



Annual General Meeting
Thursday June 13, 2019
ACNS Office

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Welcome and Minute of Silence

Dave St. Laurent called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for attending. He then lit the Memorial Candle and a minute of silence was observed.

2. Approval of Agenda

Dave St. Laurent presented the Agenda.

It was moved by Marc Charrier and seconded by Rene Corbett THAT the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of the 2018 AGM Minutes

Dave St. Laurent presented the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

It was moved by Dillon Ross and seconded by Mitchell Archibald THAT the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

4. Report of the Chair

Dave St. Laurent referred to his report in the ACNS 2018-2019 Year in Review noting that the key issue this year was finding new funding opportunities for ACNS given the reduction in PHAC support. He also took a moment to thank fellow board members, volunteers and staff for their continued hard work on behalf of ACNS.

It was moved by Mitchell Archibald and seconded by Ian McKinnon THAT the Report of the Chair be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

5. Report of the Executive Director

Dena Simon referred to her report in the ACNS 2018-2019 Year in Review. She also took a moment to thank the board members for their efforts and support over the past year; she introduced and thanked the staff team for their effective work; and she thanked the volunteers who make it possible for ACNS to continue its work in this community. She noted that while the year had been very challenging, a great deal of activity had taken place and encouraged all present to fully read the Year in Review to see the wealth of activity in Programs, Services, Gay Men's Health, Fund Raising and Operations.

Dena also pointed out that ACNS had begun a visioning and strategic planning process over the past year that, when ready for consultation, will be brought to the general membership for input and discussion.

It was moved by Marc Charrier and seconded by Mitchell Archibald THAT the Report of the Executive Director be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

6. Report of the Treasurer and Review of the Audited Financial Statements

Colin MacLeod presented the Audited Financial Statements noting the surplus of \$48,979 as compared to the \$54,120 deficit of the prior fiscal year. The explanation primarily surrounds the timing of PHAC funding; namely that \$40,000 in transition funding promised by PHAC in 2017-2018 was moved by them to 2018-2019 thereby causing these two years of distorted year-end numbers. The audit also included a series of adjustments that removed old accounts. He noted that several cost-saving measures had been instituted including a move to a less expensive office, staff reductions and keeping a very tight grip on expenditures.

It was moved by Colin MacLeod and seconded by David Gaskin THAT the Audited Financial Statements be accepted as circulated. Motion Carried.

7. Appointment of Auditors

It was moved by Colin MacLeod and seconded by Marc Charrier THAT Baker Tilly Nova Scotia Inc. be appointed as auditors for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Motion Carried.

8. Presentation of Slate and Election of Directors

Ian McKinnon presented the Slate of Board Members and Representation.

It was moved by Ian McKinnon and seconded by David Gaskin THAT the Slate of Directors and Representation be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

9. Acknowledgements

Dave St. Laurent thanked everyone for attending the AGM. He also pointed out the key sponsors and supporters listed in the ACNS 2018-2019 Year in Review and thanked them for their generosity. Dave thanked Dena and the staff of ACNS for another year of great work in spite of the challenging conditions.

Dave thanked the members of the Board of Directors for their efforts over the past fiscal year and stated that he is looking forward to continuing to work together. In particular he thanked retiring board members Ian McKinnon and Dillon Ross for their dedication and service. Dave congratulated the new board on its election and welcomed Sheena Jamieson. He also encouraged the general membership to consider serving on the Board of Directors.

Finally, by way of marking his tenth anniversary with ACNS, Dave presented Chris Aucoin with a gift to thank him and recognize his ten years of service.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Dave St. Laurent called for a motion to adjourn.

It was moved by Mitchel Hill THAT the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia be adjourned. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchel Hill
Secretary