



Fire Prevention Officers' Association of British Columbia

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Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order 13:17 hrs.

Present:

President, Marco D'Agostino
1st Vice President, Lisa Axelson
2nd Vice President, Gayanne Pacholzuk
3rd Vice President, Paul Johnson
Zone One Director, Umesh Lal
Zone Two Director, Rick Ruth
Zone Two Director, Paul Rushton
Zone Three Director, Kelly Hills
Zone Four Director, Nick Ahlefeld
Zone Five Director, Mike Thibodeau
Zone Five Director, Brent Dawe

Members: Aaron Brouwer, Alle Jan de Vries, Andrew Lovett, Ash Gill, Brad Trenholm, Brent Dawe, Brian Stopfer, Bruce Nelson, Bryan Eberle, Carl Trepels, Charles Phu, Chris Churchill, Chris Facchin, Chris Turner, David Owens, Dominic Carlile, Dylan Murray, Fiona Steeves, Forrest Weissler, Gayanne Pacholzuk, Geoff Harris, Heather Simpson, James Akey, James Kostuk, Jason deJong, Jeremy Calder, Ken Atamanchuk, Ken Barbour, Kent Kebe, Kevin Holder, Kulbir Grewal, Kyle Smith, Lisa Axelson, Mark Stevenson, Mark Tweedie, Martin McQuade, Matt Stoltz, Mike Haggstrom, Mike Thibodeau, Mike Van Laerhoven, Nathan Unger, Nick Ahlefeld, Nick Virs, Nigel Thomas, Paul Roy, Paul Rushton, Richard Ford, Richard Piché, Rick Maida, Rob Huttema, Ryan Czerlau, Scott Hanelt, Scott Pritchard, Sean Lillis, Steve Achterberg, Steven Liedl, Umesh Lal, Vincent Lau

Recorder: Laura MacLeod, Administrative Assistant

1. President's Welcome and introduction of Executive
 - President Marco D'Agostino read opening remarks
 - President Marco D'Agostino welcomed all members to the 54th AGM
2. Reading of the Minutes from 53rd AGM – Virtual 2022
Minutes were emailed to the Membership.

Errors and omissions - none

Rick Ruth, Gibsons Fire Department MOTIONED to accept the minutes as circulated, Paul Rushton, Burnaby Fire Department seconded.

DISCUSSION - none

VOTE: ALL in favor, 0 opposed

RESOLVED: Motion carried



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3. Financial Report & Audit

The Administrative Assistant does all the bookkeeping for the association. The 2022 financials have been audited by Raincoast Business Advisors Consultants.

Income	Expenses	Net/Loss
Membership - \$15,949		\$15,949
Brochure - \$2,555	Brochure - \$1,423	\$1,132
OLC - \$0	OLC - \$3,275	(\$3,275)
Seminar - \$11,405	Seminar - \$4,536	\$6,869
Pub Ed - \$7,500	Pub Ed - \$4,055	\$3,445
Administration - \$0	Administration - \$23,025	(\$23,025)
Products - \$0	Products - \$0	\$0
Excess of Revenue over Expenses		1,095

Changes in Net Assets

Beginning of year \$165,850

Plus Excess of Revenue (\$22,214) = \$143,636

Christian Craig, Vancouver Fire Department MOTIONED to accept the financial report & audit as presented, Ken Barbour, Penticton Fire Department seconded.

DISCUSSION - none

VOTE: ALL in favor, 0 opposed

RESOLVED: Motion carried

4. Executive / Committee Reports - reports were emailed to members and posted on the website prior to the AGM.
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Vice President's Reports
 - a. 2nd & 3rd VP presented reports in person
 - c. Zone Director's Reports
 - a. no report was given for Zone 6
 - d. Public Education Report

Mike Thibodeau, Tumbler Ridge Department MOTIONED to accept the reports as presented, Umesh Lal, Nanaimo Fire Department seconded.

DISCUSSION - none

VOTE: ALL in favor, 0 opposed

RESOLVED: Motion carried

5. THE FPOABC will dissolve all committees this year, email will be forthcoming asking for Committee involvement. Members can send their expression of interest to the Administration Assistant.



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New Business

1. Tiered membership dues structure

- Krista Minar explained proposed structure change
- Slides shown with projections for the next 2 years with no change to structure and with proposed changes

DISCUSSION took place around the non-paying members and votes. Umesh Lal, Nanaimo Fire Department suggested charging for every member, rather than a tiered system.

Rick Maida, Nelson Fire Department MOTIONED to implement a tiered membership due structure.

