



Social Planning Council
of Winnipeg

The Social Planning Council of Winnipeg (SPCW)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Draft Minutes

Monday, September 23rd, 2019

The MET Theatre, 281 Donald St. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Chair: Tyler Blashko, President of the SPCW Board

Minutes: Oke Ojekudo, Office & Communications Coordinator - SPCW

Attending: See attached sheet. Quorum met.

1. Opening and Welcome 6:20pm

Tyler Blashko, president of the SPCW board, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, including elected officials in attendance – Nahanni Fontaine (MLA for St. Johns), Jennifer Chen (School Trustee for WSD 1), City of Winnipeg Councillor Sherri Rollins, Uzoma Asagwara (MLA for Union Station) and Robert-Falcon Ouellette (MP for Winnipeg Centre).

Tyler acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on Treaty One territory, the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene peoples, and the Homeland of the Métis Nation.

He noted that as quorum was met, this was a duly appointed meeting of the corporation.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 1: Motion to approve the agenda for the 2018-2019 Social Planning Council of Winnipeg's Annual General Meeting as presented.

Moved by Tessa Blaike-Whitecloud, Seconded by David Northcott
Motion Carried

3. Approval of AGM Minutes of September 20th, 2018

MOTION 2: Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg's 2017-2018 Annual General Meeting as presented.

**Moved by Ify Idigbe, Seconded by Abdul-bari Abdul-karim
Motion Carried**

4. Annual Reports

a. Board Report by Board President, Tyler Blashko

Tyler mentioned that as he had served a full 7 years on the board (owing to a by-law that allows for an extra year for a member of the executive should the board agree) and 4 as president, he would be stepping down as president but staying involved as the past president as per the by-laws. Tyler noted that Kate will speak more to the work of the organization, Tyler addressed the controversy surrounding our April 26th event. He explained that the board wanted to make sure we were staying true to our mission on this 100th anniversary and so wanted an event that focused on the work still to be done. He thanked all the members of the community who showed their support.

He also thanked the outgoing board members – Talatu Shokpeka, Tyler Pearce, Kobra Rahimi, Lea Mutch and Bob Roddy, for their time as members on the board and presented gifts to outgoing board members in attendance. He also noted the amazing new group of board members, Humaira Jaleel, Hayley Caldwell, David Kron, Sid Frankel and Lionel Houston, and invited everyone to read their short bios in the nominating committee's report.

b. Program Highlights by Executive Director Kate Kehler

Kate thanked everyone for coming and also the Met for providing the space free of charge for this extra special 100th AGM. They have a community use program that Oke, SPCW Office & Communications Coordinator, found out about. The Met has been wonderful to work with and Kate highly recommended the venue. Given that we would be premiering our 100th documentary, we needed a venue that could show it and she noted it was wonderful to see the large space filled. Kate introduced the all the other SPCW staff present: Cindy Hoover, Albert Boakye, Abdi Ahmed, Josh Brandon, Hani Ataan Al-Ubady, Reuben Garang, as well as students and volunteers – Maria Rabadi, Samuel Akanbi and Maryam Rahimi. She also acknowledged the staff we had to say goodbye to during the year; HIPW staff – Ian Sunabacka and Tammy Westaway, whose project on HIPW was transferred to End Homelessness Winnipeg, and IPW staff – Noelle DePape who is moving on to work directly for the city. She thanked Success Skills for sponsoring and arranging for Temitope Ojo and Maria Rabadi to work with us on various projects this year. She also thanked the United Way for their stable financial support which allows the organization to take the long view and get out ahead of emerging issues. Kate introduced our United Way representative – Naomi Gichungu.

Kate highlighted just some of the projects we have been involved in during this fiscal year including research at the Manitoba Archives, IPW settlement work, the newly established Community Hub at Ryerson School for Yazidi refugees and the work of Roger Girard and former SPCW staff Christina Maes Nino with HIPW. More details are included in our annual report. She also noted our continued work to identify gaps, fill those gaps through community-led development. Kate then introduced our treasurer, Karl Gowenlock for the financial report.

5. Financial Report by Karl Gowenlock, Treasurer of the SPCW Board,

Karl presented the summarized financial statements as shown in the 2018-2019 Annual Report. He thanked Success skills for funding additional personnel to work with us this year and encouraged new funders to help us continue this work. He mentioned our contributions totalling about \$14,000 of direct financial support to partner organizations and initiatives like RJAM, North End Bell Tower, "Got Citizenship? Go Vote!" and Make Poverty History Manitoba. He noted that the organization was in very good shape and showing a surplus of just over \$50,000. This surplus even included \$16,000 of unbudgeted funds that went towards the creation of the 100th anniversary video.

MOTION 3: Motion to approve the audited financial statements for Social Planning Council of Winnipeg's 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Moved by Sid Frankel, Seconded by Marie Branconnier - Motion Carried

MOTION 4: Motion to appoint Deloitte LLP as auditors for the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg's 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Moved by Ify Idigbe, Seconded by Roger Girard – Motion Carried

6. Proposed By-law Amendments:

As per the by-laws, these proposed amendments were approved by the board of directors at their meeting. Kate explained that the purpose of these changes were to clean up contradictory or outdated articles and update ones to reflect better board practice.

