

**Ontario Environmental Network Annual General Meeting
Ottawa, June 11th 2016**

1. Opening and Welcome by OEN, Réseau Canadian Environmental Network, and sustainable Eastern Ontario

Leslie Adams opens with an introduction of past AGM meetings and how AGM started and how people contributed to the protection of the Earth. Explaining what is going to happen throughout the meeting.

2. Greetings from members

Alex Keenan thanks everyone for helping and explains what her organization does and is doing. Kathryn explains sustainable eastern Ontario for smaller environmental groups who don't have that much funding and the importance of building networks. Leslie Adams acknowledges how we are standing on Algonquin soil. Larry McDermott expresses thanks for protecting the natural world and expressing the importance of the indigenous community.

3. Roll Call

Leslie Adams carried out the formal roll call of individuals and their organizations who are in attendance. Leslie Adams call the AGM to order, this ensures that 10 different organizations are present and are called to order.

4. Approval of the Agenda of the last Annual General Meeting

Leslie Adams asks for a motion to adopt the floor or to change the agenda. Bonnie Henderson was moved by the motion, Kathryn Norman seconds the motion. There was no business arising out of the agenda being read.

5. Approval of the adoption of the minutes of the AGM

John Coombs moved the motion. Wendy Thomson seconds the motion. No business arise from the minutes.

6. Financial Summary

Bonnie Henderson goes over the financial summary and report of OEN's actions. A repeating of some of the numbers and prices were read as clarification on phones. Alex Keenan moves the motion to accept the financial summary, Larry McDermott seconds the motion

7. Chair's Report

Leslie Adams briefly explains the current status of OEN, what occurred in the past and the importance of promotion NGO's. No Questions or comments arose.

[Sorry I missed the beginning of the speech, I'll ask questions and fill in later]

8. Tools and Offerings

John Coombs explains the tools that were used, and the conclusion of the outcomes of the large respondent need for organizational capacity building tools as well as Environmental/Sustainability information. Proceeds to explain what the Webinars suggested topics are for the year 2016-2017 and describe that they are open for discussion and allow informal member collaboration.

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Leslie Adams expands the idea of having an interactive, collaborated virtual bulletin
Diala Jawhary expanded on the topic of tools and offerings. Kathryn Norman explained how sustainable eastern Ontario's involvement in tools and offerings and would like to be involved in the collaboration.

It is agreed that this is the direction we should be taking.

9. Bio Break

A Short break occurred where drinks and light snacks were enjoyed.

10. Bylaw Review and Motions as Required

Leslie Adams read the existing bylaw and explained some of the actions in it, and after read the updated bylaw and explained the significant differences between the two and also explained some of the actions of the updated bylaw.

Questions arose from Bonnie Henderson on clarifying the actions of why some of the differences were made, for example the definition of advocacy and the government involvement in the process, while also determining what language to use in the updated bylaw, specifically in the purpose of the organization.

The majority voted for "non-advocacy" out of Section 2 of the bylaw, the purpose, and add "the network is a non-partisan, non-for-profit organization."

Larry McDermott brought up the potential problem with the government involvement and the importance of keeping it whole so we don't fracture or polarize the network.

"The Chair may vote only when s/he is the sole representative of a member organization present at a membership meeting." Will be replaced with "the steering committee will elect a chair (or co-chairs) from among its own number, following its election by the members."

Larry McDermott acknowledged the moving acceptance of their revised by-laws for the OEN will require that the steering committee develop appropriate policies for an advocacy undertaken under the umbrella of the OEN. The policies will protect what may be minority positions of member organizations. However, the network may facilitate advocacy among some members of the organization providing they do not represent themselves as OEN.

The majority voted to keep the small changes, steering committee was as an additional in section 3, as well as section 4 membership of the bylaws.

In Section 5, the changes will be made to the grammar by adding a sentence to Part A, "The network is committed to working in a non-sexist, non-racist, non-violent, and democratic manner." Part B of Section 5 of the bylaw will be looked over at another time to be talked about more thoroughly. Part C, "on substantive environmental issues," will be removed. Part E will be

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brought back into the updated bylaw so it is stated like the existing bylaw. There will be also accepting memberships.

In section 6, there is support for the change in Part A, "Provincial" will be taken out as well as "geographical" of the paragraph. Portion 6a(i), 6a(iii), and 6(iv), will be ensured that there is an avid representation of population. The Steering committee shall consist of the minimum of 7 members has been changed to Part A, Section 4. Changes also include "A composition of the OEN shall seek to have representation as outlined below. If that is not possible to fulfill in portions 6a(i), through section 6a(iv), that section of the bylaw can be suspended, in part or in whole, by the steering committee vote to ensure that the world of the OEN is not stalled." Changes in Part B Section 4 "The steering committee (chair, co-chair, secretary and treasurer) will appoint the executive committee at the meeting by the first meeting at the annual general meeting," and also changes were made from the existing bylaw to the updated bylaw. Majority voted in favour of these changes. Section C: Mandate, no additions will be done and changes are kept from the existing bylaw to the updated. Further changes will affect the youth age limit and it will now reach age 30.

Section 11, Part B "members must be given 21 days written notice of any proposed amendment.

11. Nominations for Directors Positions

Alex Keenan from the Canadian Environmental Network
Kathryn Norman from Sustainable Eastern Ontario
Leslie Adams from Protect Our Water Environmental Resources
Patrick Schaefer from Emerging Leaders for Biodiversity
John Coombs from the steering committee of Manitoba Environmental Network
Bonnie Henderson from Unifor 4451 Environment Committee
Wendy Thomson
Diala Jawhary from OEN
Larry McDermott member of the steering committee and Plenty Canada
Carissa Wong

Leslie Adams passes the Chair to Aleks Spasevski.

Kathryn Norman motions that these names are accepted, Bonnie Henderson seconds it.

The majority vote yes for the steering committee.

John Coombs motions to end the meeting, Alex Keenan seconds the motion.

Thank you for attending the meeting of Ontario Environmental Network Annual General Meeting