

# **CAJ Annual General Meeting**

May 14-15, 2011

Ottawa, Ont., Sheraton Hotel

**Present:** Mary Agnes Welch, Hugo Rodrigues, Paul Schneidereit, Steve Bonspiel, Bill Curry, Bob Irwin, Michel Remy, Hannah Yakobi, Laura Ieraci and others.

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m., May 14, 2011.

Paul Schneidereit chairing.

Resolution to recess the meeting until Saturday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Moved: MA Welch

Seconded: H Rodrigues

Carried.

Meeting resumed at 4:30 p.m. May 15 with P. Schneidereit in the chair.

## **Amendments to the Agenda**

None.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Steve Bonspiel

Seconded: Hannah Yakobi

Carried

## **Approval of 2010 AGM minutes**

Moved: MA Welch

Seconded: Steve Bonspiel

Carried

## **Business Arising**

None.

## **Bylaw Revision**

- Paul Schneidereit described the revisions and updates he undertook to the bylaws, including more flexibility in the rules governing chapter AGMs and quorum at national AGMs.

Moved: Steve Bonspiel

Seconded: MA Welch

Carried

## **President's Report**

- MA Welch described the last few months, the challenges and successes of the conference and advocacy.
- Board thanked MA Welch for her time as president.

Moved: Hugo Rodrigues

Seconded: Bill Curry

Carried

### **Finance Report**

Moved: Bob Irwin

Seconded: Steve Bonspiel

Carried

### **Appointment of CAJ Auditor**

- Alan Gutman, accountant.

Moved: Bill Curry

Seconded: Michel Remy

Carried

### **Returning Officer's Report**

- Paul Schneiderei's report received before meeting.
- New and returning members are acclaimed, including Melissa Lampman as Alta/NWT regional director and Dave Wiwchar as national director. Also adding Michel Remy as Montreal chapter rep.
- Discussion about the health of chapters.
- Bill Curry asked a question about advocacy versus professional development
- Hugo Rodrigues noted the CAJ is one of the few voices willing to speak out to defend journalists. Cited areas such as layoffs or the Canwest national editorial policy. Need to keep doing this, added Hugo.

Hugo Rodrigues moved to accept the report contingent on verification of active members.

Seconded: Bob Irwin

### **New Business**

- Michel Rémy raised the issue of Quebec's Payette committee and the CAJ taking a position. Hugo Rodrigues said he and MA Welch had met with members of the Montreal chapter. Board to name a committee to help craft the CAJ's position. Don McCurdy wants to be involved with discussion too.
- Laura Ieraci CAJ should be more bilingual. Elizabeth Thompson agreed, favours bilingualism. We should work with the FPJQ – it's not a rivalry.

**Adjournment** – 6:30 p.m.