DISCUSSION: Friendly AMENDMENT by Umesh Lal, Nanaimo Fire Rescue to charge for every individual membership, rather than a tiered system (Ken Barbour, Penticton Fire Department and Forrest Weissler, Richmond Fire Department seconded).

Gayanne Pacholzuk clarified who can become an FPOA member

VOTE: ALL in favor, 0 opposed

RESOLVED: Motion carried

2. Bylaws and Constitution

- looking at re-evaluating and updating bylaws and constitution.

Rick Maida, Nelson Fire Department MOTIONED to review the constitution and bylaws and strike a committee to recommend updates to be presented at the 2024 AGM, Paul Rushton, Burnaby Fire Department seconded.

DISCUSSION - None

VOTE: ALL in favor, 0 opposed

RESOLVED: Motion carried

3. Bursary Recipient

- The Bursary Committee received five applications for the 2022 Travis Guedes Memorial Bursary.
- Each applicant provided grades, a resume, reference letters, an essay on their future goals, an essay on their volunteer efforts for their school or community and a handwritten essay on reasons why they should be awarded the bursary.

The Bursary Committee awarded the bursary to Applicant #2 - Shayla Grewal - Abbotsford Fire Services Rescue



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4. Honorary Members - Lisa Axelson

Retired FPOABC 1st Vice President Lisa Axelson was nominated as an Honorary Life Member by Gayanne Pacholzuk. Lisa held several executive positions within the FPOABC Executive Committee. Lisa was an important part of furthering public education for our members and their communities.

Rosemary Sciberras, Chilliwack Fire Department MOTIONED to accept nomination for Honorary Member Lisa Axelson, Krista Minar, Merritt Fire Department seconded.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: ALL in favor, 0 opposed

RESOLVED: Motion carried

5. Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions

None submitted

6. Election of Officers

Scrutineer: Laura MacLeod, Admin Assistant for Fire Prevention Officers' Association

Positions up for election are:

1st Vice President (2 year term)

Krista Minar, Merritt Fire Department (nominated by Lisa Axelson, Chilliwack, seconded by Ken Barbour, Penticton Fire Department)

Krista Minar accepted the nomination.

3rd Vice President (2 year term)

Rick Ruth, Gibsons Fire Department (nominated by Lisa Axelson, Chilliwack, seconded by Rosemary Sciberras, Chilliwack Fire Department)

Rick Ruth accepted the nomination.

Zone Directors

Zone 1 (Director 2 - 2 year term)

Megan Sabell, Victoria Fire Department (nominated by Brad Trenholm, Oak Bay Fire Department, seconded by Glen Fordyce, Penticton Fire Rescue)

Megan Sabell was not present but accepted the position to Umesh Lal by telephone.

Zone 2 (Director 2 - 2 year term)

Rob Van, Port Moody Fire Department (nominated by Rick Ruth, Gibsons Fire Department, seconded by Mark Tweedie, Vancouver Fire Rescue)



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Rob Van was not present but verbally accepted the position to Marco D'Agostino.

Zone 3 (Director - 2 year term)

Kelly Hills, West Kelowna Fire Rescue did not allow her name to stand.

Rob Huttema, Osoyoos Fire Department (nominated by Ken Barbour, Penticton Fire Department, seconded by Lisa Axelson, Chilliwack Fire Rescue

Rob Huttema accepted the nomination.

Zone 5 (Director 2 – 2 year term)

Mike Thibodeau did not allow his name to stand

Chris Turner, FNESS (nominated by Alle-Jan de Vries, Smithers Fire Department, seconded by Lisa Axelson, Chilliwack Fire Rescue)

Chris Turner accepted the nomination.

Zone 6 (Director - 2 Year term)

James Kostuk, Airdrie Fire Department (nominated by Scott Hanelt, Medicine Hat Fire Department, seconded by Lisa Axelson, Chilliwack Fire Rescue)

James Kostuk accepted the nomination.

7. Installation of Officers, swearing in of Officers

1st Vice President – Krista Minar

3rd Vice President – Rick Ruth

Zone Directors

Zone 1 (Director 2 – 2 year term), Megan Sabell (not present)

Zone 2 (Director 2 - 2 year term, Rob Van (not present)

Zone 3 (Director - 1 year term), Rob Huttema

Zone 5 (Director 1 - 2 year term, Chris Turner

Zone 6 (Director - 2 year term), James Kostuk

Megan Sabell and Rob Van will be sworn in separately.

Sean Lillis, Saanich Fire Department MOTIONED to adjourn the AGM, Scott Hanelt, Medicine Hat Fire Department seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 14:06