

OPIRG McMaster - Annual General Meeting - Agenda

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 **Time:** 5:30 pm **Room:** MUSC 311/313

Facilitator: Tanya Brkic **Minute Taker:** Farzana Begum

Chief Returning Officer: Eliza Wu (standing in for Baanu Manoharan)

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of the last AGM, Monday, April 9, 2018
4. Introduction of outgoing Board Members (Mohammed Alshalalfeh, Farzana Begum, Tanya Brkic, Maya George, Parnika Godhinda, Faris Mecklai, Ajantha Nadarajah, Eliza Wu, Chenchen Xu)
5. Introduction of nominees for Board of Directors (Sarun Balaranjan, Justine Becker, Farzana Begum, Tanya Brkic, Megan Cheng, Mateo Orrantia, Sydney Potts, Nicole Strader, Ryan Tse) - CRO
6. Motion to acclaim nominees to the OPIRG Board of Directors
7. Appointment of President, Treasurer, Secretary
8. Point of Information: 2019 Student Society Finance Workshop (OPIRG rep needed)
9. Meeting of Old and New Boards to be set (within two dates of AGM)
10. Board Training Day to be set
11. Proposal to have board trained by the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion - Kojo Dampthey
12. Amendments to the OPIRG McMaster Constitution (see appendix A)
13. Volunteer Co-ordinator Report - Randy Kay
14. Public Interest Project Reports
15. Presentation of Audited Statement, 2018 and motion to approve Audited Statement 2018 - Cecilia Irazuzta
16. Motion to approve B.D. Hawkins Chartered Accountant as auditor for the financial year ending August, 2019
17. Presentation of Budget for September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020 for approval - Board of Directors
18. Renaissance Music report back and request to continue partnership - Kojo Dampthey
19. Other Business/Announcements
20. Closing of 2019 Annual General Meeting

Appendix A

Amendments to the OPIRG McMaster Constitution

- a. Specifically indicate a minimum number of Board members for quorum:

Article 5.3 presently reads: “The majority of the Board of Directors shall form quorum for the transaction of business.”

Proposed Amendment to Article 5.3: “The majority of the Board of Directors shall form quorum for the transaction of business. Given a nine member Board of Directors, quorum will be five members present.”

- b. To ensure the Constitution complies with the Ontario Corporations Act, revise Article 5.4.

Article 5.4 presently reads: “In the event that a Board meeting begins with quorum, and because of the departure of one or more of the Directors quorum is lost, the Directors who remain, provided they number at least three, may continue to transact the business of the meeting.”

Proposed Amendment to Article 5.4: “In the event that a Board meeting begins with quorum, and because of the departure of one or more of the Directors quorum is lost, the Directors who remain, provided they number at least four, may continue to transact the business of the meeting.”

- c. Add a note to Article 8.2 indicating that it refers to the inaugural Board of 1995, that it is no longer relevant and that Article 8.3 should be referred to for current practice.

Article 8.2 presently reads: “At the first election of Directors, nine Directors shall be elected of whom, one half will serve for a one year term or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. The remaining half Directors elected will serve for a two year term, or until their successors shall have been duly elected or qualified. Those Directors serving for a one year term shall be selected at random by a Chairperson of the Annual Meeting of the members following the election, or by a method to be agreed upon by the Directors.”

Proposed Amendment to Article 8.2: “At the first election of Directors, nine Directors shall be elected of whom, one half will serve for a one year term or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. The remaining half Directors elected will serve for a two year term, or until their successors shall have been duly elected or qualified. Those Directors serving for a one year term shall be selected at random by a Chairperson of the Annual Meeting of the members following the election, or by a method to be agreed upon by the Directors. (Please note that this procedure refers to the inaugural Board of 1995 and all subsequent Board of Directors terms shall follow Article 8.3. ”

Article 8.3 reads: “With the exception of 8.2, each Director shall be elected to hold office for one year after he or she shall have been elected, or until his or her successor shall have been duly elected.”

- d. The current OPIRG McMaster Board of Directors recommends the OPIRG membership reject an amendment which was accepted at the 2018 AGM.

2018 AGM Amendment: “Each director, at the time of their election and throughout their office shall not be allowed to be a member of an OPIRG McMaster working group... and may not attend working group meetings unless it is part of his/her/their Working Group portfolio.”

2019 AGM Proposed Amendment: “Directors can be members of working groups. However, no more than two directors at the time of their election and throughout their term in office shall be allowed to be a member of the same OPIRG McMaster working group.”

- e. **Article 19.1 presently reads:** “In the event that more than 50% of the OPIRG McMaster members obtain a fee refund in any given year, OPIRG McMaster shall be declared dissolved, and shall be subject to the provision of Article 19.2.”

Proposed Amendment to remove Article 19.1.