



MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP)

Sunday, May 26, 2019 3:00pm, Dalhousie Legal Aid Service

Introduction by Susanne. Acknowledged contributions of past chairs Julie and Jessica. Acting as chair for this meeting. Recapping board election process. Recapping members and roles as were pre-AGM.

Introduction of members present.

Mikaela Gorman: Worked in Media. Interested in using skills to help.

Chris Cochrane: Pride ambassador. Trans activist from Glace Bay. Trying to see all the orgs this year b/c wants to see BIPOC representation in organizations/offer services if need be.

Jess Smith: Former board member of Hfx Pride.

Mark Stillwell: Trying to be more involved with Pride community with Irving. Trying to get more involved, learn more. Wants to make sure his people are treated right

Tam Pham: Come from immigrant background. Interested in BIPOC issues. Would like to advocate for mental health related issues in the community.

Douglas Fevens: Originally from Halifax. Came to see what we're about and whether he can help.

Stella Samuels: Work in non profits(disability/immigration) interested in being part of the board.

Julie Hollenback: Been with NSRAP for 2 years as chair.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Rae moves to approve. Olivia seconds. Solicits for additions. None. Agenda approved.

2. Approval of Minutes from AGM 2018

Susanne hands out the minutes from 2018. Julie moves to approve. Rae seconds.

3. Notable Events

Susanne recaps the Speak Out Against Coming Out Ministries rally.

Olivia recaps the Pride Festival events.

Rae recaps TRANSForming Health and Nutrition Panel

Susanne recaps All In For Sport research project.

4. Education Committee Report

Susanne recaps report from AGM document Goes through recommendations.

Member Chris has a recommendation: Importance of adding '2S' over the acronym.

Rae moves to approve report. Olivia seconds.

5. Treasurer's Report

Susanne recaps treasurer's report. Directs those present to print-out.

Rae suggests possibly use a YouTube channel to thank donors.

Olivia moves to accept. Julie seconds, Unanimous aye.

6. Election of Directors for the Ensuing Year

Member applications:

- Mikaela Gorman: 10 years experience in media/political liason/analysis. Currently working in private consultant in investigation/media. Currently working on a series of education videos in her spare time. Would hope she can help here any way she can.
- Stella Samuel: Work in non-rprofits with 2SLGBTQ/Disabilities projects. Direcory 2SLGBTQ+ support phone line in Ontario. Areas are communications/social media/strategic connecting. Editing/writing/grant writing/reports.
- Tam Pham: Grad student from Dal in Biochem. Moved here from New Brunswick. Did undergrad in Ontario. Volunteered 2SLGBTQIA+ peer support. Provided support to youth between 13-25 in distress. Experience in working with youth. Did a lot of community building within the university. Olivia asks if Tam would be willing to participate in education committee work. Emphatic yes. Would love to open that conversation more, especially for BIPOC individuals.
- Rae O'Neil(re-offer):

- Jess Smith: Currently sits on the board for Halifax Pride. Had the education committee with them. Chaired/spearheaded major changes to be more inclusive. Runs social media, involved in the drag community as well.
- Susanne Litke (re-offer): Lawyer/social worker. Works at Dal Legal Aid service as supervising lawyer. Working at Dal Legal Aid on a trans rights file, representing trans folks with any number of human rights issues. Working with a student and herself, taking complaints to the human rights commission. Been on the board for the last 5-6 years, treasurer for 3. Came on the board during the last year NSRAP had a gala.
- Olivia Jacquard (re-offer) : been with board since Nov. Banker with a major bank. Member at large. Did prelim work for AGM (stepped up). Director of education for Atlantic Pride Employee Resource Group within ScotiaBank. Would like to do more education committee work, making sure material is okay. Does work 8-4. But can do public speaking.
- Mackenzie Ells (re-offer): (not present) Rae nominates in absentia.
- Norval Collins (re-offer): Would enjoy to continue being the liaison with Elderberries. Would like to continue doing what he can to improve the lives of the ageing. Consultant, attended meetings, even from Costa Rica. Main role is to liaise NSRAP with Elderberries/seniors issues.

Susanne make motion to adopt those who've offered. Doug seconds. Unanimous aye.

Susanne thanks those leaving the board for their efforts

7. Motion to Adjourn

Susanne makes motion. Olivia seconds. Meeting adjourned.