

Youth Parliament of Manitoba Inc.
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 84th Session
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Parliament: 93	Meeting: AGM	Date: 22 March 2014	Time: 13:00
Location: Room 2C13 University of Winnipeg 515 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3B 2E9			
Recorded by: Kamal Dhillon (deputypremier@ypmanitoba.ca)			

Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brent Hardy• Kamal Dhillon• Mikol Markiw• Andrew Jones• Joseph Broda• Adrienne Tessier• Shafagh Daneshfar• Maddie Lischka• Stacey Schott• Daniel Denton• Ariel Melamedoff• Ryan Sherbo• Kady Evanyshyn• Maddy Metcalfe• Taylor Daigneault• Nolan Smith• Toryn McIntosh	Proxies: (*partial) <ul style="list-style-type: none">•
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- YPM 93 Budget
- SOBLOC93 Report
- Standing Orders
- Bylaws

1. Call Meeting to Order

(The date, time and location for this meeting were given to all members, who would normally be permitted to attend, on March 12, 2014 and it is therefore a regular meeting. There is no specified quorum for meetings of the membership.)

Brent Hardy called the meeting to order at 13:11 CST.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda of the meeting of 22 March 2014 [Meeting AGM, 93rd Parliament] (Daniel/Ryan): carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from AGM

MOTION to approve the minutes of the meeting of 30 March 2013 [Meeting AGM, 92nd Parliament] (Ariel/Maddie): carried

4. Approval of the Minutes from Election Meeting

MOTION to approve the agenda of the meeting of 30 December 2013 [Election Meeting, 92nd Parliament] (Adrienne/Toryn): carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Budget (Director of Finance)

Mikol Markiw, Director of Finance and Deputy Speaker, presented the budget for the 2014 fiscal year (FY14), which runs from 01 February 2014 to 31 January 2015. He explained YPM's goals in budgeting and gave a basic overview of the approach of the Board when it comes to spending money.

The budget is available as an attachment.

Motion to approve (Daniel/Adrienne): carried

Mikol discussed the budgeted amount for a Winter Session rebate for cabinet and executive registration fees. Will have to discuss new recruitment incentives (other than a registration discount code). Executive will be looking into the possibility of creating a savings account as a non-profit organization. The money would be geared towards WCYP and YPM100. If this is not possible, YPM will deposit that money into our endowment fund.

5.2 Year in Review (Past Chairperson)

Andrew Jones, Past Chairperson and Speaker, provided a review of the past year for YPM. His comments are available as an attachment.

Positive community sentiments. Cyclical issue which still needs to be addressed: rural/northern and inner city recruitment. Had low turnover rate for cabinet and executive. The organization made it possible for anyone to attend session, regardless of cost. Had a surplus in the budget. Maintained connections to external organizations (i.e. Speaker's Office, AFMMLA, West

Broadway Youth Outreach). Success in creating an online and media presence for the organization. Creation of an alumni newsletter. Stabilized the cabinet structure. One-on-one Skype meetings between the Premier and cabinet fostered an increasing sense of community – each of the Executive members should work on this. Ongoing challenge to have Executive members out of town. Speaker's Night is an ongoing project which requires further alumni support and funding. Several changes to cabinet application.

5.3 State of the Corporation Address (Chairperson)

Brent Hardy, Chairperson and Premier, provided an outline for the upcoming year of YPM. The comments have been provided as an attachment.

Brent also entered into discussion about the upcoming Speaker's Night (April 17, 2014). Encouraged the selling of tickets by members. Noted the difficulty of marketing the event to those that typical YP members are in contact with. Big announcement: membership contest! Whoever sells the most tickets will receive a compensated ticket to the event. One time use promo code for YPM 92 members. Also mentioned the sponsor a member option in which alumni/community members pay for a ticket and donate it to a member – members will be chosen randomly through a draw.

Cabinet restructuring: removal of PS to RD and Min. Of Heritage. Each team now has seven people. Including Executive the group will be at 26 people. Development of committee guide for cabinet/backbenchers and Executive – put it in the Cookbook and the ACRONYM as well as send it out with registration mailings.

The organization is beginning to set aside money for WCYP and YPM 100. Adrienne mentioned the upcoming WCYP (May 16-19) registration info.

