

Pursuant to Article VII of the CCCJ Constitution, the Annual General Meeting was held as follows:

Date: 29th of September, 2016

Time: 18:30

Place: **Embassy of Canada, 4F North**

Minutes

Quorum obtained, 25 members at the beginning of the meeting

- I. Proxy
 - ❖ 7 people appointed proxies for voting.
- II. Wave Minutes
 - ❖ Motion to wave minutes from 2016 AGM. Neil motions, Karl seconds, motion approved.
- III. Reports on the Election
 - ❖ Neil van Wouw as new Chair (acclaimed)
 - ❖ Rob Fuller as new Vice-chair (acclaimed)
 - ❖ Elected Governors for 2017-2019 term (9 positions):
 1. David Anderson, Stephane Beaulieu, Avi Salsberg, Yuko Sudoh, Greg McDonald, Karl Pires, Ron Huber, Philip O'Neill, Eric DeGroot.
- IV. Annual Report by Ron Haigh (Immediate Past Chair)
 - ❖ Office back in shape with new office team.
 - ❖ Bonenkai 2016 was a great success with many positive reviews
 - ❖ Strategic Review initiated by Senior Advisor David Cotter, in progress.
 - ❖ Finances have improved with the following new initiatives:
 1. Not doing non-profitable events, ex. Bonenkai and Sake Night as profited and popular events.
 2. Business Guide (a year long project lead by governor Warren Arbuckle. Completed, not only covered cost but also profited from advertising sales by Warren and the office team.
 3. The Canadian Magazine, increased quality, but lost money when no team was available to bring in advertisement funds.
 - ❖ Loss of member: Enrique Velez, Chair of Communications Committee. Thank you for his efforts and contributions.
- V. Financial Report by Treasurer Greg McDonald
 - ❖ Increase of funds generated by the team to collect on invoices.
 - ❖ Lower accounts receivables due to write-off of old uncollectable.
 - ❖ Higher expenses at the end of March for paying off business guide, magazine and quality event fees.
 - ❖ Approval of audited financial statements: motioned by Shawn Lawlor, seconded by Robert Fuller
 - ❖ Greg motions to appoint Arakawa Associates to audit 2017-18 reports, seconded by Warren Arbuckle, passed.
- VI. Amendments to the Constitution
 - ❖ Motion to amend the Constitution, delete sections 4.3 (c), while maintaining the 2 term restrictions on Chair and Vice-Chair. Motioned by Ron Haigh, seconded by Warren Arbuckle.

- ❖ As it is written now governors cannot serve more than 3 consecutive terms (2 years each). The issue is governors running for Chair or Vice-chair may serve more than 6 years in total. Governors who have a lot of experience and wish to serve the chamber cannot.
- ❖ Wilf Wakely motions for the above motion to be tabled until such time the members could hold a town hall meeting before November 15, 2017 to discuss the subject further. Seconded by Ambassador Sadaaki Numata.
- ❖ Avi Salsberg questions if there is an urgency for this amendment.
- ❖ Karl Pires suggests it is urgent, as Neil is on his last term with one 1 year left.
- ❖ Stephane Beaulieu and Shawn Lawlor suggest more discussion will be helpful.
- ❖ Vote on Wilf Wakely's motion to table the discussion, passed.

VII. Other Business

- ❖ Neil van Wouw thanks Ron Haigh who is now the immediate past chair according to the CCCJ Constitution.

That completes the program.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, Phil O'Neill motions, Avi Salsberg seconds. Approved by vote.

Meeting adjourned.