



Draft Minutes

Equal Voice Annual Members Meeting Sunday September 26th, 2021 3pm-4:30pm EST

1. Welcome and review of agenda

Eleni Bakopanos

Motion: To adopt the agenda for the 2020 Annual Members Meeting.

Moved: Sharmila Setaram

Seconded: Lori Lee Oates

Objections: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed.

2. Review of Minutes of past meetings

Eleni Bakopanos

Motion: To adopt the minutes from the Annual Members Meeting held in September 2020.

Moved: Sharmila Setaram

Seconded: Frances LeBlanc

Objections: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed.

3. Introduction to Board voting Process

Frances LeBlanc

Frances described the voting process and advised that the voting would close at 4:00pm Eastern, during the AMM, and that results would be announced at the end of the meeting.

There were no nominations from the floor. Acclaimed candidates were introduced.

Candidates for Directors of Saskatchewan, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, and two Directors at Large made a brief presentation to support their candidacy.

There were no candidates for Manitoba or Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut.

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4. Chair's Report

Eleni Bakopanos

Eleni thanked fellow board members, chapters and staff for their incredible dedication, commitment, and accomplishments achieved in the last year.

She shared the three goals the Board agreed to prioritize over the last year and briefly described activities that were carried out by the Board within the following areas: strategic directions & operational performance, financial sustainability, risk monitoring and mitigation, and establishing internal controls & organizational policies.

5. Executive Director's Report

Eleanor Fast

Eleanor Fast provided an overview of programs and operations for the past year as outlined in the 2020-21 Year in review, available on the Equal Voice website.

Looking to the future, Eleanor expanded on major challenges faced by EV related to difficulties in advocacy work during a global pandemic, moving major events virtual, and fundraising. Eleanor thanked staff, board members, chapters, and supporters for the incredible work and support to Equal Voice.

6. Treasurer's report

Linda Benoit

Linda presented the audited financial statements.

Linda recommended to the membership the appointment of Welch LLP as auditors for 2021-22.

Motion: To appoint Welch LLP as auditor for fiscal year 2021-22.

Moved: Linda Benoit

Seconded: Kim Kelly

Objections: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed.

7. Announcement of results of the Board election

Frances LeBlanc

Frances announced the results of the Board elections.



Past Chair: Eleni Bakopanos
Director for Saskatchewan: Tessa Ritter
Director for Quebec: Janny Laguerre
Director for Newfoundland & Labrador: Lori Lee Oates
Director at Large Shubha Sandill and Alanis Ortiz Espinoza

8. Other business

Eleni Bakopanos

Eleni thanked outgoing board members, remaining board members and opened the floor for question from members.

9. Adjournment

Eleni Bakopanos

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair.