

MINUTES OF THE VSTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 25, 2020, 3:00 PM – Internet-Voting – Data on the Spot (SimplyVoting Platform)

BACKGROUND:

In light of the COVID 19 pandemic and physical distancing rules, the VSTA held its 2020 AGM on-line. Given the platform used (SimplyVoting), there were no proposed Constitutional and By-Law Amendments or motions for debate from the floor. Meeting announcements, documents and registration details were posted on the website and sent via Campaigner starting on May 11. Registration deadline was May 20.

1. Adoption of Agenda

K. Shipley/T. Goolieff
THAT the agenda be adopted.....CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of May 14, 2019

K. Shipley/T. Goolieff
THAT the minutes of May 14, 2019 be approved.....CARRIED

3. Receipt of Annual Reports

K. Shipley/T. Goolieff
THAT the Annual Reports be received.CARRIED

4. VSTA-SIF Indemnity Fund (SIF) Proposed Budget for 2020-2021

J. Silver/K. Shipley
THAT the VSTA-SIF proposed budget for 2020-2021 be adopted.CARRIED

5. Adoption of Audited Financial Statements for Year Ended July 31, 2019

J. Silver/K. Shipley
THAT the audited financial statements for the year ended July 31, 2109 be adopted.....CARRIED

6. Proposed VSTA Budget 2020-21

J. Silver/K. Shipley
THAT the VSTA proposed budget for 2020-21 be adopted as recommended by the VSTA Executive and Council.CARRIED

7. Appointment of Auditors for Year Ending July 31, 2020

J. Silver/K. Shipley
THAT the firm Hedden, Chong LLP Chartered Accountants be appointed auditors for the year ending July 31, 2020.CARRIED

8. ELECTION OF 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Note: The Nominating Committee (Madeline Brewster, Phil Lee and Katharine Shipley) appointed Dave Hamar as scrutineer. Nominations from the floor and withdrawals were accepted.

PRESIDENT

Candidate: Treena Goolieff. A call for further nominations from the floor was called and seeing none, Treena Goolieff was declared elected by acclamation.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT

Candidate: Terry Stanway. A call for further nominations from the floor were called and seeing none, Terry Stanway was declared elected by acclamation. *See Scrutineer's Report attached.*

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT

Candidates: Preet Lidder and Alyssa Reid. A call for further nominations from the floor and withdrawals was called and seeing none, the ballot was cast. Due to a procedural issue (*See Scrutineer's Report attached*), the first ballot was cancelled and a second ballot was issued. Alyssa Reid was declared elected.

TREASURER

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

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE – Three positions

Candidates: Shelby Calman, Oliver Kollar, Connor Levesque, Scott McKeen, Karine Ng, Nancy Palejko, Katharine Shipley. After calling for further nominations from the floor and withdrawals, Oliver Kollar withdrew his name and Preet Lidder put her name forward. Shelby Calman, Nancy Palejko and Katharine Shipley were declared elected.

ABORIGINAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Candidate: Spirit Lavallee. After a call for further nominations from the floor and seeing none, Spirit Lavallee was declared elected by acclamation.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Candidate: Michael-Don Borason. A call for further nominations from the floor was called and seeing none, Michael-Don Borason was declared elected by acclamation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

Candidates: Trish Mugford and Kathryn Walks. After a call for further nominations from the floor and withdrawals and seeing none, Kathryn Walks was declared elected.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Candidate: Gabrielle Egan. After a call for further nominations from the floor and seeing none, Gabrielle Egan was declared elected by acclamation.

WORKING/LEARNING CONDITIONS & BARGAINING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Candidates: Karen Chong and Jesse Taylor. After a call for further nominations from the floor and withdrawals and seeing none, Jesse Taylor was declared elected.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Candidate: Carl Janze. After a call for further nominations from the floor and withdrawals, Dan Hanoomansingh put his name forward. Carl Janze was declared elected.

TEACHERS-TEACHING-ON-CALL REPRESENTATIVE

Candidates: Lindsay Donaldson and Paul Falardeau. After a call for further nominations and withdrawals and seeing none, Lindsay Donaldson was declared elected.

TEACHER OF COLOUR MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Candidates: Sarah Ng and Sharlene Prasad. After a call for further nominations and withdrawals, Vanesha Babajee put her name forward. Sarah Ng was declared elected.

2SLGBTQ+ MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Candidate: Brendan Sangster. After a call for further nominations from the floor and seeing none, Brendan Sangster was declared elected by acclamation.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – 5 positions

Candidates: Nigel Amenu-Tekaa, Jelana Bighorn, Karen Chong, Paul Falardeau, Nikitha Fester, Leanne Hagglund, Irving Lau, Sara McGarry, Scott McKeen, Karine Ng, Nancy Palejko, Bal Panesar, Carmen Schaedeli, and Jonathan Wynn. After a call for further nominations from the floor and withdrawals, Paul Falardeau and Nancy Palejko withdrew their names and Vanesha Babajee put her name forward. Nikitha Fester, Scott McKeen, Bal Panesar, Carmen Schaedeli and Jonathan Wynn were declared elected.

9. Endorsement of VTF Officers

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 2020-21:

Treena Goolieff, Terry Stanway, Alyssa Reid, John Silver, Shelby Calman, Nancy Palejko

and Katharine Shipley. CARRIED

10. Adjournment (7:15 PM)

K. Shipley/T. Goolieff

THAT the meeting be adjourned.CARRIED