

Canadian Freelance Union Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2015 noon EDT

44 members in attendance

1. Introductions of the Executive

Quebec Director: Nora Loreto (chair)

BC Director: Sam Bradd (minutes)

Interim President: Leslie Dyson

Vice President Marco Procaccini: regrets

Ontario Director: Elle Anders-Warner: regrets

Prairies Director: Penney Kome: regrets

Atlantic Canada Director: George Butters

2. Meeting called to order

Moved/seconded: Janice Ivory Smith / Marc Belanger

The motion passed.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Items to add: International Press Card

The motion passed.

4. Motion to approve minutes

Moved/seconded: Patrice Snopkowski / Charles Haggart

The motion passed.

5. CFU activities report

Leslie presented a summary report about CFU activities. These reports can be found with the AGM appendix documents in the emails circulated to membership prior to the AGM.

6. Organizing report

Ethan Clarke presented the report. Unifor has hired three members: Derrick O'Keefe, Ethan Clarke, and Rebecca Rose to serve as organizers. Members are asked to participate in the member survey that they will be receiving by email and otherwise help the organizers grow the strength of the union.

7. Budget

Background: this is the first budget that the CFU is presenting to the membership. The budget document is available on the website. The budget was for discussion purposes only and was not voted on by the membership.

8. Motions

Motion to Reconsider

After much discussion, it was decided that this motion required proper notice and would be considered at the next available opportunity.

Motion 1: Bylaw Committee

Moved/seconded by Leslie/ Nora

Discussion: The bylaw committee is needed to address the above issue, as well as other gaps in the bylaws created in the transition to the Community Chapter structure.

Committees are open to all CFU members.

Leslie, Marco, Trevor Beckerson, Line Merrette, and Melissa Bellefeuille agree to serve on the committee.

The motion passed.

Motion 2: Happy Warrior Committee

Moved/seconded by Leslie/ Nora

There was a written explanation from Penney about the role that Heather Robertson played in advocating for freelancers' rights, and the award was named in her honour.

The motion passed.

9. Elections

All candidates were elected to their positions

The 2015-16 executive is:

President: Leslie Dyson

Vice-President: Ethan Clarke

BC Director: Vacant

Prairies Director: Vacant

Ontario Director: Suzanne Gallant

Atlantic Director: Trevor Beckerson

Trustees: Sam Bradd and Patrice Snopkowski

10. Call to action

The CFU will support the Urban Worker Strategy of the NDP.

11. Motion to adjourn

Moved/seconded by Rebecca Rose/Line Merrette

The motion passed.

The meeting ended at 2 p.m. EDT