



## MINUTES

**Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax, NS**

Present:

Kevin Kindred, Chair  
Elaine Craig  
Hugo Dann  
Sean Foreman, Past Chair

Jenn Nearing  
Matthew Numer (elected 06/16/07)  
Gaston Saulnier, Secretary  
Darlene Young

Charles Hsuen, Coordinator (*ex officio*)

A special welcome to four Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP)/Rainbow community members.

Regrets:

Bob Fougere  
Ann Levangie  
Eric MacDonald

Catherine Meade (elected 06/16/07)  
Laurie Stephenson

[Meeting called to order at 13:23.]

### **1. Welcome**

Kevin Kindred, NSRAP Chair, welcomed NSRAP members. Kevin thanked the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project for allowing NSRAP to use its space to hold the NSRAP annual general meeting (AGM). He also stressed the importance of the AGM as an opportunity to hold a roundtable discussion with both NSRAP directors and community members on issues of interest to the Rainbow community.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda – as distributed**

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 17, 2006 Annual General Meeting**

Moved by Sean, seconded by Kevin, that the minutes of the June 17, 2006 Annual General Meeting be approved as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

#### **4. NSRAP Annual Report**

Tabled: 2007 Annual Activity Summary

- Kevin thanked the volunteers who have helped NSRAP achieve its mission throughout the past year. Kevin also highlighted the dedication and efforts of the members of the Board of Directors.

- Kevin stressed that having a paid Coordinator, Charles Hsuen, was a great benefit for the Society during the past year. It has helped NSRAP continue building a stronger, positive presence in the Rainbow community as well as focus more intently on the Society's projects.

#### **5. Financial Report**

Tabled: Unaudited financial statements (for the year ended March 31, 2006)

Moved by Elaine, seconded by Darlene, that the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2006 be approved as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

#### **6. Nominating Committee Report**

Tabled: 2007 Nominating Committee Report

Kevin asked for new nominations from the floor. Hearing none:

Moved by Sean, seconded by Hugo, that the membership approve the 2007 Nominating Committee Report as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

The NSRAP Board of Directors now consists of 13 directors. NSRAP welcomes two newly elected members: Catherine Meade and Matthew Numer.

Pursuant to the Society's by-laws, an extraordinary meeting would be required to fill the two remaining Board vacancies.

#### **7. Elections of Officers**

Pursuant to the Society's by-laws (amended 2005; s. 33 through 36), Officers of NSRAP are to be elected by the Directors during the first Board meeting following the AGM.

## **8. Routine Business**

### *a- 2007 Pride Participation*

The Chair stressed that Pride is an opportunity for NSRAP to rebuild its membership and increase community outreach.

Planned NSRAP involvement in the 2007 Pride celebrations:

- March in Pride Parade;
- Information booth on the Halifax Commons following the Pride Parade – sell Gala tickets, possible raffle, Society information, and membership drive;
- Host three timeOUT lunch hour lectures; and
- Sponsorship: \$1,000 (\$500 financial contribution plus \$500 in-kind donation from Pride).

### *b- International Day Against Homophobia (May 17)*

- NSRAP provided financial support to the rally held in Grand Parade, Halifax, NS.
- The rally was a powerful tool to mobilize the Rainbow community and to foster positive media relations.
- NSRAP is to be a leader in preparing next year's event(s).

### *c- Trans Working Group*

NSRAP to contribute to and collaborate with a provincial trans working group.

### *d- NSRAP Office*

Pursuant to a motion adopted during the April 18, 2007 Board of Directors meeting, the NSRAP office will be moving out of the Bloomfield Centre (Agricola Street). The office will be temporarily located in the home of the Coordinator effective June 16, 2007. Rental and related expenses will be used to fund other NSRAP projects and priorities.

### *e- Community Radio Show*

- A one-hour live show with a half-hour segment to be syndicated on CKDU and on the university campus radio network.
- Volunteers have come forward to assist with the production and on-air delivery.
- The radio show is an excellent community-building tool.

### *f- Gala*

- The Gala is to be held at 6:30 pm, Saturday, September 15, 2007 at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel.
- Host: Candy Palmater (confirmed)
- Theme: Community: A Work In Progress
- Keynote speaker: To be confirmed
- Individual tickets: \$90 (dinner and dance); Table of 10: \$800

*g- Website*

- It is hoped that an updated version of the NSRAP website will be launched before the 2007 Halifax Pride celebrations.

**9. Grant Announcement**

- NSRAP was awarded a \$5,000 Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Community Grant to examine the need for and the feasibility of a Rainbow community centre in HRM.

- There is a possibility of applying for future capital funding through the municipal government should a community centre be deemed feasible.

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**10. Issues Roundtable**

(See Annexe A)

[15:00]

**11. Other Business**

**a- Community Meetings**

- Members present stressed the importance of holding community meetings outside the HRM and within the HRM.

**b- Board of Directors Vacancies**

- Priority: Elect more directors from Cape Breton

**12. Adjournment**

Kevin thanked all for attending the 2007 NSRAP AGM and for sharing ideas as to how the Society can achieve its mission. NSRAP welcomes the challenges it will face during the upcoming year with excitement and renewed commitment.

Sean moved to adjourn the Annual General Meeting.

[Meeting adjourned at 15:06.]

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Respectfully submitted by:  
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January 11, 2008

Legend:  
*Italic:* Business and/or publication name;  
**Bold:** Section title;  
Underline: Motion; and  
Border: Item requiring follow up.



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**ANNEXE A  
Issues Roundtable**

[14:21]

As part of the 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP), Kevin Kindred, Chair, opened the floor to a roundtable discussion on the issues and priorities NSRAP could address during the upcoming year.

**PRIORITIES FOR THE 2007-2008 YEAR**

**1) NSRAP Membership**

- Expand the NSRAP membership list

**2) NSRAP Brand**

- Re-design website, pamphlets, etc.

**3) Public and Media Relations**

- Produce quarterly reports/newsletters
- Raise NSRAP's profile within the community at large and within the Rainbow community

**4) Community Outreach**

- Create and sustain partnerships
- Increase networking efforts within and outside the Rainbow community
- Maintain and further develop NSRAP's relationship with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission
- Continue efforts to establish a Rainbow community centre
  - Feasibility study\HRM Community Grant
- Engage in advocacy on behalf of the Rainbow community
- Establish a Rainbow Coalition
  - NSRAP to play a coordinating role and set up Coalition
- Organize a Town Hall
- Participate in Pride celebrations

## **ANNEXE A**

### **Issues Roundtable**

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#### **1) Trans Issues**

- Complete more in-depth analysis of trans issues
- Establish a trans health working group

#### **2) Changing Face of Advocacy**

- Adapt to the changing face of advocacy
  - Advocacy now focused on community building efforts
  - Advocacy efforts have shifted away from the legal perspective to more philosophical and sociological perspectives

#### **3) Homophobia and Transphobia**

- Lobby NS Human Rights Commission to fund a study on homophobia and transphobia in Nova Scotia
- Collaborate with the Human Rights Commission to develop a strategy and/or policy against homophobia and transphobia (as was done in Québec – Human Rights Commission)

#### **4) Substance Abuse**

- Address the culture of substance abuse (i.e.: drugs and alcohol) pervasive in the Rainbow community

#### **5) LGBTTQI Seniors**

- Collaborate with Capital Health's GLBTI Initiative to address the health care needs and issues of LGBTTQI seniors

#### **6) Stigma Against HIV/AIDS**

- Reduce the stigma against HIV/AIDS that exists within the Rainbow community and the community at large