seconds
4. Jasper nominates Ciel, Sophia seconds
5. Sophia nominates Gabriel, Dan seconds
6. Mandy nominates Sima, Sophia seconds
7. Sophia nominates Terry, Gabriel seconds

Terry doesn’t accept nomination.
Everyone else accepts in a block.

COMMUNITY NOMINATIONS
1. Shayla nominates Rana, Sophia seconds
2. Sophia nominates Lydia, Sima seconds
3. Maidina nominates self, Myloe seconds
4. Jasper nominates self, Julie seconds
5. Bronwyn nominates self, Sima seconds

6. Julie nominates Sharone, Camille seconds

Everyone accepts

Bronwyn: McGill student, radio show on environmental issues, volunteered with library. Lots of energy into social enviro justice.

Jasper: Women’s studies, interested in supporting working groups and solidarity project. Has experience with community co-ops. Interested in increasing accessibility.

Sharone: former Concordia student, from India, women’s rights in Palestine, food sovereignty.

Rana: (Shayla presenting on behalf) has been on board in last year. Resourceful, has been a great board member, involved in IAW. Cohost of dragonroot radio on CKUT, board experience w center for gender advocacy

Lydia: (Sophia presenting on behalf) lovely, badass human. Got involved with organizing during student strike, interested in food sovereignty. Sima adds.

Statement from Lydia hi-lites QPIRG’s connection to orgs and projects that she is involved with.

Maidina (Sophia presenting on behalf): worked on student strike, anti-austerity work. experience with Hive Café, incredible, badass woman of color. “Gets shit done”

Eli
Purple ballots for community members/ blue ballots for student members

BALLOTS CAST AND COUNTED

Everyone voted in.

1.8. Community Event Announcements

1.9. Motion to Adjourn

2. Motion to adjourn meeting with understanding that election results will be posted by Qpirg staff by email, website and facebook. Jasper proposes the motion and Eli seconds.

Yes: many

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passes by unanimity. Meeting adjourned.

Election results:

QPIRG Concordia Board of Directors Concordia student members:
- Ciel Doell
- Eli Lynch
- Camille Thompson
- Eamon Toohey
- Gabriel Velasco
- Sima Youssef

QPIRG Concordia Board of Directors community members:
- Lydia Belhimeur
- Sharone Daniel
- Bronwyn Lira Dyson
- Maidina Kadeer
- Jasper Rasmussen
- Rana Salah

CRCC Results:
- Stephanie Dufresne
- Shayla Chilliak
- Sophia Salem