

MINUTES OF THE VSTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 4:00 PM in the Tupper Auditorium

The VSTA acknowledges that this meeting takes place on the unceded and joint traditional territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil Waututh and Squamish Coast Salish Peoples.

Chairperson: Rob Bordon

4:15 PM: Members were welcomed and the head table was introduced.

1. Adoption of Agenda

I. Weniger/O. Kollar

THAT the following motion be added as the first item of the agenda:

THAT the Executive Committee strike a committee to draft an updated policy and procedures manual for VSTA on May 14, 2019, with committee membership open to all VSTA members in good standing, that no more than one IHTO attend meetings, and this committee hold its first meeting on or before June 14, 2019.

The Chair ruled to add the motion under New Business.

I. Weniger/ O Kollar

THAT the Chair be challenged.

S. Metzner/T. Goolieff

THAT the Chair be sustained.

The Chair was sustained and the motion was added under New Business.

M. Borason/S. Ng

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.....CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of May 15, 2018

L. Donaldson/T. Baron

THAT the minutes of May 15, 2018 be approved.....CARRIED

3. Financial Report

a) VSTA-SIF Report and Recommendations

Andy Hattrick thanked SIF Committee members Holly Chalmers, Sandra Garfinkel, and Sally Wong for their work this year.

MOTION: P. Lee/N. Palejko

THAT the daily benefit be 15% of the member's daily salary on the last day of paid sick leave and that benefits be paid for a maximum of 120 days after the expiration of paid sick leave. Benefits attributed to any one type of illness or injury for which benefits

were first approved after September 1, 2018, even though the absence occurs in more than one year, shall be paid for a maximum of 120 days. CARRIED

MOTION: P. Lee/K. Shipley
THAT the VSTA-SIF Proposed 2019-20 Budget be adopted. CARRIED

b) Adoption of Audited Financial Statements for Year Ended July 31, 2017

Karim Rehmat of Hedden, Chong LLP Chartered Accountants was introduced.

MOTION: P. Lee/K. Shipley
THAT the audited financial statements for the year ended July 31, 2107 be adopted. ...CARRIED

c) Proposed VSTA Budget 2019-20

MOTION: P. Lee/K. Shipley
THAT the VSTA proposed budget for 2019-20 be adopted.....CARRIED

d) Appointment of Auditors for 2019-20

MOTION: P. Lee/K. Shipley
THAT the firm Hedden, Chong LLP Chartered Accountants be appointed auditors for the year ending July 31, 2019..... CARRIED

4. ELECTION OF 2019-20 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) Election of Scrutineers

MOTION: K. Shipley/T. Goolieff
THAT Matt Sinclair, Vanesha Babajee, Vivian Tsang and Paula Violi be appointed scrutineers.CARRIED

b) Nominations and Introductions of Candidates

Nominations will be accepted from the floor and, in the event of an election, candidates will have an opportunity to address the meeting.

PRESIDENT

Candidate: Katharine Shipley. Having called three times for further nominations from the floor for President and seeing none, Katharine Shipley was declared elected by acclamation.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT

Candidate: Treena Goolieff. Having called three times for further nominations from the floor for 1st Vice-president and seeing none, Treena Goolieff was declared elected by acclamation.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT

Candidates: Terry Stanway. Having called three times for further nominations from the floor and seeing none, Terry Stanway was declared elected by acclamation.

TREASURER

Candidate: John Silver. Having called three times for further nominations from the floor and seeing none, John Silver was declared elected by acclamation.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE – Three positions

Candidates: Shelby Calman, Phil Lee, Preet Lidder, and Alyssa Reid. Phil Lee withdrew his name. After calling three times for further nominations from the floor and seeing none, Shelby Calman, Preet Lidder and Alyssa Reid were declared elected by acclamation.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – Eight positions

Candidates: Paul Falardeau, Nikitha Fester, Sara McGarry, Sylvia Metzner, Trish Mugford, Nancy Palejko, and Nigel Reedman. Calling for further nominations, Jesse Taylor and Phil Lee accepted nominations from the floor.

After ballots had been distributed, collected and counted, it was declared that the following were elected as Members-at-Large: Paul Falardeau, Nikitha Fester, Phil Lee, Sara McGarry, Sylvia Metzner, Nancy Palejko, Nigel Reedman, and Jesse Taylor.

MOTION: K. Shipley/S. Metzner
THAT the ballots be destroyed.....CARRIED

ABORIGINAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

No candidates. After calling three times for nominations and seeing none, the position of Aboriginal Committee Chair remains vacant.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee endorsed candidate: Michael-Don Borason. Calling three times for further nominations from the floor and seeing none, Michael-Don Borason was declared elected by acclamation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

No candidates. Calling three times for further nominations, Trish Mugford and Kathryn Walks accepted nominations from the floor. After ballots had been distributed, collected and counted, it was declared that Kathryn Walks was elected.

MOTION: K. Shipley/V. Babajee
THAT the ballots be destroyed.....CARRIED

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee endorsed candidate: Madeline Brewster. Calling three times for further nominations from the floor and seeing none, Madeline Brewster was declared elected by acclamation.

TEACHER-TEACHING-ON-CALL REPRESENTATIVE

Candidate: Karine Ng. Calling three times for further nominations, Lindsay Donaldson accepted a nomination from the floor. After ballots had been distributed, collected and counted, it was declared that Lindsay Donaldson was elected.

MOTION: K. Shipley/V. Babajee
THAT the ballots be destroyed.....CARRIED

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee endorsed candidate: Peter Halim. Calling three times for further nominations from the floor and seeing none, Peter Halim was declared elected by acclamation.

WORKING/LEARNING CONDITIONS & BARGAINING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Candidate: Scott McKeen. Calling three times for further nominations and seeing none, Scott McKeen was declared elected by acclamation.

d. Endorsement of VTF Officers

MOTION: K. Shipley/T. Goolieff

THAT the following persons, by virtue of their election to the Executive of the VSTA, be appointed as Officers of the Vancouver Teachers’ Federation for 2019-20: Katharine Shipley, Treena Goolieff, Terry Stanway, John Silver, Shelby Calman, Preet Lidder and Alyssa Reid. CARRIED

e. Annual Reports

MOTION: K. Shipley/T. Goolieff

THAT the written annual reports as printed in the AGM packages be received.CARRIED

5. Bargaining Update

MOTION: N. Fester/M. Borason

THAT the meeting move into Committee of the Whole.....CARRIED

MOTION: S. Ng

THAT the meeting rose from Committee of the Whole and report that Bargaining was discussed.....CARRIED

6. Building Re-Development Update – T. Stanway

Building plan drawings were displayed for members to view. T. Stanway provided a brief update on the progress of the re-development project.

7. New Business

a) Policy and Procedures Manual

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It was reported that the updating of the policies and procedures manual has been on-going this year. It is a big task that takes considerable time and requires careful consideration to develop.

8. **Door Prizes** – were raffled off during the elections.

9. **Adjournment (6:45)**

MOTION: S. Metzner/N. Fester

THAT the meeting be adjournedCARRIED