

**Canadian Association of Journalists**  
Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting (via Skype)  
Sept. 16, 2012, 2 p.m. ET

Present board members: Hugo Rodrigues, Dale Bass, Micah Luxen, Melissa Lampman, Nick Taylor-Vaisey, Ellin Bessner, Shauna Rempel, Paul Schneidereit. Other: Anja Karadeglija

1. D. Bass called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.
  2. D. Bass added the nomination of a new Calgary representative to the board to the agenda.
  3. P. Schneidereit moved to approve the agenda, M. Luxen seconded, carried.
  4. E. Bessner proposed motion to accept the minutes from the March 11, 2012, March 18, 2012, April 20, 2012 teleconferences and the June 9-10, 2012 board meeting. Motion carried.
  5. H. Rodrigues made a note that the board should make sure not to lose track of what has previously been approved.
  6. D. Bass gave the chair's report on electronic votes since June 10, 2012. H. Rodrigues moved to accept, P. Schneidereit seconded, carried.
  7. H. Rodrigues thanked Melissa Lampman for serving as communications rep and moved to accept her resignation as regional director and appoint Sean Holman in her place, effective Sept. 17 until the regional elections in 2013.
- E. Bessner seconded, motion carried. The board members thanked M. Lampman for her contribution.
8. H. Rodrigues presented the president's report. He moved that Jen Skerritt be appointed the regional director for Manitoba / northwestern Ontario, effective Oct. 1, 2012 until the 2013 annual meeting. E. Bessner seconded.

He also moved that the resignation of Marianne White, regional director for Quebec, effective immediately, be accepted with regret; and that the CAJ board thank M. White for her service to the association. M. Luxen seconded.

Motions carried.

9. H. Rodrigues recommended that the board receive and file the Ethics advisory committee appointments report and; that CAJ board members review any potential nominees for appointment to the ethics advisory committee as existing members retire that may address the inequalities of the current committee membership.

M. Luxen seconded, motion carried.

10. The board discussed an upcoming CAJEF event. H. Rodrigues moved that the CAJ approve, in principle, the service agreement between the CAJ and the CAJ Educational Foundation, and that the CAJ obtain its own lawyer to review this agreement at no cost. The appointment of a CAJ board member for dispute resolution purposes was tabled.

S. Rempel seconded, motion carried.

11. H. Rodrigues moved that the board move in-camera for a legal update and verbal report. M. Luxen seconded, motion carried.

12. M. Luxen moved to go back into the open session. P. Schneidereit seconded, carried.

13. P. Schneidereit gave the treasurer's report, including presenting the 2012 budget. He also gave an update on the status of the 2010/11 financial statements.

14. H. Rodrigues moved that the CAJ take whatever action is necessary to post all outstanding annual financial information by Dec. 31, 2012. Nick Taylor-Vaisey seconded, motion carried.

15. P. Schneidereit moved to accept the treasurer's report, M. Luxen seconded, motion carried.

16. Communications coordinator's report, prepared by S. Rempel, was tabled.

17. M. Luxen presented the events committee report. Update and discussion on 2013 conference and other upcoming events being planned. M. Luxen moved to accept, Nick Taylor-Vaisey seconded, motion carried.

18. E. Bessner presented the membership services committee report and the remaining motions from Aug. 31, 2012 whose votes were not concluded via email and were deferred until the Sept. 16 meeting.

The members discussed the printing and cost of flyers and brochures, deciding that each chapter would print their own. They discussed the design of flight packs, extending CAA perks across the country, getting the information up on the website, setting up a membership directory,

printing and promoting the next issue of Media magazine, as well as introducing membership benefits like legal updates and alerts and membership cards.

E. Bessner moved that the CAJ approve extra features for members only: Perkopolis, CAA Southern Ontario, possible CAA discount in other provinces, FOI List serv, Group insurance plan, Discount and agreement with Henry's, one free CAJ conference registration and hotel for contest to end Dec. 31, 2012.

Motion carried. E. Bessner also gave an update on the membership drive.

19. The attrition report (Sept. 2011- Aug. 2012) and the members' survey summary report and full results report were received and filed.

20. D. Bass moved to accept the Awards committee report. M. Luxen seconded. The board members discussed future plans for the awards. Motion carried.

21. N. Taylor-Vaisey gave the National Capital Region report. M. Luxen moved to accept, H. Rodrigues seconded. Motion carried.

22. H. Rodrigues moved to receive and file the Toronto verbal report.

23. H. Rodrigues gave an update on the re-establishment of a Montreal chapter executive.

24. There was no new business.

25. The next teleconference was scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 13 2012, at 2 p.m. eastern.

26. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.