

Youth Parliament of Manitoba Inc.
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 97th Session

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Parliament: 97	Meeting: AGM	Date: 6 May 2018	Time: 14:30
Location: UWSA Boardroom University of Winnipeg 515 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3B 2E9			
Recorded by: Deborah Tsao (deputypremier@ypmanitoba.ca)			

Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adrienne Tessier• Nina Lam• Ariel Melamedoff• Abigail Theano-Pudwill• Deborah Tsao• Marie Sutherland• Leslie Kretai• Jonny Hoang• Marissa Claire Hamlin• Jerome Maytwayashing• Jacob Harvey• Katie Bowman• River Turner * By video conference	Proxies: (*partial) <ul style="list-style-type: none">•
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Agenda:

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes from AGM 2017
4. Approval of the Minutes from Election Meeting 2017
5. Reports and Motions of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
 - 5.1 Standing Orders and By-Laws Oversight Committee (SOBLOC) – Amendments to Governing Documents (Director of Procedures)
6. Presentations
 - 6.1 Year in review (Past-Chairperson)
 - 6.2 State of the Corporation Address (Chairperson)
 - 6.3 Budget (Director of Finance)

- 7. Membership Feedback
- 8. Adjournment

Appendices:

- State of the Corporation Address
- Year in Review Address
- YPM 97 Budget
- SOBLOC96 Report

1. Call Meeting to Order

- Adrienne Tessier called the meeting to order at 14:51 CST.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Jonny Hoang, seconded by Marie Sutherland. **Carried.**

3. Approval of the Minutes from AGM 2017

MOTION to approve the minutes of the meeting of 4 April 2017 [AGM, 96th Parliament].

- Moved by Ariel Melamedoff, seconded by Katie Bowman. **Carried.**

4. Approval of the Minutes from Election Meeting 2017

MOTION to approve the minutes of the meeting of 30 December 2017 [Election Meeting, 97th Parliament].

- Moved by Abigail Theano-Pudwill, seconded by Jacob Harvey. **Carried.**

5. Reports and Motions of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**5.1 SOBLOC – Amendments to Governing Documents**

Nina Lam, Director of Procedures, presented the report of SOBLOC. SOBLOC consisted of:

The report is available as an attachment.

SUMMARY:

- Bylaws (how we run the organization):
 1. Fixed typos in the numbering of articles.
 2. Changed some formatting and grammar.
 3. Opened YPM membership up to people regardless of *nationality* (in addition to race, ethnicity, gender, sex, financial status, ideological beliefs, etc.)
 4. Election speech time limits changed:
 - Nominator changed from 3 min to *2 min*.
 - Candidate changed from 5 min to *3 min*.
 5. The ballot count of the exec election *will not be included* in the minutes of the following Board meeting.

6. Changed the definition of “overt campaigning” to *remove*: statements by a third party on behalf of a candidate *without* the candidate’s knowledge.
- Code of Conduct (the behaviour we adhere to):
 1. Grammar changes
 2. Terminology changes.
 3. Dress code: allow for *cultural equivalents* of parliamentary attire, and *removed specific examples* of acceptable dress.
 - Note: The RG next year should include in their emails some example of cultural equivalents of parliamentary attire.
 4. Defined *zero tolerance* policy to mean: they will be *removed* from the event.
- Standing Orders:
 1. Grammatical changes: change “yea” to “yay”.
 - a. MOTION to remove this change.
 - i. Moved by Ariel Melamedoff, seconded by Nina Lam. Carried.
 2. Gender-neutral pronouns.
 3. Removed the rule that the Speaker will always recognize the member who stands first.
 4. Removed that members cannot read their speeches.

MOTION to approve SOBLOC report and amendments to YPM’s governing documents:

- Moved by Nina Lam, seconded by Marie Sutherland. **Carried.**

6. Presentations

6.1 Year in Review (Past Chairperson)

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

SUMMARY:

- Point Douglas All-Candidates Debate – first time we’ve organized a town hall debate.
- Sen. McPhedran’s Youth Circle was a great way to get involved in the community.
- School presentations are revamped in the form of school workshops.
- We’ve stressed partnerships in the community last year:
 - AYO organized the All-Candidates debate with us.
 - We are restructuring the alumni newsletter so Ariel and Joey will do it next year.
 - The Manitoba Emerging Leaders Award and Youth Agencies Alliance are great supporters of the organization!
 - PJFM is the francophone YPM. We hope to substantiate our partnership next year.
 - Rec Fund sponsorships: we’ve renewed past sponsorships, so this is looking stable.
 - School partnerships: LRSD has sponsored members, and a teacher at RB Russell.
 - Peaceful Village helped us recruit some members, we’d like to continue this next year.
- Strengths:
 - We have a more diverse membership – important to make new members feel comfortable
 - Have a strong social media presence (PR team is great!)
 - Very strong ties to institutional partners (better relationship with the Speaker’s Office)
 - Our Cabinet and Executive are very committed and work hard!
 - Our members are engaged in the community and care about the organization (especially backbenchers – we have so many leaders!)

