



BC CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes for June 15, 2023, 6:00 pm

Held remotely via Zoom

In attendance: 25 current members in good standing, 8 staff members, 1 supporter without voting rights, and 3 captioners and ASL interpreters for a total attendance of 37

1. Land Acknowledgment and Welcome

1. Karen Mirsky provided a land acknowledgment: The BCCLA is based on the unceded Coast Salish territory of the the shared lands of x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) & səliłwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh). 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.
3. Karen Mirsky provided an update on the meeting's Closed 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 7 nominations for 7 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 2023 AGM:
 1. Daniel Song
 2. Ian Bushfield
 3. Jason Gratl
 4. Joanna Joniec
 5. Molly Beatrice
 6. Paul Champ

7. Tristen Wybou
2. Karen thanked the outgoing board members for their service to the BCCLA.
- 3. Approval of AGM Agenda**
 1. Ian moved to approve the AGM agenda. Kyla seconded the motion.
 2. Voting took place to approve the AGM agenda. The motion passed with 100% in favour, and 0 abstention.
- 4. Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes**
 1. Paul Schachter moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Katherine McKinney. Motion passes with 82% in favour. 18% abstained. No opposition. Motion passes.
- 5. Consideration of the 2022 Audited Financial Statements**
 1. Derek Brackley presented the audited financial statements, which were distributed by email in advance of the meeting.
 2. Sandy Thon moved to receive the audited financial statements for January 1 to December 31 2022. Joanna Joniec seconded. Voting took place. The motion passes. 87% in favour. 3% abstaining.
- 6. Appointment of an Auditor for 2023**
 1. Joe Deziel moved to appoint the firm Tompkins Wozny LLP as BCCLA auditor for 2023. Seconded by Katherine McKinney. Voting took place. The motion passes. 90% in favour. 10% abstaining.
- 7. This Concluded Formal Business**
- 8. Staff Report**
 1. Liza Hughes, Executive Director, delivered a report on the activities of the BCCLA.
 2. Liza thanked the Board and Staff for their work over the past year.
 3. Liza provided an update on what work the BCCLA had done over the last year.
- 9. Karen concluded the meeting.**
 1. Sandy Thon moved to adjourn the AGM. Kyla seconded. Motion passes.

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