

North Columbia Environmental Society AGM 2020
Held Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 6:30pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Sarah Newton, Melissa Hemphill, Kent Christensen, Verena Blasy, Jade Gregg, Brian Ball, Kent Christensen, Jade Harvey, Christina Chong, Nikki Lussier, Kim Kaiser (CSISS), Laura Stovel, Mike Brooks-Hill, Uri Naprstek, Carmen Dolinsky, Jodi Lownds, Jennifer Crockford and Virginia Thompson.

Regrets:

Meeting called to order: 6:34pm

Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Motioned by Jade Gregg, seconded by Brian Ball.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Motion to Adopt the 2019 Minutes: Motioned by Jade Gregg, seconded by Jade Harvey.

Actions resulting from the 2019 AGM Minutes: Update to RCU Account signatories. Completed.

President's Report: Presented by Kent Christensen (President). (see below)

Motion to accept the report: Motioned by Jade Harvey, seconded by Christina Chong.

Financial Report:

Due to COVID19, NCES ran at a loss this year. Some received grants became unusable. When it comes to having a loss, it reduces our net assets. Currently have cash "on hand". Future funding is meant to replenish these assets.

Motion to accept the report: Motioned by Kent Christensen, seconded by Brian Ball.

Motion to approve 2019/2020 Budget: Not prepared.

Election of Officers (to be facilitated by Melissa Hemphill)

Jade Gregg (Secretary) and Verena Blasy (Director at large) are stepping down from their position(s).

Can accept Max. 5 nominations from the floor.

Continuing on with their 2 year terms: Sarah Newton, Kent Christensen, Brian Ball, Christina Chong, Jade Harvey (with a caveat).

Motion to accept Melissa Hemphill as facilitator of elections: Motioned by Kent Christensen, seconded by Jade Harvey.

<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Nominator</u>
Nikki Lussier	Verena Blasy and Sarah Newton
Kim Kaiser	Jade Harvey and Sarah Newton

Members in good standing and willing to attend monthly meetings.

Positions available:

Secretary:

Director of fundraising:

Director at large:

Director at large:

Motions to accept nominees: Motioned by Jade Harvey, seconded Verena Blasy.

Motions to update signatories to RCU Account: Motioned by Jade Harvey, seconded by Brian Ball.

Motion to accept the proposal to merge with Wildsight: Motioned by Jade Gregg, seconded by Jody Lownds.

Discussion:

1. May wish to approach Wildsight with a few exceptions to the 10% admin to Wildsight, as some grants do not allow for funds to be allocated.
 - a. 10% admin fee to Wildsight applies only to grants we apply for with Wildsight's charitable status.
2. Wildsight seems keen but the proposal to become a Wildsight branch will need to be decided by the Wildsight board.
3. Is there an exit strategy for NCES to leave Wildsight? If Wildsight votes to accept us, they plan to throw a substantial amount of resources at our integration.
4. Do not forget that Wildsight has their agenda.
5. Would NCES lose its local voice? The board feels that Wildsight would honor our autonomy and independence.
6. Warning against complacency.

The motion carries with 51% support in favor.

Results of poll:

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

Motion in favor has carried.

Thank you to outgoing directors.

Motion to adjourn: Motioned by Jade Harvey, seconded by Jade Gregg.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:36pm