



Centre For Inquiry Canada Annual General Meeting Agenda	
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**Annual General Meeting Agenda – March 28, 2015 - 1:00 PM (EDT)
Participation Options: Teleconference, In Person (CFI Office)**

Board Membership 2014-2015:

K. Smith – Chair	G. Fitzgibbon – Treasurer
G. Radke – Secretary	P. O’Brien – Vice Chair
M. Gray – Science Chair	J. Nguyen-Truong – Treasurer
V. Abbass – Human Rights Chair	D. Hays – Education Chair
S. Watson – Education Chair	E. Adriaans – NED (Ex Officio)

Chair for AGM: P. O’Brien

Item #	Detail	Lead	Time
1.	Welcome & Introductions	P O’Brien	1:00
2.	Board Chair Report	K Smith	1:10
3.	NED Report	E Adriaans	1:25
4.	Motion to Accept Reports	P O’Brien	2:00
5.	Appointment of Auditors	P O’Brien	2:05
6.	Announcement of Council	P O’Brien	2:10
7.	Announcement of Board of Directors	P O’Brien	2:15
8.	Call for Final Business	P O’Brien	2:20
9.	Setting of Board of Directors Date		2:25
10.	Adjournment		2:30

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DRAFT PENDING APPROVAL
Annual General Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2015 - 1:00 PM (EDT) - Via: Teleconference & In Person
Meeting @ 55 Eglinton Avenue East – Suite 307

In Attendance: Eric Adriaans, Genessa Radke, Leslie Rosenblood, Mark Taylor, Wil McDowall, Gus Lyn Piluso, Scott Jeffries, Suzi Hansen, Christine (member), Ben Tinholt, Rene Chouinard

Teleconference: Seanna Watson, Bryan Eelhart, Karolina Sygula, Nina (member), Ashley Rooney, Veronica Abbass, Kevin Smith, Mike Gray, Pat O'Brien, Zena Ryder, Kendra Getty, Diane Bruce,

Proxy: None Reported

Regrets:

Item #	Detail	Minutes and Motions
1.	Greetings and Introductions	Meeting called to order by Pat O'Brien at 1:10 EDT.
2.	Board Chair Report	P. O'Brien introduced and welcomed Kevin Smith for presentation of Board Chair Report (written version attached to these minutes).
3.	National Executive Director Report	P. O'Brien introduced and welcomed Eric Adriaans for presentation of NED/Treasurer Report (written version attached to these minutes). E Adriaans read excerpts from the Financial Audit Management letter expressing support for the notes.

<p>4.</p>	<p>Question, Discussion and Acceptance of Reports</p>	<p>Z Ryder questioned the reduction in donations and memberships between 2013 and 2014. Eric confirmed that a major consideration was a major donation to bus ads in 2013 was not repeated in 2014 but is expected to recur in 2015 per meeting with the donor; also membership renewals had not been distributed consistently in 2014 but is now happening thank to the work of B. Trott.</p> <p>E. Adriaans outlined a scheme for memberships to be implemented in April 2015 whereby non-voting memberships (Friends) would be eligible for purchase at \$20 but voting memberships (Council) would remain at the \$60 level; it is expected that this accessible membership fee will motivate the 6000+ supporter base that is currently not purchasing memberships.</p> <p>Discussion of Facebook supporter base; L. Rosenblood questioned the difference between the email database, the Facebook supporters and private Facebook Groups. Discussed the difference between these groups and noted by E. Adriaans that marketing/awareness of the difference can be covered in upcoming Critical Links newsletter.</p> <p>S. Jeffries noted that Meetup groups represent an additional database to be leveraged for support.</p> <p>Question by B. Eelhart regarding political activity tracking. E. Adriaans noted that management and the Board of Directors have been attending to this issue and are tracking activity spent on political work; noted that branches have been provided Key Performance Indicator tracking templates to ensure that charitable mandate work is also actively tracked in the event of a CRA audit. Noted by E. Adriaans that it may be expected that CFIC will be audited when/if we are effective in any political awareness and that alternative</p>
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		<p>business models will need to be explored/determined as a backup plan.</p> <p>Question by S. Jeffries regarding partnership with other organizations and leverage of cross-over interests for membership drive. Discussion of local strategies and successes in Okanagan, Ottawa, Vancouver. Noted that national strategy is to leverage the strengths of other organizations on target issues.</p> <p>Moved that the reports of the Chair and NED be accepted:</p> <p>Moved By: Leslie Rosenblood Seconded: Wil McDowall</p> <p>Motion Passed – no opposed.</p>
5	Appointment of Auditors	<p>Noted that the NED and Board had received the draft audited statements less than 24-hours prior to the AGM and therefore recommended that appointment of auditors follow due evaluation of the audit statements.</p> <p>No Motion – Deferred.</p>
6.	Announcement of Council	<p>P. O’Brien announced that the council for the period 2015-2016 is acclaimed at 21 members in accordance with a motion passed by the Council setting the Council membership at 5% of the March 2015 membership (425 members).</p> <p>CFIC’s council representation was read to the AGM by E Adriaans:</p> <p>Mark Taylor, Wil McDowall, Barbara Trott, Zena Ryder, Gus Lyn Piluso, Kendra Getty, John McKay, Seanna Watson, Blythe Nilson, Danielle Russell, Mike Gray, Veronica Abbass, Bryan Eelhart, Pat O’Brien, Kevin Smith, Richard Thain, Karolina Sygula, Leslie Rosenblood, Dorothy Hays, Shawn Wilson, Genessa Radke.</p> <p>Noted that the Council includes representation from six provinces and is gender balanced at 11 men and 10 women.</p>

		Further noted by Leslie Rosenblood that one quarter of the council are new councillors with one quarter of councillors due for renewal or replacement each year.
7.	Announcement of Board of Directors	P. O'Brien announced that the Board of Directors is acclaimed: Kevin Smith, Genessa Radke, Pat O'Brien, Wil McDowall, Seanna Watson
8.	Call for Business	P. O'Brien called for business from the attendees.
8.	Setting Date for Board Meeting	Board members tentatively scheduled the first board meeting of the 2015-2016 Board for April 12 th @ 1:00pm via Skype.
10.	Adjournment	Moved By: Leslie Rosenblood

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