

Minutes of the Sexuality Studies Association Annual General Meeting 2022
May 22, 2022 3:00pm EST
Via Zoom

Chair: Ryan Conrad

Present: Josh Warren, Natalie Kouri-Towe, Patrick Keilty, Ricky Varghese, Suzanne Lenon, Valerie Webber, Ian Liujia Tian, Gary Kinsman, Evan Vipond, Carina Guzman, Cait McKinney, Shirin Saeidi, Taylor Graham

Motion to approve agenda: Natalie Kouri-Towe, Ian Liujia Tian

Motion to approve minutes from 2021 AGM: Patrick Keilty, Ricky Varghese

Chair's Report (Ryan Conrad):

- Focused on preparing incorporation documents, to be voted on today
- Ongoing conversations with Federation around EDID commitments and holding them accountable for financially and materially supporting their commitments
- Working with treasurer and membership coordinator to set up membership management and payment processing (forthcoming)
- Recruitment for next year's steering committee
- Next Year: finalize incorporation, implement new mms and payment system, transition notes for next chair, work with CUAT on advocating for better working conditions for contract faculty

Treasurer's Report (Patrick Keilty):

- Goal through pandemic has been on just sustaining ourselves financially
- Financial statements show that money in the bank has stayed consistent from 2021 at around 33,000
- A lot of Patrick's work has been streamlining bank accounts, setting things up so transitions between treasurers is easy

Program Coordinator's Report (Cait McKinney):

- 51 applications, 45 papers presented
- Used conftool for reviewing process with programming committee for first time, worked well
- Plan is to continue with ConfTool for submissions, reviews, communications with presenters moving back to in-person

Membership Coordinator's Report (Islandia Guzmán):

- Individual membership is up from 55 to 77
- 5 institutional members

Communications Office (Camille Intson, report delivered by Ryan Conrad):

- Combined all old mail lists onto mailchimp to streamline and allow members to control their subscriptions
- New twitter
- Active moderating of Facebook

Presentation of awards:

- Academic Leadership Award: Gary Kinsman
- Emerging Scholar Award: Ian Liujia Tian

Election of New Steering Committee Members

Standing for election are:

- Ricky Varghese, Vice Chair
- Gary Lee Pelletier, Program Coordinator
- Secretary, Suzanne Lennon
- Treasurer, Patrick Keilty

No nominations given from the floor **so all positions are acclaimed to those listed above.**

Incorporation and By-laws

- SSA has not been incorporated, which presents issues around liability and access to financial services
- Proposal is being put forward to incorporate as a non-profit (not a charity organization)
- Negative aspect is administrative burden of filing with CRA and Corporations Canada
- Need to have a set of bylaws that meet standards of incorporation act
- Worked with lawyer Megan Wallace to create bylaws that model existing practices and meet the standards of Corporations Canada

Motion: That the unincorporated Sexuality Studies Association incorporate and adopt the new bylaws presented at the AGM

Moved by: Ryan Conrad, Seconded by Patrick Keilty

Motion Passed Unanimously

Dissolution: 4:30pm