

North York Women's Resource Centre
30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, September 15, 2019
Town Square, 116 Industry Street, Toronto ON M3M 4L8

MINUTES – DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Members: Yvonne Annobil, Desiree Armstong, Maria Bazilevskaya, Saira Bashir, Barbara Blaser, Constance Boakye, Michelina Ciociola, Caroline Connell, Maria Cordeiro, Martha Correa, Maria D’Addese, Elizabeth Davila, Danielle Di Prizio, Michelle Ekuban, Shirley Fong, Wendy Fraser, Carol King, Catherine Lang, Jenna Lawrence, Lauri Maki, Kathryn Manning, Rachelle Mendoza, Angie Nicastro, Antonietta Prado, Shannon Persaud Tolnay, Elissa Podolsky, Farzaneh Sharifi, Patricia Silhy, Daphne Stapleton, Jenifer Rush, Leanna Tuba, Elham Yaesubi,

Non-members: Dave Bellucci, Mahrukh Bhatt, Siew Ling Chow, Suzanne Curran, Monica Dogra, Eileen Griffith, Leila Heath, Sheri Hebdon, Tal Hebdon, Belkys Larrazabal Chacin, Neslihan Memigüven, Claudia Paul, Cecilia Sanches, Maria Sirianni

Guests: Faisal Hassan, Brandon Machado, Kara Santokie and Shout Sister Choir, Shree Paradkar

Staff: Audrey Batterham, Iris Fabbro, Zoryana Panchuk, Ana Maria Sanches, Elsie Tabemonso

GUEST SPEAKERS **Shree Paradkar**
Atkinson Fellow in Public Policy
Race and Gender Columnist, Toronto Star

Faisal Hassan
MPP, York South-Weston

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Shannon Persaud Tolnay, Chair of the Board of Directors. Shannon explained the purpose of the AGM, outlined how the meeting would proceed, and referred attendees to the AGM package which includes a Frequently Asked Questions handout.

Confirmation of Quorum. According to North York Women’s Resource Center bylaws, ten members in good standing are required for a quorum. In order to be eligible to vote, individuals have to have been a member for at least 30 days prior to the AGM. There were 31 members in attendance, of which 21 were eligible to vote. Quorum was therefore achieved.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
Moved, seconded. Carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR, SHANNON PERSAUD TOLNAY

Shannon Persaud Tolnay, Board Chair, highlighted the activities of the Board since the last Annual General Meeting held on September 25, 2018 and referred to the Annual Report distributed in the AGM package and to be posted on NYWC's website.

MOTION: To accept and endorse the actions of the Board of Directors since the last Annual General Meeting held on September 25, 2018.

Moved, seconded. Carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY, KATHRYN MANNING

Kathryn Manning presented the minutes of the previous AGM.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 AGM as presented.

Moved, seconded. Carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER, ELISSA PODOLSKY

Elissa Podolsky reviewed the audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2019 and shared the Board's recommended auditors for the year ending March 31, 2020. Elissa noted that the audited statements will be posted on NYWC's website once approved.

MOTION: To approve the audited financial statements for 2018-2019 as presented.

Moved, seconded. Carried unanimously.

MOTION: To appoint Pennylegion Chung as auditors for 2019-2020.

Moved, seconded. Carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE, MARIA BAZILEVSKAYA

Speaking for the Committee, Maria Bazilevskaya reviewed board vacancies and the recruitment process. Two directors completed their terms and one had to leave the board earlier than planned. As a result, there were three positions to be filled: two 3-year terms and a 1-year term. Maria directed attendees to the AGM package for information on the three nominees recommended by the Board and asked the nominees in attendance to introduce themselves.

MOTION: To elect Barbara Blaser, Maria Cordeiro and Jodi Wright to the Board of Directors.

Moved, seconded. Carried unanimously.

Maria thanked outgoing directors Shannon Persaud Tolnay, Kathryn Manning and Delta Sween for their contributions to the Board and NYWC.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION: BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Shannon Persaud Tolnay directed attendees to the proposed by-law amendment in the AGM package, which was mailed out in advance to all members. The Board recommended that the membership approve the following revision to Section 6(c) of the by-laws:

“6(c) Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors shall apply in writing to the Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the majority of the Members at the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation.”

MOTION: To approve the revision to Section 6(c) of the By-laws as presented.

Moved, seconded. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the 30th Annual General Meeting of North York Women’s Resource Centre.

Moved, seconded. Carried unanimously.