

Richmond Centre for Disability
Annual General Meeting
November 19, 2013 at 11.00 am
Richmond Centre for Disability
100-5671 No 3 Road. Richmond

Minutes

Voting Members Present: Eliana Chia, Frances Clark, Ron Diaz, Angela Gauld, Abu Hafizullah, Sarah Ho, David Hung, Carven Li, Shirley Liang, Vince Miele, Tom Parker, George Pope, Michael Sirota.

Guests:, Alan Hill, City of Richmond Staff representative, Ella Huang, Executive Director, RCD., Cllr. Bill McNulty, City of Richmond Council Representative.

Observers: Bob Ayers, Kathy Butler, Kellen Curry, Ashley Doyle, Louise Gaudry, Rich Green, Kaye Han, Alan Hill, Eileen Kalshoven, Shabbi Khan, Sally Lau, Dina McInnes, Tom Tang, Shelton Tsang, Dave Thomson, Kathy Shih, Ian Yeung, Viet Vu.

1. Welcome and opening remarks.

Vince Miele, Chair, welcomed members and guests to the 28th Annual General Meeting of the RCD, and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Approval of the agenda

Moved and seconded: Frances Clark/Tom Parker

To move item 7: Message from the City of Richmond, to the top of the agenda, after approval of the minutes.

Carried.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting, held November 20, 2012.

Moved and seconded: George Pope/Ron Diaz

To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held November 20, 2012.

Carried.

4. Message from the City of Richmond

Cllr. McNulty brought greetings and a message of thanks and congratulations on behalf of the City. He observed that the RCD is perceived as a leader in disability issues, and that many other cities have adopted features promoted by the RCD and the City of Richmond. He thanked those nominated for Board membership for coming forward, and mentioned the outstanding work done by Alan Hill. Confirming his continued commitment, in conclusion, Cllr. McNulty said that he felt honoured and humbled to be Council representative to the RCD.

Vince Miele thanked Cllr. McNulty for his assistance throughout the past year, and expressed the hope that he would be reappointed as RCD's Council representative.

5. Auditor's Report

David Hung, Treasurer, presented the report.

Revenue: \$680,894; Expenditures: \$676,996.

David observed that the auditor's comments reflect a stable and favourable financial picture, and that the full audited report is available on request.

Moved and Seconded: David Hung/George Pope

To receive the Auditor's report.

Carried.

6. Message from the Chair

Vince Miele commented that this year, the consistent theme was "Celebrate Together, and drew attention to several awards won by both individuals and the Centre since the last AGM. He offered special thanks to Staff, and Volunteers for their continuing support, and to the donors for their financial and moral support. Because of Ella and the staff members we continue to grow and be recognized within the City and beyond. Vince's remarks may be found in full in the Annual Report for 2013.

7. Message from the Executive Director.

Ella reviewed the Annual report and highlighted some of the year's successes in challenging economic times. The RCD is active in focus groups and City Advisory committees and the Centre continues to become better known. Ella commended the volunteers and staff for their dedication and commitment; the Board Executive for their mentoring and guidance; and Board members for their trust and collaboration.

8. Motion to ratify the actions of the Board during 2013.

Moved and seconded: Abu Hafizullah/Ron Diaz

To ratify the actions of the Board during 2013.

Carried.

9. Motion to reappoint Auditor: Reid, Hurst, Nagy Inc., Certified General Accountants.

Moved and Seconded: Ron Diaz/Frances Clark

To reappoint Reid, Hurst, Nagy Inc., Certified General Accountants, as auditors for 2014.

Carried.

10. Report and recommendations of the Nominations Committee

(i) Motion to allow Eliana Chia, Frances Clark, and Tom Parker to stand for re-election.

Moved and seconded: Carven Li/Angela Gauld

To allow Eliana Chia, Frances Clark, and Tom Parker to stand for re-election.

Carried.

11. Election of Directors

The nominations committee (Vince Miele and Angela Gauld) met with each of the individuals who had expressed interest in serving on the Board. Vince introduced the nominees and commented that, with the returning members and the new nominees, the Board will be at full complement. Since the number of nominees does not exceed the vacancies available, they will be elected by acclamation.

Moved: Angela Gauld/George Pope

To elect the following nominees by acclamation:

Frances Clark, Ron Diaz, Abu Hafizullah, Sara Ho, Eliana Chia, Tom Parker, Michael Sirota.

Carried.

12. The meeting adjourned at 12.35 pm.