

Minutes of NFA Annual Members Meeting
September 13, 2014, 12:30pm,
Ottawa Convention Centre, Ottawa Ontario

Requirement to have at least 50 members present is met.

Board members in attendance:

Stéphane Chrétien (chairing)
Ron Giammarino
Ranjini Jha
Mark Kamstra
Lisa Kramer (taking minutes)
Vikas Mehrotra
Gordon Sick
Brian Smith

1. Opening remarks from Stéphane thanking the Program Chair Gordon Sick, the Gold Sponsor schools, the inaugural members, and the exhibitors and sponsors of the 2014 conference. Stéphane provided a brief summary of the history of the association and he reminded members they can request the accountant-reviewed financial statements by email.

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

Motion: Re-appoint Collins Barrow Toronto LLP as the Public Accountant for the NFA
Passed unanimously

3. Review Rather than an Audit of the Next Set of Financial Statements

Stéphane explained that we were able to have our most recent financial statements reviewed rather than audited by our public accountant, but our next set of financial statements would have to be audited (for an additional cost of \$2,000) unless the members approve a review.

Motion: Have the NFA's next set of financial statements reviewed rather than audited
Passed unanimously

4. 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.

Motion: appoint Martin Boyer as a new director for two years
Passed unanimously

Motion: appoint Louis Gagnon as a new director for two years
Passed unanimously

Motion: re-appoint Lisa Kramer as a continuing director for two more years.
Passed unanimously.

Motion: appoint Lynnette Purda as a new director for two years.
Passed unanimously.

Motion: appoint Vikas Mehrotra as a continuing director for two more years.
Passed unanimously.

Motion: confirm Ranjini Jha as a continuing director for one more year.
Passed unanimously

Motion: confirm Mark Kamstra as a continuing director for one more year.
Passed unanimously

Motion: confirm Stéphane Chrétien as a continuing director for one more year.
Passed unanimously

New board for 2014/15:

Martin Boyer
Stéphane Chretien
Louis Gagnon
Ranjini Jha
Mark Kamstra
Lisa Kramer
Vikas Mehrotra
Lynnette Purda

12:40pm Meeting Adjourned

The AGM was followed by a paper awards ceremony, chaired by Gordon Sick. He provided a brief Program Chair report, indicating that there were 503 paper submissions, 119 of which were accepted. There were only two papers withdrawn from the program. About a third of the submissions came from each of Canada, the US, and the rest of the world. There were over 300 conference registrants, almost a 50% increase over past years. Conference fees were reduced this year by more than \$100 relative to past years.