- Areas for improvement:
 - Fundraising stability for YP100 (we'd like to increase our endowment fund to \$100,000)
 - Engage alumni for funds (YP100) and presence at session.
 - Arrange logistics for rural member transportation to come to Session.
 - Our Executive will be 3/5 out of town, so we will need to delegate some tasks.
 - We should write down our institutional knowledge so it's not just a "verbal history".
- We always have illness at Winter Session, but we dealt with it well last year!
- Our debates can be a bit of an echo chamber. Last year, our debate was strongest and most interesting when it had *personal connections* not just ideological. Maybe this is an interesting change for the upcoming years! Risk: this is an emotionally draining way to debate.

6.2 State of the Corporation Address (Chairperson)

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

SUMMARY:

- Strength: community connections.
 - YPM is becoming relevant outside of Session.
 - The broader community is coming to us for events and engagement!!
 - Our future events need to build on this progress: eg. Coffeehouse, mayoral race debate, Speaker's Night (should it still be branded as a fundraising gala?)
- Our speaker this year will be Susan Thompson, the first female Mayor of Winnipeg!!
- Strength: we are in an excellent financial position.
 - Not common for a youth non-profit.
 - We don't rely on government grants, we have almost zero overhead costs, and we have an expanding network of sponsorships.
- Strength: had our biggest session in a long time! To sustain this momentum, we can continue high school presentations, engage community connections, and do school division sponsorships.
- Communication issue: lots of backbenchers aren't on Facebook, so it's difficult to get in contact with many of them. Is email better? Cabinet email accounts are a great source of institutional knowledge (needs to be maintained), Facebook is a good way to communicate to a larger group.
 - Could get cabinet onto Slack.
- We have filled the house for WCYP! We may not run a deficit!
- Wrap-around sponsorship: sponsoring members must go beyond waiving registration. It now includes travel, clothing, and incidental expenses.
 - These responsibilities should be included in the Premier portfolio.
 - Sustainability: partnerships with Calm Air and Perimeter Airlines, hopefully getting sponsorships from clothing vendors.
- We could do a YPM listserv and a cabinet slack!
- We should do more with sustainability: reusable/compostable utensils for meals.
- When expanding networks, it's good to reach out to a broad base of people.

6.3 Budget (Director of Finance)

Abigail Theano-Pudwill, Director of Finance and Deputy Speaker, presented the budget for the 2018 fiscal year (FY18), which runs from 01 February 2018 to 31 January 2019.

The budget is available as an attachment.

SUMMARY:

- We are generally staying the same for our YPM 97 budget.
- We have way higher registration revenue for Westerns, but our food and accommodations are more expensive.
- We took out the Spring Session budget lines from the YPM 97 budget.

MOTION to approve the budget as presented:

- Moved by Ariel Melamedoff, seconded by Katie Bowman. **Carried.**

7. Membership Feedback

- How is sleeping on the floor?
 - It makes our atmosphere less pompous.
 - It is a little less private than hotel rooms.
- How scheduled and strict are we?
 - It's nice that people can go out for dinner, but it can be hard to budget the dinner. It would be great if we paid for dinner catering.
 - An hour for dinner is a bit too short.
 - Kelvin activities: sports and organized (but optional) activities in the gym.
- We should give a tour of Kelvin so people know where things are (eg. gym, showers).
- Cabinet and exec feel separated from the rest of the members.
- The staff lounge at Kelvin should be better communicated (some people thought it was just for cabinet and exec).
- Events at Kelvin should be scheduled in a more clear way (eg. some time for wind-down at Kelvin and then everyone meet in a central location to hear about the night's events).
- Committees and caucus meetings could feel like a waiting time before debate, but it might be the best format we have for disseminating information.

8. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn Meeting AGM at 16:27 CST.

- Moved by Katie Bowman, seconded by River Turner. **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.

Deborah Tsao
Vice-Chairperson (Deputy Premier)
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