

Canadian Freelance Union General Meeting

Minutes

January 31, 2016, noon EDT

34 members in attendance

1. Meeting was called to order at 12:04pm

2. Adoption of the agenda

Moved/seconded: Trevor Beckerson / Suzanne Gallant

The motion passed.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Sept 19, 2015 AGM

Moved/seconded: Derek Blackadder / Trevor Beckerson

The motion passed.

4. President's report

Leslie presented a summary report of CFU accomplishments since September, and goals for 2016.

Accomplished since September 2015

- New bilingual website
- Nation Builder platform
- Organizing events
- Raising profile of CFU
- Media Coverage
- Advocating for freelance communication workers
- Survey of members
- Membership directory

Plan for 2016

- Grow the membership by 20%
- Get the Urban Workers Campaign petition up to 200 signatures
- Regular committee activities
- All members to receive membership cards and welcome kits
- Have social activities 4 times a year in major centres
- Consider a partnership with Andrew Cash's new organization
- Coordinate new website theme design

You can sign up to get involved in the work of the union [here](#).

5. Organizing report

Roxanne Dubois of Unifor presented a report of organizing accomplishments in 2015/2016.

6. Bylaw Change One: Be it resolved that the following change be made to the CFU bylaws:

Change Article V, S.3 from “one year” to “six months”

Moved by Leslie Dyson on behalf of the executive

Seconded by Nora Loreto on behalf of the executive

Leslie motivated the motion.

The motion passed.

7. Bylaw Change Two: Be it resolved that the following change be made to the CFU bylaws:

Change Article V, S.2, under Nominations and Elections, from “three years” to “two years”

Moved by Leslie Dyson on behalf of the executive

Seconded by Nora Loreto on behalf of the executive

Leslie motivated the motion.

The motion passed.

8. Bylaw Change Three: Motion to Reconsider

Motion - Article VII, S. 7 Conflict of Interest (passed at the 2014 AGM)

Motion to reconsider served by: Nora Loreto

Seconded by: Derek Blackadder

Nora motivated the motion.

The motion to reconsider passed.

9. Elections

Elections were held through electronic vote among CFU members in the regions that had elections. All candidates were elected to their positions.

B.C. Director: David Hogben

Prairies Director: Jamie Parkinson

10. CFU member survey results

Ethan Clarke presented on the results from our membership survey, in which there were 88 respondents. His presentation will be made available at the CFU members' only section of the website.

11. Motion to adjourn

Moved/seconded: Melissa Bellefeuille / Andrew Wetmore

The general meeting was adjourned at 1:31pm EST.