

Minutes of the NFA's Fourth Annual Members Meeting
September 17, 2016, 12:05 PM
Fairmont Tremblant, Quebec

Requirement to have at least 50 members present is met.

Board Members:

In attendance:

Murray Carlson (taking minutes)

Louis Gagnon

Ranjini Jha

Michael King

Lisa Kramer

Vikas Mehrotra (chairing)

Lynnette Purda

Absent:

Martin Boyer

1. Opening remarks from Vikas thanking the Program Chairs Louis Gagnon and Lynnette Purda and additional organizers on behalf of the NFA. Thanks to sponsors and exhibitors.
2. Discussion of finances.

Motion to approval of financial statements as reviewed by Collins Barrow (Toronto).
Passed unanimously.

3. Re-Appointment of Public Accountant: Collins Barrow Toronto LLP

Motion to re-appoint Collins Barrow Toronto LLP as the Public Accountant for the NFA.
Passed unanimously

4. Motions to amend NFA bylaws:

- a. Motion to modify the articles of incorporation to increase the maximum number of directors from 8 to 10. **Rationale:** This added flexibility will allow for directors to share roles if needed, for example as co-program chairs or co-fundraisers. Passed unanimously.
- b. Motion to modify clause 27 of the bylaws to allow directors to be elected for 3 year terms, not just 1 or 2 year terms, and remove obsolete text that described the election of directors the first year after incorporation. **Rationale:** This will allow for standardization of the election term structure for directors, importantly eliminating the need for program chairs to be re-elected part way through their mandate. Passed unanimously
- c. Motion to modify clause 26 and clause 35 of the bylaws to eliminate the office of "Past President". **Rationale:** Eliminating the office of Past President will standardize a President's full term of service at three years rather than four. A President who wishes

to continue serving as a director will still have that option available by standing for re-election as a Director at Large. Passed unanimously.

5. Appointment of Directors: There were no advance nominations other than the candidates the board put forward. A vote was taken on the candidates nominated by the board and the vote passed.

New Board for 2015/16:

Murray Carlson
Francesca Carrieri
Jan Ericsson
Louis Gagnon
Ranjini Jha
Katya Malinova
Vikas Mehrotra
Maria Pacurar
Lynnette Purda
Andriy Shkilko

6. Motion to extend terms of Murray Carlson, Louis Gagnon, Ranjini Jha, Vikas Mehrotra, and Lynnette Purda to be consistent with the 3-year tenure. Passed unanimously.
7. Meeting adjourned.