

**North York Women's Resource Centre**  
**31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6:30pm**  
**Via videoconference**

**MINUTES – DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

**Members:** Nancy Bardecki, Maria Bazilevskaya, Lenore Cabral, Danielle Di Prizio, Michelle Ekuban, Wendy Fraser, Ruth Herrera, Cathy Lang, Lauri Maki, Rachelle Mendoza, Elissa Podolsky, Daphne Stapleton, Shannon Persaud Tolnay, Jenifer Rush, Claudia White, Veronica Williams-Dalrymple, Ann Wirsig, Jodi Wright, Alice Yaung

**Staff:** Iris Fabbro, Ana Maria Sanches, Taraneh Vejdani

Due to the fact that this is the 1<sup>st</sup> virtual AGM for NYWC, the welcome message included an orientation to the videoconferencing platform to ensure all attendees are familiar with the system required to cast votes, raise questions and address any concerns.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Elissa Podolsky, Chair of the Board of Directors. Elissa explained the purpose of the AGM, outlined how the meeting would proceed, and referred attendees to the AGM package found at [www.nywc.org/2020-agm](http://www.nywc.org/2020-agm)

**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 15 voting members in attendance. Quorum was therefore achieved.

**MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.**

Moved by Lenore Cabral, seconded by Claudia White. Carried as per poll results recorded.

**REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY, MARIA BAZILEVSKAYA**

Maria Bazilevskaya presented the minutes of the previous AGM, distributed in the AGM package.

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September 15, 2019 AGM as presented.**

Moved by Michelle Ekuban, seconded by Lenore Cabral. Carried.

**REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR, ELISSA PODOLSKY**

Elissa Podolsky, Board Chair, gave an overview of the activities of the Board since the last Annual General Meeting held on September 15, 2019, which included adopting and acting on

the new strategic plan, and further referred to the Annual Report distributed in the AGM package and 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 15, 2019.**

Moved by Cathy Lang, seconded by Daphne Stapleton. Carried.

#### **REPORT FROM THE TREASURER, JENIFER RUSH**

Jenifer Rush, the Treasurer, reviewed the audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2020, where the independent auditor has not raised any concerns, and shared the Board's recommended auditors for the year ending March 31, 2021.

**MOTION: To receive the audited financial statements for 2019-2020 as presented.**

Moved by Jenifer Rush, seconded by Wendy Fraser. Carried.

**MOTION: To appoint Pennylegion Chung as auditors for 2020-2021.**

Moved by Jenifer Rush, seconded by Nancy Bardecki. Carried.

#### **BOARD NOMINATIONS REPORT, JENIFER RUSH**

Jenifer Rush provided the committee recommendations on the election of directors, in light of the two vacancies created by the completion of 1<sup>st</sup> term as Director for Elissa Podolsky and the end of partial term that Parveen Amlani served after an earlier departure of previous director. Both Directors are eligible for, and seeking, re-election for a full term.

**MOTION: To elect Elissa Podolsky and Parveen Amlani to the Board of Directors.**

Moved by Jodi Wright, seconded by Cathy Lang. Carried.

#### **PROGRAM UPDATE, IRIS FABBRO**

Iris Fabbro, Executive Director, provided a NYWC program update, which is positive considering that the organization was able to quickly adapt to working remotely due to the pandemic and continues to deliver services to women, including a timely digital literacy program helping isolated seniors connect through technology.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To adjourn the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of North York Women's Resource Centre.**

Moved by Cathy Lang, seconded by Nancy Bardecki. Carried.