

Youth Parliament of Manitoba

Annual General Meeting 2021 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 13:05 CST.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes from AGM 2020

Motion passed.

4. Approval of the Minutes from Election Meeting 2020

Motion passed.

5. Reports and Motions of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

a. SOBLOC

- i. Alexa, Director of Procedures, presented the SOBLOC report.
- ii. Alexa moved, seconded by Khushee, that the amendments to our governing documents proposed in the report be passed.
- iii. Report passed as amended.

6. Presentations

a. Year in Review

- i. Deborah, Speaker, made a presentation on the 2020 Year-in-Review

1. Capital Campaign

- a. In 2020, we raised nearly \$36000 from 43 unique donors
- b. Completed letter-sending campaign to prospective donors in Winnipeg.
- c. Sent thank-you letters to all donors in 2020.
- d. Current value of endowment fund - \$100,793.64

2. Preserving our History

- a. Completed interviews with 33 alumni to gather information about their YPM experiences.
- b. Fully digitized our records in the Manitoba Archives
- c. Completed first draft of YPM100 history book!
- d. Downloaded, read, and annotated all YPM mentions in the entire Winnipeg Free Press Archive.

3. COVID19

- a. Needed to adapt every element of usual programming, such as cabinet interviews, retreat, meetings, potluck, and Winter Session.
- b. Cancelled: Speaker's Night

4. Winter Session

- a. 65 Attendees

- b. First online session in history, resounding success.
- c. Had to make many adaptations:
 - i. Zoom strategy: One link for the “chamber”, separate links for committees.
 - ii. All documents consolidated into one Google Drive folder.
 - iii. Telegram group chat for communication.
 - iv. After-hours Discord and casual Zoom hangouts.
 - v. Exec elections held on SimplyVoting platform.
- d. Testimonials:
 - i. “I really liked how educational and engaging the Winter Session was, went above and beyond my expectations.”
 - ii. “YPM is one of the very rare good things that happened to me this year. Very much grateful to be welcomed into a family filled with such amazing and inspiring people.”

b. State of the Corporation

- i. Nina, Premier, made a presentation on the State of the Corporation.
 - 1. Strengths of the Organization
 - a. Endowment Fund
 - i. Stable source of income annually
 - ii. Capital Campaign has expanded community contacts
 - b. Alumni relations
 - i. Monthly newsletter: The Youth Parliamentarian
 - ii. Alumni database
 - iii. Institutional knowledge
 - c. Accessibility
 - i. Not only financial, but social
 - 2. Changes for YPM100
 - a. All financial aid to be administered out of Endowment Fund
 - i. Garry McLean Scholarship, Newcomer Scholarship, general financial aid
 - b. Registration fee to be increased from \$120 to \$150
 - i. Accessibility still a key consideration
 - ii. We currently still run a deficit on the cost of registration
 - 3. Plans for YPM100
 - a. YPM100 Gala
 - b. MLA mentorship program
 - c. Community-oriented workshop at Winter Session
 - d. Retain the tradition at Winter Session – it’s worked for 99 years!
 - e. Unveil the YPM100 commemorative plaque
 - f. Launch the YPM100 history book
 - g. Celebrate the achievements of the Capital Campaign
 - 4. Priorities

- a. Maintain a representative membership
 - i. Improving rural recruitment
 - b. Financial health
 - i. Maintain and expand donor relations
 - ii. Run a surplus every year for at least the next five years
 - iii. Sponsorship partnerships with school divisions
 - c. Expand YPM's presence in the community year-round
 - i. An established host for election debates
 - ii. Collaborating with other politics-based organizations
- c. Budget
 - i. Jacob, Director of Finance, presented the FY2021-2022 budget.
 - 1. Expecting to run a deficit in the upcoming year, due to costs such as the History Book Project and the Gala deposit, and shifting of annual donations towards the endowment fund
 - 2. In the mid to long term the increased size of the endowment fund should offset the deficits of the upcoming year.

7. Adjournment

Motion passed.