**Equal Voice Annual Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018**

**7pm – 8:30pm EST**

**Minutes**

Present:

Christine Danis

Ingrid Thompson

Jacqueline Hall

Lisa Skierska

Louise Carbert

Lynn Broughton

Megan Wallace

Michelle Hebert Boyd

Nicole Foster

Pamela Lovelace

Rachel Wilson

Sharmila Setaram

Stefanie

Zita Taylor

Jeri Reason

Marilyn Verghis

Karen Aitken

Thoren Hudyma

1. Welcome and opening from the Chair:

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda for AMM October 2018 as presented

Moved: Pamela Lovelace

Seconded: Ingrid Thompson

Objections: None

Abstentions: None

**Motion passed.**

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes from the previous Annual Meeting of Members held in February 2018

Moved: Lisa Skierska

Seconded: Pamela Lovelace

Objections: None

Abstentions: None

**Motion passed.**

1. Chair’s Report:

* Main objective of the Chair for FY2018: To oversee the financial sustainability of the organization. Have made some significant progress on this file, due in part to the work of Nancy Peckford, staff and volunteers in securing government funding and corporate sponsors, including 3 government grants allowing for hiring and growing our platform.
* Have secured new accountant through the Business Sherpa Group, Christine Danis, who brings a wealth of much needed experience and expertise.
* An in-person of the Board and all Chapter chairs will be held in November to move forward recommendations related to governance and key initiatives of the board.

1. Executive Director’s report:

* Daughter of the Vote (DoV): Have received significant government funding and some corporate sponsorship for events in 2019 and 2021. Program will include components such as an Indigenous forum and micro-grants for participants to engage in their communities.
* Systemic Change: Project initiated in early 2017 through to March 2020, is working to address systemic barriers to women’s participation in 8 legislatures to encourage more women to run and/or stay in politics longer.
* Votes to Victory: A new EV website, chatbot, and Getting to the Gate campaign toolkit are being developed to encourage and equip women to run in 2019 and beyond. These tools will be launched on November 7 at a reception in Ottawa and online.

1. Financial statements:

* Members of the Finance and Audit Committee: Eleni, Marilyn, Jacinthe, Pamela.
* Christine Danis, Finance Controller for EV worked with Welch LLP to draft and provide audited financial statement of 2017-2018. Provided certified qualification.
* Statement of operation includes overview of total revenues versus expenses, demonstrating a modest surplus. Also shows year over year comparisons, including note on restatement related to deferred amounts.
* Statement of financial position shows total assets and liabilities.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the Audited Financial Statements for FY2018 be accepted as presented

Moved: Eleni Bakopanos

Seconded: Jacinthe Gagnon

Objections: None

Abstentions: None

**Motion passed.**

1. Appointment of Auditor:

**Motion:** To appoint Welch LLP as auditor for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Moved: Eleni

Seconded: Jacinthe

Objections: None

Abstentions: None

**Motion passed.**

1. Closing of the Meeting:

**Motion:** To adjourn the formal AMM business meeting

Moved: Eleni

Seconded: Jacinthe

Objections: None

Abstentions: None

**Motion passed.**