



## BC CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes for June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, 6:00 pm

Held remotely via Zoom

**In attendance:** 47 current members in good standing, 9 staff members and 3 supporters without voting rights for a total attendance of 59.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

#### 1. **Call to order (David Fai, President and Chair)**

David Fai called the meeting to order at 6:24 PM PDT.

Fai acknowledged that the BCCLA's work takes place on the traditional and unceded Coast Salish territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. He invited attendees to acknowledge the territories they were joining the meeting from in the chat.

#### 2. **BCCLA Election Results**

David Fai announced the results of the BCCLA election. The BCCLA received 10 nominations for 11 available seats on the Board of Directors. As a result, the following board candidates were elected as directors by acclamation as of the 2021 AGM.

Ayendri Riddell (incumbent)

Cat Hart

Hasan Alam (incumbent)

Irina Ceric

Jay Krishan

Karen Mirsky (incumbent)

Kevin Huang

Kyla Lee

Marc Shannon

Moya Teklu

Fai thanked outgoing board members Paul Champ and Alan Rowan.

#### 3. **Approval of the agenda**

It was moved by Vanessa Wolff and seconded by Ian Bushfield to approve the agenda for the meeting. The motion carried with 39 votes in favour, 0 votes against and none abstaining.

#### 4. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

It was moved by Haran Aruliah and seconded by Kyla Lee to approve the minutes of the last AGM, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The motion carried with 32 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 5 abstaining.

#### 5. Special Resolution to change the Bylaws of the Association

**RESOLUTION: Revisions to sections 2.1, 2.3, 2.6, 2.10, 3.2, 3.4, and 6.2 of the Bylaws of the Society be decided by special resolution to be approved by the membership as follows:**

##### PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES\*

\*Deletions are in struck out; new language is bolded and underlined.

#### 2. MEMBERSHIP

##### 2.1 Admission to Membership

Membership in the Society is restricted to:

- (a) those Persons who are Members in good standing ~~on the date these Bylaws come into force;~~ and
- (b) those Persons whose application for admission as a Member is accepted in accordance with these Bylaws.

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##### 2.3 ~~Transition of Membership~~ Classes of Members

~~On the date these Bylaws come into force:~~

- (a) ~~each Person who is a member of the Society in good standing will continue as a Member until they otherwise cease to be a Member in accordance with these Bylaws; and~~
- (b) ~~each Person who is a member of the Society not in good standing will be deemed to have resigned from membership effective that date.~~

There are two classes of membership: non-voting Member and voting Member.

##### (a) Non-voting Member

##### (1) A non-voting Member shall be:

(A) If a General Meeting, including the annual General Meeting specified in Section 4.2, is held in May or June.

(i) any member who joins as a Member on or after March 15 of that year; or,

(ii) any member whose 90-day grace period set forth in Section 3.4 will expire before the date of such General Meeting and who fails to pay such dues to remain in good standing required by Section 3.3 by March 15 of that year; or

(B) If a General Meeting including the annual General Meeting specified in Section 4.2, is held in a month other than May or June,

(i) any member who joins as a Member in the forty-five (45) days prior to such General Meeting; or,

(ii) any member whose 90-day grace period set forth in Section 3.4 will expire before the date of such General Meeting and who fails to pay such dues to remain in good standing required by Section 3.3 by the date which is forty-five (45) days prior to such General Meeting.

(2) A non-voting Member shall become a voting Member at the completion of the General Meeting immediately following the Member's becoming a non-voting Member, provided that such dues to remain in good standing required by Section 3.3 have been paid.

(3) Non-voting Members do not have voting privileges at any meeting of the Society.

(b) Voting Member

(1) All Members in good standing are voting Members except non-voting Members.

(2) Voting Members have voting privileges at all meetings of the Society.

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## 2.6 Reviewing and Acceptance of Application

The Executive Director will review all applications for membership in the Society and may, if necessary to determine eligibility for membership, request the Person to provide further information or documentation in support of the application.

The Executive Director may, by entering the Person's information into the register of members, accept that Person as a Member as determined in accordance with these Bylaws.

~~Notwithstanding the above, the Board or its delegate, the Executive Director, must postpone consideration of all applications for membership submitted to the Address of the Society during the period commencing forty five (45) days before an annual general meeting of the Society and ending the day after the annual general meeting. All such applications will be considered in accordance with these Bylaws following the annual general meeting.~~

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## 2.10 Cessation of Membership

A Person will immediately cease to be a Member:

- (a) upon the date which is the later of:
  - (1) the date of delivering their resignation in writing to the Secretary or to the Address of the Society; and
  - (2) the effective date of the resignation stated thereon;
- (b) upon the date ~~on which is thirty (30) days after the date upon~~ which such Member ceased to be in good standing **in accordance with section 3.4**;
- (c) upon their expulsion; or
- (d) upon their death.

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## 3.2 ~~Member not in~~ **Loss of Good Standing and Reinstatement**

- (a) ~~A Person who has lost good standing~~ **A Person who has lost good standing** ~~A Member who is not in good standing or who has ceased to be a Member has the right to receive notice of, and to attend, all General Meetings but is suspended from all of the other rights and privileges described in section 3.1 for so long as they remain not in good standing.~~
- (b) **A Person who has lost good standing may apply to the Board for reinstatement to membership and restoration of good standing, and, upon reinstatement and payment of all unpaid and owing amounts for dues, Membership shall be deemed continuous without regard to the period of non- Membership.**

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## 3.4 Standing of Members

All Members are deemed to be in good standing except a Member who has failed to pay such dues as are determined by the Board, if any, by the date which is ninety (90) days after the date upon which such dues are due and owing. ~~Such Member is not in good standing so long as such amount remains unpaid.~~

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## 6.2 Entitlement to Vote

Each Person who is a **voting** Member in good standing is entitled to one (1) vote on matters for determination by the Members.

It was moved by Ian Bushfield and seconded by Moya Teklu that sections 2.1, 2.3, 2.6, 2.10, 3.2, 3.4 and 6.2 of the BCCLA Bylaws be amended according to the above resolution. The motion carried with 35 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 0 abstaining.

**6. Consideration of the 2020 Audited Financial Statements**

It was moved by Vanessa Wolff and seconded by Sandy Thon that the membership receive the audited statements for January 1 – December 31, 2020. The motion carried with 34 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 2 abstaining.

**7. Appointment of the Auditor for 2021**

It was moved by Rick Marcuse and seconded by Haran Aruliah that the firm of Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co. be appointed as BCCLA auditor for 2021. The motion carried with 34 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 2 abstaining.

**8. Closing remarks and adjournment**

Harsha Walia, Executive Director, provided a report from staff.

It was moved by Moya Teklu and seconded by Irina Ceric to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM

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