



BC CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes for June 15, 2022, 6:00 pm

Held remotely via Zoom

In attendance: 25 current members in good standing, 9 staff members, 1 supporter without voting rights, and 3 captioners and ASL interpreters for a total attendance of 38.

1. Land Acknowledgment and Welcome

1. Karen Mirsky provided a land acknowledgment: The BCCLA is based on the unceded Coast Salish territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. Karen invited everyone to reflect on where they are and the impact on Indigenous people by colonization, including in overrepresentation in the justice system, in incarceration, in homelessness.
2. Karen Mirsky asked participants to share in the chat the territory from which they were joining. Kyla was joining from Secwepemc territory. Ian came from the territories of the Kwikwetlem peoples. Anisa is on Snuneymuxw Territory, protected under the Douglas Treaty of 1854 (Pre-Confederation), Nanaimo, BC. Paul Schacter came from the Lekwungen speaking people. Songhees and Esquimalt nations.
3. Karen Mirsky provided an update on the meeting's Close Captioning and ASL Live Interpretation options, as well as how to use those.
4. Karen Mirsky explained how voting would be taking place.
5. Karen Mirsky provided an update on the history of the BCCLA. BCCLA is the oldest and most active civil liberties association in Canada. The work of the BCCLA spans issues in a wide array of areas, which Karen outlined. Karen described the mandate of the BCCLA and how it is accomplished: public education, law and policy reform, and litigation. Karen also thanked new members for joining and old members for ongoing support.

2. Board Election Results Announcement

1. Karen Mirsky announced the results of the BCCLA election. The BCCLA accepted 4 nominations for 6 available seats on the Board of Directors. As a result, BCCLA did not have a formal voting election, and the following board candidates were elected as directors by acclamation as of the 2022 AGM:
 1. Anisa White
 2. Wassim Garzouzi
 3. Derek Brackely

4. Kevin Millsip
2. Karen thanked the outgoing board members for their service to the BCCLA.

3. Approval of AGM Agenda

1. Vanessa Wolff moved to approve the AGM agenda. Joel Deziel seconded the motion.
 1. Herschel Hardin moved to amend the agenda to include a section for members questions and discussion. Michael seconded Herschel's motion. Voting took place on the proposed amendment. The motion did not pass. 38% were in favour. 50% were opposed. 12% abstained.
2. Voting took place to approve the AGM agenda. The motion passed with 94% in favour, and one abstention.

4. Approval of 2021 AGM Minutes

1. Kyla Lee moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Ian Bushfield. Motion passes with 87% in favour. 13% abstained. No opposition. Motion passes.

5. Special Resolution to Change the Bylaws of the Association

1. A special resolution was presented to reduce the Board to a minimum of 11 member sand a maximum of 15 directors.
2. The motion is that: Section 7.4 of the Bylaws of the Society be decided by special resolution to be approved by the membership as follows:

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

7.4 Composition of Board:

The Board will be composed of a minimum of fifteen (15) eleven (11) and a maximum of twenty four (24) fifteen (15) Directors, such the exact number to be determined by Board Resolution from time to time, each of whom will be elected or appointed in accordance with these Bylaws.

3. Ian Bushfield moved to approve the Special Resolution. Seconded by Kyla Lee. Voting took place. 88% voted in favour. 6% were opposed. 6% abstained. The resolution passes.

6. Consideration of the 2021 Audited Financial Statements

1. Derek Brackley presented the audited financial statements, which were distributed by email in advance of the meeting.
2. Vanessa Wolff moved to receive the audited financial statements for 2021. Ian Bushfield seconded. Voting took place. The motion passes. 93% in favour. 7% abstaining.

7. Appointment of an Auditor for 2022

1. Derek Brackley moved to appoint the firm Tompkins Wozny Miller & Co. as BCCLA auditor for 2022. Seconded by Paul Schachter. Voting took place. The motion passes. 94% in favour. 6% abstaining.

8. This Concluded Formal Business

9. Staff Report

1. Stephanie Goodwin, interim Executive Director, delivered a report on the activities of the BCCLA.
2. Steph Goodwin thanked the Board and Staff for their work over the past year.
3. Steph Goodwin provided an update on what work the BCCLA had done over the last year.

10. Karen concluded the meeting.

1. Dylan Williams moved to adjourn the AGM. Anisa White seconded. Motion passes.

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