

**KAMLOOPS ADULT LEARNERS SOCIETY                      DRAFT**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**  
**North Shore Community Centre**

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with a welcome by the president Lois Hollstedt. Twenty-seven people were in attendance.

**Minutes** of the 2014 Annual General Meeting were read by Clara Fouillard.

**MOTION:** Moved by Rod, seconded by Shirley, that the Minutes be adopted as read with the following correction: 'We are in the process of contracting someone to work two four/hour days per week for six months of the year', rather than four hours per week as recorded.  
**Carried.**

The President introduced the current Board members present: Norm Moss, Past President, Sue Holmes, Publicity, Linda Nickel, Treasurer, Ellen Faraday, Office Coordinator, Ben Fouillard, Member at Large, Clara Fouillard, Secretary, and brought regrets from George Humphrey, Vice President & Sharon Mulder, Special Events.

**President's Report:**

- Lois reported that KALS has grown in its tenth year with a membership of over 200 people and over 50 people serving as regular volunteers.
- Finances are in a good state.
- A review of Policies was completed by the Board and the new material is on the website.
- The 10th Anniversary Spring Tea was a success, with an interesting talk on human rights.
- The board needs to review its by-laws related to committee structure, two year executive terms for the sake of continuity and current operating policies. A special meeting will be called later this fiscal year.
- A new website is now up and running.
- Janet McChesney has been appointed as the new Program Committee Chair and will join the Board. She has prior experience in a similar organization.
- An ongoing challenge is to find people to lead classes. There were 48 instructors last year. Members were asked to send us contact info for people who could lead classes.
- Board members were thanked for their cooperation and work over the year. 8 members have agreed to continue to let their names stand including Norm Moss, who will remain on the board for another year.
- Dorian Lemon and Del Turner are leaving the Board. A special thank you was extended to Dorian for her years of dedicated service on the program committee and to Del for his many years of website management and computer expertise.
- Appreciation was extended to Ellen Faraday, Lisa Carver and volunteer Alice Brandon for their invaluable help in the office.
- Members were encouraged to volunteer in the many roles needed to keep programs running.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Linda presented a financial statement for the fiscal year July 2014 to June 2015 - There were more donations received this year from the Ted Weddell memorial.
  - Course revenue was up approximately \$2500. The year ended with a small surplus.
- The budget for the coming year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 showed expenses for classroom rental, photocopying, insurance and clerical costs increased and one-time costs for the new website resulted in a budget deficit of \$915 that will be funded from the operating reserve.
- The bank balance as of June 30, 2015 is \$10,294.37.

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda, seconded by Ben, that the financial statement and budget be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

### **Program Pricing**

The President reviewed the discussion of pricing held with the Program Committee and Board and presented the following questions for discussion with members:

1. Should a membership fee of \$15 be required for everyone who takes any KALS course?
  - There was a consensus by most present to make the annual membership fee mandatory.
2. Should the maximum price for series courses be increased beyond \$40?
  - Consensus was to increase the course fees maximum but do so slowly.
3. Should one-time course prices be increased beyond \$5?
  - Consensus was to increase the cost slowly.

The discussion pointed out that prices are quite low and have not increased for several years. However the group cautioned not to do everything at once.

- It was noted that KALS is a registered charity and people can request financial assistance for courses if necessary.

### **Election of 2015-2016 Officers and Directors:**

Norm Moss advised that 8 members of the board agreed to stay on for another year in their existing positions. He asked for nominations from the floor for each of the executive positions.

- There were no nominations for president. Lois Hollstedt was acclaimed as president;
- There were no nominations for vice-president. George Humphrey was acclaimed as vice-president;
- There were no nominations for secretary. Clara Fouillard was acclaimed as secretary;
- There were no nominations for treasurer. Linda Nickel was acclaimed as treasurer.

The committee Chairs are appointed by the President and form the balance of the Board along with the Past President.

Program Chair - Janet McChesney;

Office Chair - Ellen Faraday;

Publicity Chair - Sue Holmes;

Special Events Chair - Sharon Mulder;

Member-at-large - Ben Fouillard;

Past President - Norm Moss.

**MOTION:** Moved by Rod, seconded by Fred to affirm election by acclamation of the Board. **Carried.**

- Since next year there will be board members leaving, a hope was expressed that half the members would agree to remain for the sake of continuity.

**Volunteer Instructor Recognition Award:**

Norm Moss announced that Dr. Anne Gagnon is the recipient of the award. Anne was a founding member of KALS and as a history professor considered adult learning very important. She instructed several courses on pre and post Confederation Canadian History for KALS. As she was not able to accept the award in person, her friend and colleague Ginny Ratsoy accepted it on her behalf. Ginny read a heartfelt letter of appreciation for the award from Dr. Gagnon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. followed by registrations and refreshments.

Minutes recorded by Clara Fouillard.