

CAJ board of directors meeting, Sept. 24, 2017

Location: Zoom call

1. Call to order (2 p.m. ET) - D. Bass.

Present: Dale Bass, Hugo Rodrigues, Nick Taylor-Vaisey, Rachel Ward, Paul Schneidereit, Kathleen Martens, Maryam Shah, Anastasiya Jogal, Matthew Goerzen, Rachel Aiello

2. Additions to / approval of agenda - D. Bass

Motion to approve - Kathleen Martens, seconded by Maryam Shah.

3. Corrections to / approval of last board meeting [minutes](#) - D. Bass

None arising. Motion to approve - Matthew Goerzen, seconded by Maryam Shah.

4. Old business - D. Bass

- a. Review/update of [task list](#) - None arising.

5. [President's report](#) - N. Taylor-Vaisey

- a. Succession planning
- b. Mentorship program in Indigenous communities

N. Taylor-Vaisey moves that the CAJ support in principle the development of MuckRock Canada, an online portal that would allow Canadians—including journalists—a new way to access and share information obtained through freedom-of-information laws. Seconded by M. Goerzen.

Report accepted.

6. Chair's report - D. Bass

7. [Treasurer's report](#) - P. Schneidereit

- a. 2017 Budget
- b. Discussion of returns on rainy-day GIC took place. M. Goerzen, H. Rodrigues, P. Schneidereit contributing.
- c. Report accepted.

8. Committee reports

a. Advocacy - T. Tailleux

- i. [Draft rapid-response workflow](#) - R. Ward
- ii. Discussion of rapid response advocacy took place. M. Goerzen, R. Ward, H. Rodrigues, P. Schneidereit, K. Martens, D. Bass contributing.
- iii. Advocacy committee tasked with collating examples of past advocacy for rapid-response teams to reference in future

b. [Awards](#) - H. Rodrigues

- i. Discussion about elimination of submission fee for Community Media category took place. P. Schneidereit, M. Goerzen, D. Bass contributed.
- ii. H. Rodrigues moves to eliminate entry fee for submissions to community media award for CAJ members. Seconded by P. Schneidereit. Carried.
- iii. H. Rodrigues moves that the entry criteria for the CAJ Awards' photojournalism category no longer require proof of publication for the work submitted in this category. Seconded by N. Taylor-Vaisey. Carried.
- iv. Discussion about a CAJ Awards referral discount (\$5 rebate on the entry fee). Awards committee tasked with testing the referral discount and reporting back to the board on findings

c. Ethics - N. Taylor-Vaisey (verbal)

d. Events - K. Martens

- i. K. Martens delivered report on 2018 conference verbally.

e. Finance - P. Schneidereit

f. [Membership](#) - R. Ward

9. Chapter/regional reports

a. B.C./Yukon

b. Alberta/N.W.T./Manitoba/NWO

- c. Toronto
- d. Ottawa
- e. Quebec
- f. Atlantic

10. Administrator's report (verbal)

11. New business - D. Bass

12. Date of next meeting - D. Bass

- a. Tentative date of the next meeting is set to be January 21, 2018

13. Adjournment

Moved by P. Schneidereit at 4:10 p.m. E.T.