



**AACUSS Annual General Meeting
St. Francis Xavier University
Tuesday, May 26th, 2009**

Present

Executive Officers

LoriLynn Rowsell, President
Bilynda Whiting, Past President
Tamara Leary, President Elect
Anne Bartlett, Secretary
Joe MacDonald, Treasurer
Shauna Foote, Communications Officer
Jane MacDonald, Conference Chair

Divisional Representatives

June Harper, Counselling
Dean Martin, Housing
Lynn O'Donnell, Financial Aid
Shawna Peddle, International
Cindy Crossman, Health & Wellness
Hughie Batherson, Chief Student Affairs
Ryan Moody, Accessibilities

Regrets

Tom Brophy, Generalist
Roseanne Chapman, Employment/Career

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 12:09

2. Approval of the agenda

Motion: *to approve the agenda for May26th, 2009*

Moved by: Katie Kilfoil

Seconded by: Bilynda Whiting

Motion carried

3. Approval of the minutes of 2008 AGM, June 21st, 2008

Motion: *to approve the minutes of June 21st, 2008, with the change in the proper spelling of Ysaac Rodriguez-Arias*

Moved by: Keith Hotchkiss

Seconded by: Kim Kelly



4. President's Report (LoriLynn Rowsell)

LoriLynn welcomed everyone to the AGM and highlighted items from her year-end report as printed in the AACUSS Annual Report. She reported that 08-09 was a good year with 184 members and stated it was a pleasure to work with exceptional executive and divisional reps. She also took the opportunity to thank two members who had stepped down from their positions, Joanne MacDonald who was replaced by Roseanne Chapman as Employment/Career Rep, and Heidi MacDonald who was replaced by Anne Bartlett as Secretary. LoriLynn also thanked the outgoing executive members for their time and work on the executive.

LoriLynn highlighted some of the ad hoc committees formed and areas worked on this year.

- Bereavement Committee - review and update of policy (Shawna Peddle and Dean Martin)
- Website Development – exploration, update/revamp. Ad Hoc Committee to be formed in 2009-2010 (Dean Martin)
- Executive Travel Claim Guidelines – review and update (Shawna Peddle and Tom Brophy)
- Awards and Grants – review, update and development of a new AACUSS Research Grant. (Tom Brophy ,Tamara Leary, Bilynda Whiting)

LoriLynn thanked Holland College for a great fall workshop and asked the membership to consider attending the workshop and conference next year - Mount Allison in the Fall and UNB Saint John in the Spring. She also strongly encouraged the membership to get involved by becoming a member of the executive, involvement in their divisions, attendance at conferences and submissions to the newsletter, AACUSS Talks. In closing, LoriLynn stated she intends to develop the roles and responsibilities for the Divisional Reps in the constitution this coming year.

Motion: *to approve the President's Report*

Moved by: Shawna Peddle

Seconded by: Mark Braithwaite

5. Treasurer's Report (Joe MacDonald)

Joe reported the association to be in good financial standing and referred to page 8 of the Annual Report where he highlighted items from his written report. A correction was noted that item 2 under Revenues (Donations –Corporate) is an error in his program and that this item does not exist. The \$480.00 is to be added



to the previous item line (Membership Fees), making the total membership fees, \$7440.00. Joe made note that our GIC contribution was \$8500.00.

Motion: *to approve the Treasurer's report*

Moved by: Kevin Bonner

Seconded by: Donnie Jefferies

6. Proposed Changes, AACUSS Constitution (LoriLynn Rowsell)

No proposed changes to the constitution this year.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee (Bilynda Whiting)

Bilynda thanked her colleagues on the executive this year and made note of those finishing their terms and leaving the executive:

Bilynda Whiting, Past President (NSCC)

Joe MacDonald, Treasurer (St.FX)

Jane MacDonald, Conference Chair (St. FX)

June Harper, Counselling Rep (Holland College)

Cindy Crossman, Health & Wellness (Mt. Allison)

Hughie Batherson, Chief Student Affairs (St. Ann)

Bilynda put forth nominations for the Executive Officers. No new nominations from the floor were offered and the following positions were acclaimed. Bilynda welcomed the 2009-2010 AACUSS Executive:

Executive Officers

Tamara Leary, President (UPEI)

LoriLynn Rowsell, Past President (MUN)

Marc Braithwaite, President Elect (DAL)

Anne Bartlett, Secretary (UPEI)

Sean Ryan, Treasurer (St. FX)

Shauna Foote, Communications Officer (STU)

Kevin Bonner, Conference Chair (UNBSJ)

Divisional Representatives

Meredith Henry, Counselling (UNBSJ)

Dean Martin, Housing (ACADIA)

Tom Brophy, Generalist (MUN)

Lynn O'Donnell, Financial Aid (St. FX)

Shawna Peddle, International (MUN)

Diane Tinkham, Health & Wellness (MSVU)

Roseanne Chapman, Employment/Career (NSAC)

Anne Foresstall, Chief Student Affairs (UNB)

Ryan Moody, Accessibilities (DAL)



Bilynda also announced Cindy Crossman as the Fall Workshop Chair. This workshop will be held at Mount Allison. A draw for a gift basket donated by Mount Allison in promotion of the fall workshop was held, Brenda Berthiaume, St. FX was the winner.

8. Presentations

Gifts were presented to the outgoing executive members.

9. Introduction of incoming President (LoriLynn Rowsell)

LoriLynn introduced our incoming President for the 2009-2010 membership year, Tamara Leary from UPEI.

10. Words from our incoming President

Tamara thanked the outgoing executive and looks forward to working with the incoming executive. Tamara reminded those in attendance to renew their membership this coming September for the 2009-2010 membership year. Tamara reported that the past executive began looking into the development of the AACUSS Website, but that we wanted input from the membership as to the needs and direction the membership would like it to go. She introduced Dean Martin who explained where he is in the process and asked for interested members to come forward if they would like to sit on an ad hoc committee to select the company who will revamp the website and have it ready for a Spring 2010 launch.

11. Other

In conclusion, LoriLynn asked if there were any questions from the floor. Joe MacDonald asked if there was any interest in adding a new division, The Canadian Academic Integrity and Student Judicial Affairs Division, and Kim Kelly asked if there was interest in forming an Experiential Learning/Communities Services Division. It was agreed that these would be added to the agenda for the Executive meeting of Wednesday, May 27, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 12:41

Moved by: Dean Martin

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne Bartlett

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AACUSS Secretary, 2009



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