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## MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Vancouver Public Library Central Branch, Vancouver

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.
2. Dan Hanna, President appointed John Noonan to serve as the presiding officer.
3. Confirmation of quorum
  - The Credentials Committee, Marty Shoemaker and Kiana Dashtbazi, presented their report confirming 52 members in attendance at 7:08 PM.
4. Motion to adopt the Meeting Standing Rules
  - Moved by Dan Hanna, seconded and adopted.
5. Approval of the agenda
  - Moved by JB Bell and seconded.
  - Ullrich Fischer moved an amendment to insert as item 9 “Motion to repeal the Issues Summary.” The amendment was seconded. After debate, the amendment was defeated with 20 votes in favour and 29 votes against.
  - The agenda was adopted.
6. Kiana Dashtbazi and Gene d’Archangelo were appointed to the Tellers Committee for the duration of the meeting.
7. Adoption of the Minutes from the 2018 AGM
  - Moved by Randolph Richardson and seconded.
  - Sigal Blay objected that the minutes did not include print copies of the reports presented.
  - After debate, the minutes were adopted as circulated.
8. The 2018 Financial Report was received from Colin Crabbe
9. Received Directors Reports
  - The President’s Report was received from Dan Hanna.
  - The Executive Director’s Report was received from Ian Bushfield.
10. Election of Directors
  - The following nominations were received for election to the five vacancies on the board:
    - i. J B Bell
    - ii. Demi Blakemore
    - iii. Sigal Blay
    - iv. Kirsten Brawn-Good
    - v. Ullrich Fisher
    - vi. Nigel Fish
    - vii. Katie Marshall
    - viii. Gary Ockenden

- The Tellers Committee presented the results of the 58 votes cast:
 

Katie Marshall	42
Nigel Fish	41
JB Bell	40
Demi Blakemore	37
Gary Ockenden	34
Ullrich Fischer	25
Kirsten Brawn-Good	21
Sigal Blay	20
- JB Bell, Demi Blakemore, Nigel Fish, Katie Marshall and Gary Ockenden, having received the most votes, were elected to the Board of Directors for the term of 2019-2021. Dan Hanna, Kiana Dashtbazi and Colin Crabbe are continuing into the second year of their two-year terms.
- Stephanie Smith moved to certify the election results and destroy the ballots. The motion was seconded and adopted.

11. Proposed members' resolution

- *“As Humanists, we believe that every individual has dignity, value, and the right to personal fulfillment. As such, we condemn bigotry based on national origin, race, and personal beliefs, which interferes with individual liberty and well-being. In particular, we are deeply concerned about the string of recent attacks in Norway, Quebec City, Charlottesville, Christchurch and elsewhere that were motivated by white nationalist ideology. We wholeheartedly denounce white nationalism as anathema to Humanism and as a threat to peaceful democratic society.”*
- Moved by JB Bell and seconded.
- Amendments:
  - i. Rodney Blackwell moved an amendment to strike “In particular” and the amendment was seconded.  
After debate, the amendment was defeated by clear majority vote.
  - ii. Norm Goldstein moved an amendment to replace the resolution with:  
*“As Humanists, we believe that every individual has dignity, value, and the right to personal fulfillment. As such, we condemn bigotry based on national origin, race, and personal beliefs, which interferes with individual liberty and well-being. In particular, we are deeply concerned about the string of recent attacks on civilians and worshippers around the world that were motivated by bigotry and twisted ideology. We wholeheartedly denounce bigotry and twisted ideology as anathema to Humanism and as a threat to peaceful democratic society.”*  
The amendment was seconded.  
Suann Hosie raised a Point of Order that the amendment was not germane to the motion. The Chair ruled against the point of order on the basis that the proposed amendment maintains enough of the intent of the original motion.  
After debate, JB Bell moved to call the previous question. The motion was seconded and adopted with 33 votes in favour and 15 votes against.

The amendment was defeated with 22 votes in favour and 27 votes against.

- David Fai moved to call the previous question. The motion was seconded and adopted with 34 votes in favour and 14 votes against.
- The motion was adopted without amendment with 33 votes in favour and 15 votes against.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM.

58 members signed in over the course of the meeting.

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