

Minutes for the 2025 Annual General Meeting

To report on the business of the organization October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

Sunday, March 9, 2025, 3:00 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDT)

By Zoom

Voting members in attendance:

Seanna Watson (President)

Onur Romano

Leslie Robenblood

Edan Tasca

Zack Dupont

Joshua Jeyakumar

Richard Thain

Don Martin

Andrew Bedir

Kendra Getty

Scott Jacobson

Recording Secretary: David Simmons

Regrets:

Don Armstong

1. Meeting opening:

Seanna Watson called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm and provided a land acknowledgement.

- a. Welcome and call to order
- b. Roll call

Quorum was confirmed with 11 voting members attending and 1 proxy.

- c. Approval of the agenda

Moved: Don Martin

Seconded: Onur

Carried

d. Declaration of conflicts of interest

No voting member declared a conflict of interest.

e. Approval of minutes of the 2024 Annual General meeting held on March 10, 2024

Moved: Leslie Rosenblood Seconded: Onur Romano Carried

2. **Keynote presentation:** Emir Onur Romano-Cilek presented: *Salwan Momika and the logic of the "holy book burning" protests around the world*

3. **Program reports:**

a. Report from the President of the Board of Directors – Seanna Watson

b. Report on Secularism – Leslie Rosenblood

c. Report from the Human Rights Chair – Onur Romano

d. Report on Science and Critical Thinking – Zack Dumont

e. Report on Communications – Joshua Jeyakumar

f. Report on Critical Links – Edan Tasca

g. Report from the Executive Director of Development – Sandra Dunham

The 2024 committee reports can be found in the 2024 Annual report. These were received as presented:

Moved: Onur Romano Seconded: Richard Thain carried

4. **Ratification of by-law amendments:**

Motion Richard Thain Seconded: Andrew Bedir Carried

5. **Report from the Bookkeeper:**

Sandra Dunham has been acting as bookkeeper and presented the treasurer's report

The financial statements for CFIC's year ending September 30, 2024, were received.

a. Motion to approve the financial statements

Moved: Onur Romano Seconder: Kendra Getty Carried

b. Motion to appoint Kriens Larose as accountants for 2024 - 2025

Moved: Don Martin Seconded: Onur Romano Carried

6. Election of board and council members:

New council members standing for election for a 3-year term are

Amy Joyce Sugantham Vethanayagam

John Lombard

Standing for reelection for a 4-year term ending with our 2029 AGM, we have:

Richard Thain

Leslie Rosenblood

Joshua Jeyakumar

Scott Douglas-Jacobsen

Onur Romano

Continuing in their current role as council members for a term ending in 2026 are:

Seanna Watson

Edan Tasca

Abdurrahman Andrew Bedir

Kendra Getty

Continuing in their current role as council members for a term ending in 2027 are:

Don Martin

Zack Dumont

Continuing in their current role as council members for a term ending in 2028 are:

Don Armstrong.

Motion to approve the slate of council members:

Moved: Seanna Watson Seconded: Onur Romano Carried

Standing for election to the board of directors for a 2-year term ending with the AGM of 2027 is John Lombard.

Standing for reelection to the board of directors for a 2-year term ending with the AGM of 2027 are Seanna Watson, Zack Dumont and Leslie Rosenblood.

Continuing in a 2-year term ending with the AGM of 2026 are Onur Romano, Edan Tasca and Joshua Jeyakumar

Motion to approve the slate of directors

Moved: Richard Thain Seconded: Onur Romano Carried

7. Questions were received from the floor

8. Adjournment