



BC CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes for June 10, 2024, 5:45 pm
Held remotely via Zoom

In attendance: 27 members in good standing (23 voting, 4 non-voting), 9 staff, 1 captioner, 2 ASL translators, for a total of 39 attendees

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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) & səliłwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh). Karen noted that the treaty-making process in Canada is coloured by deception and use of force, but many were also formed by ceremony. They were given constitutional status in 1892. Many consider Indigenous legal orders as part of essential legal traditions. Their languages are crucial to their interpretation. Indigenous language and laws are essential to legal traditions. The impact of colonization continue in incarceration and justice system involvement, child apprehension, and higher levels of poverty within colonial systems and in everyday life. The violence and dispossession has not stopped. Giving a land acknowledgement without speaking of Palestine would be disingenuous as colonial events continue to take place within the present day. Karen invited participants to consider the parallels between Palestinian people and Indigenous people.
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 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 thanked the Board, ED, and staff for their work and dedication over the past 12 months. Karen thanked the community volunteers as well for the foundation of expertise they bring to work of the organization. Karen thanked all the members for their work continuing the engagement with the organization and time.

2. Board Election Results Announcement

1. Karen Mirsky announced the results of the BCCLA election. The BCCLA accepted 5 nominations for 5 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 2024 AGM:

1. Hasan Alam
2. Haran Aruliah
3. Karen Mirsky
4. Kevin Huang
5. Kyla Lee

3. Approval of AGM Agenda

1. Kyla Lee moved to approve the AGM agenda. Derek Brackley seconded the motion.
2. Voting took place to approve the AGM agenda. The motion passed with 88% in favour, and 12% abstention.

4. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes

1. Kyla Lee moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Ian Bushfield. Motion passes with 94% in favour. 6% abstained. No opposition. Motion passes.

5. Consideration of the 2023 Audited Financial Statements

1. Joanna Joniec presented the audited financial statements, which were distributed by email in advance of the meeting.
2. Paul Schachter moved to receive the audited financial statements for 2022. Kyla Lee seconded. Voting took place. The motion passes. 94% in favour. 6% abstaining.

6. Appointment of an Auditor for 2024

1. Kevin Millsip moved to appoint the firm Tompkins Wozny LLP as BCCLA auditor for 2023. Seconded by Derek Brackley. Voting took place. The motion passes. 88% in favour. 12% 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. Kyla Lee moved to adjourn the AGM. Daniel Song seconded. Motion passes.

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