Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 24, 2014 – 1:30 p.m. Local Women's Council House 989 Young Avenue, Halifax, NS



Members in attendance: Lisa Buchanan (Chair), Kirk Furlotte (Secretary), Kate Shewan, Chris Aucoin, Hugo Dann, Sheena Jamieson, Kevin Kindred, Ben Dowsma, Trina Conrad, Frank Bezanson, Adam Myatt, Owen Johnstone, Robyn Letson, Kim Hirtle, Gabe Pictou, Susanne Litke, Ellen Taylor, Lynn Murphy,

Guests in attendance: None.

Order of business:

- 1. Call to order:
 - a. Chair Lisa Buchanan called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m. with a quorum (more than five members).
- 2. Review and approval of the Agenda:
 - a. **Motion** to adopt by Kevin Kindred, seconded by Owen Johnstone; motion carried.
- 3. Review and approval of the 2013 AGM Minutes:
 - a. Secretary Kirk Furlotte read aloud the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting.
 - b. **Motion** to approve by Owen Johnstone, seconded by Kevin Kindred; motion carried.
- 4. Annual Report
 - a. Lisa Buchanan, Chair, presented 2013-2014 Annual Report. Copies were made available to all in attendance.
 - b. No questions on annual report were heard.
 - c. Treasurer's Report Dean MacMillan, Treasurer
 - i. Vice-Chair Kate Shewan presented the year-end, unaudited financial report on Treasurer's behalf.
 - ii. Amendment to treasurer's report, bottom of page 5, last line in left-hand column should read as: "Restricted funds do not cover any of NSRAP's general operations."
 - iii. Question: NSRAP received funding for an oral history project is that going forward? Answer: Yes it is included in the restricted funds; project is on hold.
 - iv. Question: re: AIDS Walk NSRAP did participate and received funds as part of a fundraising partnership. Funds should go towards HIV or gay men's health education.
 - v. **Motion** to accept the audited financial statements by Adam Myatt, seconded by Hugo Dann; motion carried.
- 5. Nominations of Directors

- a. Chair Lisa Buchanan outlined nomination process of 2013-2014 slate of nominees.
- b. Chair presented the slate of 15 nominees:
 - i. Frank Bezanson
 - ii. Lisa Buchanan
 - iii. Mary Burnet
 - iv. Hugo Dann
 - v. Kirk Furlotte
 - vi. Marshall Haywood
 - vii. Owen Johnstone
 - viii. Robyn Letson
 - ix. Susanne Litke
 - x. Adam Myatt
 - xi. Jenn Nearing
 - xii. Gabe Pictou
 - xiii. Nolan Pike
 - xiv. Kate Shewan
 - xv. Ellen Taylor
- 6. Election of Directors
 - a. **Motion** to elect slate of nominees by Kevin Kindred, seconded by Frank Bezanson; motion carried.
- 7. Other Business:
 - a. Hugo Dann raised the issue of the importance of fund development and the need to diversify fundraising efforts through a variety of events and programs.
 - b. Lynn Murphy asked for clarity around the roles of newly elected Board of Directors. Chair clarified that membership elected Directors but that Directors elect Executive Officers.
 - c. Trina Conrad suggested newly elected Directors introduce themselves to the membership.
- 8. Acknowledgements
 - a. Chair thanked host organization, the Local Council of Women, outgoing Board of Directors, members for attending, and volunteers.
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. **Motion** to adjourn at 2:36 p.m. by Gabe Pictou; motion carried.