



Canadian Risk and Hazards Network

Annual General Meeting – Minutes (draft)
Location: Hyatt Regency hotel, Montreal, Quebec

Date: Thursday, November 24, 2016
Duration: 32 minutes

Time: 1230 hr. EDT
Recorder: Brenda Murphy

Board Participants: Ernie MacGillivray, Patricia Martel, Judith Muncaster, Brenda Murphy, Melanie Goodchild, David Diabo, Shona de Jong

1. Opening

- i. Ernie MacGillivray opened the meeting and welcomed members. Members were informed that all information including minutes and financial statements were made available online in advance of this meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda - accepted with no changes

3. Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes. Moved Jack Lindsay, David Diabo - CARRIED

4. President Report – Ernie

- i. From the external environment, Sendai is a 15year plan that influences what we do. Also important is the recent Paris agreement on climate change. From a Canadian perspective, we are seeing very significant government reinvestment in a number of areas including climate change adaptation, natural hazards research and mitigation, research funding, new programs through Public Safety Canada, Building Canada (funds for mitigation), and so on.
- ii. Within CRHNet, we have developed a new governance model allowing working groups to do many good things. Examples from this past year include the new Life Time Achievement Award, HazNet, and the mentorship program.
- iii. In the year ahead, we will continue to move forward on several fronts including further knowledge dissemination activities (next conference will be in Halifax), public engagement through the Platform for the Americas and perhaps new directions such as research and development.

5. Treasurer Report – Ernie for Judith

- i. The Treasurer's report was displayed on the screen and it was explained that CRHNet has professional oversight of our accounting systems. Year to year we are in a similar financial position as last year (~\$149K in 2015 and ~\$152K in 2016).
- ii. Moved that financial report be accepted as presented: Ramona McVicker, Rebecca Nevraumont. **CARRIED.**

6. Executive Director Report – Marion

- i. Marion recognized the board as well as other key individuals such as Bert Struik, Ron Kuban, Larry Pearce, and Hans De Smet.
- ii. One of the important things we did this year was move to a commercial website, with all content successfully transferred. She mentioned that the website is an under-used resource (please use it!).
- iii. Presentations from this year's conference and past conferences will be/are available on the website.
- iv. The work of the Standing Committees was recognized. All committees established terms of reference and are looking for volunteers. The conference program and steering committees were acknowledged for their commitment to making this year's symposium a success.

7. Special Resolution

- i. Whereas, we consider that the Registered Office of the CRHNet should be located in Ontario and accessible to the CRHNet Executive Director, be it resolved that the registered office of the CRHNet be changed to 479 Victoria Street, Niagara on the Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0. Motion previously moved and seconded. **CARRIED**

8. Election of Board Members

- i. Ron Kuban administered the election process and based on the work of the Nominations Committee explained to the membership that there were 2 positions to be filled. The remaining 8 positions are in the second year of a two- year term.
- ii. He asked 3 times if there was anyone from the floor who would like to stand for election. There were no nominations.
- iii. The Nominations Committee has pre-identified two individuals who were willing to serve on the Board: Michel C. Dore and Jodi Manz-Henezi. Both were acclaimed as new Board members.

9. Additional Items

- i. No addition items

10. Adjournment

- i. Ron Kuban called adjournment.