

Minutes of the VSTA General Meeting | Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 4:00 pm, via Zoom

The VSTA acknowledges that we work and live on the unceded joint traditional territory of the ʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwəxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

AGENDA

Chair: Omar Kassis (VASS)

Recording: Kim Pereira

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

1. **Commitment to Solidarity (EC:2020-12-10)**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: *Irving Lau/ Katharine Shipley*

THAT the agenda be adopted.....CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes of 2021 September 14**

Motion: *T. Goolieff/T. Stanway*

THAT the minutes of September 14, 2021 be adopted.....CARRIED

4. **Election of the VSTA delegates to the BCTF AGM**

The Chair explained the election would be run by the scrutineers, Madeline Brewster and Christine McKinnon.

MB explained the voting process through Simply Voting and that the ballots would be issued via email.

The VSTA is entitled to send 16 delegates to join the three LR's; Nikitha Fester, Carmen Schaedeli, and Jonathan Wynn at the virtual BCTF AGM, March 19-22.

VSTA has received 23 nominations. Two alternates will be elected in case an elected delegate is unable to attend.

MB opened up the nominations from the floor. Members were asked to nominate members by adding their name/school in the Chat Box. MB called once for nominations from the floor.

Sylvia Metzner, TTOC was nominated from the floor. SM accepted the nomination.

MB called a second and third time for nominations from the floor. No other nominations from the floor were received.

CM announced the nominated candidates:

Jelana Bighorn, VT	Lee, WIND	Alyssa Reid, VSTA
Russell Cripps, PW	Shannon Less, BRIT	Katharine Shipley, DIST
Lindsay Donaldson, VT	Preet Lidder, WIND	John Silver, JO
Paul Falardeau, TTOC	Sarah Ng, BRIT	Terry Stanway, VSTA
Cynthia Ganatra, BRIT	Amaris Odermatt, TTOC	Jesse Taylor, MGEE
Treena Goolieff, VSTA	Roderick Ofreneo, VT	Kathryn Walks, JO
Oliver Kollar, TUPP	Tina Quan, MGEE	Kailey Willetts, BRIT
Irving Lau, JO	Nigel Reedman, VT	Sylvia Metzner, TTOC

Members were given five (5) minutes to vote. The following members were elected to attend the BCTF AGM:

Jelana Bighorn, VT	Sarah Ng, BRIT	Katharine Shipley, DIST
Russell Cripps, PW	Roderick Ofreneo, VT	John Silver, JO
Lindsay Donaldson, VT	Tina Quan, MGEE	Terry Stanway, VSTA
Treena Goolieff, VSTA	Nigel Reedman, VT	Jesse Taylor, MGEE
Shannon Less, BRIT	Alyssa Reid, VSTA	Kathryn Walks, JO
Sylvia Metzner, TTOC		

1st Alternate – Prett Lidder, WIND

2nd Alternate – Irving Lau, JO

The Chair thanked the scrutineers, the candidates and the members.

5. VSTA/VESTA Building Update

TS indicated the building has become unhealthy and the Association needs to be in a different premise for the start of the next school year.

Motion: *T. Stanway/A. Reid*

THAT VESTA and VSTA vacate their offices at 2915 Commercial Drive and re-locate by August 31, 2022.....CARRIED

6. New Business – none.

7. Adjournment – 5:30 pm

Motion: Sarah Ng/ Tina Quan

That the meeting adjourn at 4:53 pm.CARRIED