MOTION 5: Motion to approve the following By-law amendment to the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg's By-Laws:

~~8.1 A Nominating Committee shall be constituted by three (3) Directors, including the committee chair. The Chair shall be the immediate Past President, unless otherwise specified by the Board.~~

Change: A nominating committee shall be duly constituted by the board of no less than three (3) directors. The nominating committee shall appoint its own chair. The business of the nominating committee will be to develop and present a single full slate of directors that meets the requirements set out in sections 7.2, 7.5 and 7.6.

Moved by Ify Idigbe, Seconded by Danielle Carriere – Motion Carried

8.2 The Nominating Committee shall prepare and submit for approval, to the Board of Directors, not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of each Annual General Meeting, a report of the nominations for Directors of the Corporation. ~~Such report shall propose a single slate of nominees that is in accordance with sections 7.2, 7.5 and 7.6.~~

Moved by Barry Colby, Seconded by Roger Girard – Motion Carried

9.4 An elected Director holds office for a two (2) year term, which may be repeated for a second and third term, to a maximum of six [6] consecutive years. This may be extended by one (1) additional year should the Director hold a position as an Executive Officer of the Corporation. The Business and Labour appointees may serve indeterminate terms, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

9.5 The immediate Past President will serve in that role for the full duration of their successor's term.

Change: 9.5 Notwithstanding 9.4, the immediate Past President can serve in that role for the full duration of their successor's term.

Moved by Catherine Wirt, Seconded by Barry Colby – Motion Carried

10.3 A Board of Directors meeting will be convened by the current President, immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation, for the purpose of electing or appointing the Officers of the Corporation, so as to fill executive positions that have expired or become vacant for any reason, and to appoint, or re-appoint, the Chairs of Committees from among the Directors or members in good standing.

The Directors shall vote by secret ballot when there is more than one candidate for any position. Responsibilities of the newly constituted Executive Committee and its members commence immediately on their election or appointment and agreement to accept.

~~10.4 — Each Officer shall ordinarily hold office for a two [2] year term and be eligible for an additional one [1] year term, for a maximum of three (3) years, depending on their availability to continue and on board approval for the additional year. A longer term of office may result when an officer assumes the partial term of a previously elected or appointed Officer who resigns or retires prior to completion of their term.~~

Moved by Erika Wiebe, Seconded by Hannah Moffatt – Motion Carried

10.5 The Executive Committee shall be empowered to carry out the work of the Board of Directors between meetings. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be considered valid until confirmed or rejected by the Board.

10.6 The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or upon the request of three [3] members of the Executive Committee.

10.7 Other than ad-hoc meetings called for decisions on necessary time sensitive issues, the executive will have one standing meeting during the month of August to ensure the continued operations of the corporation. ~~There shall be a minimum of five (5) meetings of the Executive Committee each year.~~

11.10 There shall be at least five (5) meetings of the Board of Directors each year.

Kate explained that while there will be no change to 11.10 as with that and the one fixed meeting of the executive, our by-laws meet the minimum standard as set out by law. However, by making these changes, the board is moving away from 5 full board meetings and 5 standing executive committee meetings a year to 9 full board meetings, 1 standing executive with the ability to call ad-hoc executives in case of emergency to provide better oversight.

Moved by Stan, Seconded by David Northcott - Motion Carried

7. Election of Directors Presented by Shelly Marshall

Returning board members include Glenn Michalchuk (labour), Karl Gowenlock (2014), Andi Sharma (2016), Abdul-Karim Abdul-Bari (2018), Quinton Delorme (2018), Danielle Carriere (2018) and Ify Idigbe (2018), Tyler Blashko (2012 past president). Tyler Pearce, Kobra Rahimi, Lea Mutch and Bob Roddy resigned, while Talatu Shokpeka completed the maximum term.

MOTION 6: Motion to re-elect the returning board members Shelley Marshall and JohnDavid Pankratz, and to appoint Sid Frankel, Humaira Jaleel, Lionel Houston, David Kron and Hayley Caldwell to the board of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg as per the nominating committee's recommendations.

Moved by Stan Rossowski, Seconded by Roger Girard - Motion Carried

8. Guest Speakers

Tyler introduced the first guest speaker, Danielle Morrison, who spoke about Community mobilization and Standing Rock, highlighting some of her community work during college days and Water is Life fundraising campaign.

Tyler then introduced the second guest speaker, Michael Barkman, who presented on Climate Action and encouraged everyone to participate in the global Call for Climate Action Strike, scheduled for September 27th.

9. AGM Adjourned at 7:50 pm

After the AGM, Kate talked briefly about the documentary produced by SPCW – "For the People, By the People" and the documentary was played for all to watch.