



National Newcomers Association

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Annual General Meeting
Doubletree Hotel
108 Chestnut Street, Toronto, Ont.
Saturday October 21, 2017

Opening

Registration and breakfast started at 8:00 AM.

Presidents Meeting started at 8:30 AM – 19 presidents and National Newcomers Association President Ellie Siekierski in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM

Opening remarks and welcome from:

Susan Cuthbertson, Toronto Newcomers' Club

Housekeeping including review of agenda and pin sales:

Ellie Siekierski, President National Newcomers Association of Canada

Breakout Sessions where delegates choose which session to attend. Two choices:

Co-operators Insurance Presentation – see attachment

Bonnie Barber introduced Joel Santos – Strategic Client Manager from Co-operators. Joel gave a slide presentation on insurance program changes coming after June 2018; followed by Q&A.

There will more information about insurance changes/updates in Q1, 2018.

Carol Camerino – see posting on web site

A personal look at seizing the year.

All delegates reconvened. Carol Camerino 'Carpe Annum', Making This Year Count presentation.

Lunch

Brian Lee Crowley, Managing Director MacDonald Laurier Institute – see posting on National Newcomers Association web site

What Makes Canada Great.

Business Meeting

Call to order of the Business portion of the AGM by Ellie Siekierski at 2:13 PM

President's report and Director Reports – see posting on National Newcomers Association web site

2016 AGM Meeting Minutes

Motion: (Cindy Dixon/Beryl Keilty) Acceptance of the October 16, 2016 AGM Meeting Minutes (previously distributed)

Motion Carried



Financial Statements

Motion: (Ruth Collison/Dianna Porter) Acceptance of the August 31, 2017 Treasurer's Report (previously distributed)

Motion Carried

Anne Lavack provided an update on the 'Existing Users' section of the National Newcomers Association web site.

Rosemary Sorfleet advised newcomer and alumni/ae pins are available for sale; see her during the conference. Order form is also available on the NNAC web site. Resources>Existing User sign in>Resources-NNAC:>NNAC Friendship Pins Order Form.

Election of Board Members

Three calls to the floor for nominations of candidates to the Board of Directors were made. No new nominations were made.

The following is the slate of officers who have agreed to let their names stand for 2017-2018 National Newcomers Association:

PRESIDENT: Cindy Dixon, Comox, BC – appointed position

SECRETARY: Jennifer Eng, Toronto, ON

REGISTRAR/TREASURER: Ruth Collison, Comox, BC

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Bonnie Barber, Ottawa, ON

NEWLETTER EDITOR: Sue DePaul, Calgary, AB

WEB EDITOR: Anne Lavack, Langley, BC

WESTERN REGION DIRECTOR: Anne-Marie Parisien, Calgary, AB

CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR: Gail Cooke, Burlington, ON

EASTERN REGION DIRECTOR: Beryl Keilty, Truro, NS

DIRECTOR AT LARGE: Katrina White, Saint John, NB

PAST PRESIDENT: Ellie Siekierski, Ottawa, ON

Motion: (Verna Dennis/Janet Hanson) Acceptance of the slate of officers.

Motion carried

Bylaw Changes

Motion: (Briget Mutchter/Diane Reid) Proposed changes be accepted.

(previously distributed)

Motion carried

The 2018 AGM will be a teleconference call Sunday October 14; details to follow in 2018.

Maureen Churchill advised Niagara on the Lake has volunteered to host the face-to-face 2019 AGM.

Motion: (Anastasis Tolias) Business portion of the meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.

Prizes

Change in the order of agenda items to support delegates who were travelling.



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Two clubs attending the AGM win free 2018-2019 membership to NNAC for:
Furthest travelled with most members – Glacier Newcomers Alumnae Association from Comox, B.C.
with two attendees
Most Members attending AGM – Burlington Newcomers Alumnae with 10

There were a number of raffle prizes awarded and 50/50 draw.

Round table Discussions

A summary of each of the topics discussed is posted on the National Newcomers web site.

Open Forum

Q&A from delegates, generating lots of discussion.
Topics included NNAC hosting/supporting club web sites.