

Canadian Association of Journalists
Annual General Meeting (via Skype)
May 5, 2013

Present: Hugo Rodrigues, Paul Schneidereit, Nick Taylor-Vaisey, Micah Luxen, David Wiwchar, Shauna Rempel, Dale Bass by Skype, Anja Karadeglija, three CAJ members.

1. H. Rodrigues called the meeting to order at 12:33.
2. N. Taylor-Vaisey moved to approve the agenda, Laura Beaulne-Stuebing seconded, motion carried.
3. P. Schneidereit moved to approve the 2012 annual meeting minutes. N. Taylor-Vaisey seconded, motion carried.
4. H. Rodrigues gave the verbal president's report. He said that the CAJ has started to right the ship, and that as of March 1, membership started to rise again for the first time in a long time, thanks to new membership benefits.

D. Wiwchar moved the report, M. Luxen seconded, motion carried.

5. H. Rodrigues to approve past financial statements:
 - a. 2009 financial statement, accountant's letter and management letter
 - b. 2010 financial statement, accountant's letter and management letter
 - c. 2011 financial statement, accountant's letter, letter of independence and management letter

D. Wiwchar moved to accept, N. Taylor-Vaisey seconded, motion carried.

6. P. Schneidereit presented the 2012 financial statements, M. Luxen moved to approve. N. Taylor-Vaisey seconded, motion carried.
7. P. Schneidereit reviewed the 2013 budget.
8. P. Schneidereit moved: "The CAJ rescinds its previous motion appointing Alan Gutman of Ottawa as its accountant for the 2012 financial year and thanks Mr. Gutman for his years of services to the association."

N. Taylor-Vaisey seconded, motion carried.

9. P. Schneidereit moved CCI (of Halifax) be named accountant for the 2013 financial statements.

Motion carried.

10. H. Rodrigues moved that Sect. 7a) of the CAJ bylaws be revised to read as follows:

- a) Active members of the corporation shall be, as determined by the board of directors of the corporation:
- working journalists whose salary comes primarily from, or time goes principally into, journalism or;
 - managers of media enterprises or;
 - teachers of journalism at a recognised post-secondary program or;
 - students enrolled in a recognised post-secondary journalism program or who work in the student media on a regular basis during the academic year
- b) That the following portion of Sec. 7 of the CAJ bylaws be amended from:
- “All active members of the Corporation shall be qualified to be elected as a director or an officer of the Corporation and its Chapters and to vote at all annual or special general meetings of the Corporation and its Chapters.” To:
“Only active members of the Corporation...”

D. Wiwchar seconded, motion carried.

Point of information that the bylaws can be found on website.

11. P. Schneidereit presented the returning officer’s report.

He stated that after putting out a call for regional directors, Sean Holman, Manjeet Singh Atthwal, and Sean Kavanagh were acclaimed. Two national directors, David Wiwchar and Ellin Bessner, have also been acclaimed.

N. Taylor-Vaisey moved to accept the report, M. Luxen seconded, motion carried.

12. D. Wiwchar moved to adjourn at 13:10 p.m.