Initiative to arrange team transportation to cabinet retreat and solicit support for storage/office space. Development of tiered sponsorship package for individual donors.

Comments: in regards to having a YPM office, we should have an official YPM voicemail.

6. Membership Feedback

Question: What is the point of having cabinet structured into three teams?

Answer: Management of responsibilities, to ensure that cabinet has a clear leader offering support and directives.

Comment: the website needs to be updated; including a Press Tab with PR contact info, place to directly place the press releases. Change “apply” to “register”. Potentially place that responsibility on Pubs – updates can occur simultaneously while updating the Cookbook.

Comment: Andrew still have to provide reward for the team competition. *Note by Andrew: Bojan and Darren still have to receive their Speaker's gift.

Comment: the return of the rural caucus? Must be a grassroots initiative.

Comment: is there any concrete plan to change recruitment strategies? Brainstorming with Executive still to occur, but maintaining our connections with the Speaker's Office and schools (especially debate tournaments and university fairs). Need to work on teacher buy-in to the organization. The most effective recruitment strategy was word of mouth – multiple reminders by a diverse group of individuals.

Comment: greatly increase the quantity/quality of food for breakfast at session. Include food the day of take-over for backbenchers/pages.

Question: how should cabinet applications be submitted?

Answer: email to Brent (premier@ypmanitoba.ca); deadline is April 21, 2014.

Question: if it says “would be asset” on the cabinet application, is it a necessary requirement?

Answer: no, definitely not a deal breaker, but a bonus.

7. Reports and Motions of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

7.1 SOBLOC – Amendments to Governing Documents

Joseph Broda, Director of Procedures and House Leader, explained the composition and goals of SOBLOC for this year. The committee consisted of Joey (Chair), Andrew Jones, Kady Evanyshyn, Maddy Metcalfe and Ariel Melamedoff. Please see the SOBLOC Report (included as an appendice) for further details.

Amendments to the Standing Orders

No proposed amendments.

Amendment to the Bylaws

Article 14:

Clause 2, Sub-Clause a), Sub-sub-Clause i) shall read: “Call for an impeachment by-election at a location in Winnipeg and at a date no less than two weeks and no more than four weeks from the date of the passing of the Impeachment Motion; and” (Ariel/Kady): carried

Clause 2, Sub-Clause b) shall read: “the impeached member of the board may stand for election in the impeachment by-election.” (Kady/Maddy): carried

Clause 2, Sub-Clause c) shall read: “The membership of YPM Inc. must receive a notice in writing no less than one week prior to the date of the impeachment by-election meeting of:

- i. the wording of the impeachment motion carried by the Board and the date on which it was carried; and

- ii. the rights of members and the schedule of the by-election meeting as outlined in Article (15); and
- iii. the right of the impeached member of the board to stand in the by-election for the position that they were impeached from.” (Maddy/Ariel): carried

Article 7:

Clause 13 shall read:

- “13. No member of the Board of Directors may hold more than one position on the Board simultaneously.
 - a) The responsibilities of any vacant positions on the Board will be transferred to the remaining Members of the Board.” (Kady/Ariel): carried

Article 15:

Clause 7 shall read:

- “7. Current Members of the Board may be nominated for a vacancy on the Board.
 - a) If a current Member of the Board wins the by-election for a vacant position, an immediate by-election will be called to fill their former position.” (Ariel/Maddy): carried

Article 18:

Clause 1, Sub-Clause c) shall read:

- “c) the names of its members and chair, all of whom must be Members or Senators of YPM Inc.” (Maddy/Kady): carried

Article 7:

Clause 8, Sub-Clause b) shall read:

“keep an accurate list of members, and”

Clause 8, Sub-Clause c) shall read:

“keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings.” (Kady/Maddy): carried

Article 5:

Clause 2 shall read:

- “2. Subject to Clause (1), membership in YPM Inc. shall be open to all persons without distinction as to race, ethnicity, gender, sex, sexual orientation, ability status, religion, financial status, or ideological beliefs.” (Ariel/Maddy): carried

8. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn Meeting AGM at 14:52 (Daniel/Stacey): carried.

The above are considered to be a true and accurate recording of all items discussed. Please advise the recorder of any ambiguity, discrepancy, inconsistency, error or omission noted.

KAMAL DHILLON
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93RD PARLIAMENT
YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF MANITOBA INC.