

Canadian Association of Journalists
Annual General Meeting
Royal York Hotel, Toronto
April 29, 2012

Present: Micah Luxen, Hugo Rodrigues, Paul Schneidereit, Shauna Rempel, Ellin Bessner, Gerard Keledjian, Nick Taylor-Vaisey, Richard Tardif, Anja Karadeglija, others. Dale Bass present by Skype.

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.
- 2) H. Rodrigues recognized that the meeting did achieve quorum.
- 3) As no amendments were proposed, E. Bessner proposed a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 4) H. Rodrigues gave an update on last year's meeting and gave the president's report.
- 5) M. Luxen proposed motion to accept report. Motion carried.
- 6) H. Rodrigues summarized revisions that have been made to CAJ policies, and distributed to members prior to the meeting.
- 7) M. Luxen proposed motion to accept the revisions. Motion carried.
- 8) P. Schneidereit presented last year's budget and estimates and projections for this year's budget. E. Bessner asked about liability insurance, and P. Schneidereit presented the CAJ's 2010 and 2011 financial information.
- 9) M. Luxen proposed motion to accept. Motion carried.
- 10) M. Luxen proposed motion to appoint Alan Gutman as the CAJ's auditor. Motion carried.
- 11) P. Schneidereit presented the returning officer's report, informing those in attendance that M. Luxen has been nominated and accepted as new national representative, Nick Taylor-Vaisey as new Ottawa chapter representative, and Manjeet Singh Atthwal as the new Montreal chapter representative.
- 12) Nick Taylor-Vaisey moved motion to accept report. Motion carried.
- 13) New business:

E. Bessner asked about CAJ event pricing structures for students. H. Rodrigues explained how that question will be addressed.

R. Tardif asked about reasons behind membership drop. H. Rodrigues explained how layoffs in media sector, stripping of employer contributions for professional development/ membership, and the former executive director going to part-time affected the membership numbers. He also outlined how the organization has been addressing this problem.

P. Schneidereit added that membership has now stabilized.

E. Bessner urged the CAJ to continue networking with journalists and reaching out to other organizations and different regions of the country in order to represent a wide variety of journalists.

14) The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.