

W.A.N.T.E.
Annual General Meeting
Sargent Park School
May 23rd, 2012
(minutes)

1. **Meeting called to order** – 5:05 pm
2. **President Introduced Executive & Council Members from the 2011 – 2012 year.**
3. **President introduced the Teller's Committee** – Franco Suzio, Ursula Cecchini, Colleen Chopek, Val Church, Chris Hayden, Sabina Kasian, Mike Langtry, Millie Mercier, Karma Neufeld, Tammy Poulin, Monica Sitter, Joyce Suderman.
4. **Annual Reports and Auditor's Report:**
 - All reports were included in the handout that was given as members signed in. All reports were explained.
 - Liz Belous, Association Treasurer, presented the Auditor's Report. Liz made reference to the auditor's report on page 2 of handout

Motion: I move to adopt the 2011-12 auditor's Report – Liz Belous

Seconded Cynthia Hornstein

Motion carried

5. **Nominations**
 - President thanked the Members that are leaving for their time, dedication and hard work. Leaving are : Scott Gollan, Nelson Fernandes, Debra Kofsky, Kristia Schan
 - President asked Cynthia Hornstein, Nominating Chairperson to introduce the members who have submitted their names to stand for office. The officers who will be completing the second year of their two year term will also be included.
6. **Proposed Amendments to Constitution Bylaws**
 - The Constitution/Bylaws may be amended at any general meeting, by a 2/3 vote of the members present provided notice of the amendments have been presented fifteen (15) days before the meeting.
 - Explanation was given on the voting for the amendment of the Constitution change by Carla Paul.

1. Article VI - Officers - Section B - Election of Officers:

CURRENT

1. Officers of the Association will be elected at the Annual meeting and hold office for a term of two (2) consecutive years. Officers shall be elected on alternate years for their term as follows:

(a) President, Secretary and two Members-at-Large (Even Calendar years)

(b) Vice President, Treasurer and two Members-at-Large (Odd Calendar years)

Any officer who is not up for re-election and who accepts a nomination for another position on the Executive Committee or is not able to complete the term shall tender her resignation so that nominees may be nominated to fill her unexpired term. Said resignation will take effect upon the completion of the term. A candidate for the office of President shall have served at Executive level for two (2) consecutive years and must be a current officer of the Executive committee. A candidate for the office of Vice-President shall have served at Council level for two (2) consecutive years.

The election of officers shall be by secret ballot except that if there is only one (1) nominee for any office, election will be by acclamation.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To Amend Article VI – Officers – Section B – Election of Officers - No. 1 by striking out: “at the Annual Meeting” in the first sentence and inserting “by mail ballot vote”. Insert after the first sentence “The ballots for the election of officers of the Executive be sent by division courier to all eligible voting members at their work location. Members will be provided with a self-addressed envelope for the return of ballots to the Chair of the Tellers Committee. All ballots will be counted by the Tellers Committee and the election results will be presented at the Annual General Meeting. Voting to decide issues other than the election of officers shall be conducted at the General Meeting as stated in our constitution and by-laws.” In the last sentence, strike out “secret” before ballot and insert “mail”.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ

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1. ARTICLE VIII - COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

CURRENT

Section A - Election

1. Council representatives shall be elected at the annual meeting in May and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year or until their successors shall have been elected and take office.

2. Council representatives shall be eligible for re-election for a consecutive term.

3. The election of Council members shall be by secret ballot except that if there is only one nominee for each representative, election shall be by acclamation.

4. Only those members nominated as designated representatives shall be eligible for election.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To Amend Article VIII – Council Representatives – Section A – Election No. 1 and by striking out “at the annual meeting in May” and inserting “by ballot votes”. Insert after the first sentence “The ballots for individual classification for the election of Council Members be sent by division courier to all eligible voting members at their work location. Members will be provided with a self-addressed envelope for the return of ballots to the Chair of the Tellers Committee. All ballots will be counted by the Tellers Committee and the election results will be presented at the Annual General Meeting. Voting to decide issues other than the election of officers shall be conducted at a General Meeting as stated in our constitution and by-laws.” In No. 3 strike out “secret” before ballot and insert “mail”.

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3. Article X - COMMITTEES, Number 7 - Nominating

CURRENT

7. Nominating

The Nominating Committee shall:

- a) Be responsible for preparing a slate of at least one (1) candidate for each Executive office and Council representative to be presented for election at the Association's annual meeting.
- b) Request nominations from the membership through the March edition of the newsletter.
- c) Prepare a slate of officers and Council representatives for presentation to the membership.
- d) Verify the current membership of each nominee in the Association and secure her written consent to the nomination. All members nominated must be included on the final slate of candidates.
- e) Send an interim slate of candidates to the membership by the second Friday in April requesting further nominations to be submitted no later than the last day in April.
- f) Advise members of the Association of a complete slate of candidates by newsletter at least one (1) week prior to the annual meeting. A brief resume of the background of candidates shall be included.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To Amend Article X - No. 7 - Nominating by substituting “a to f” with the following “a to j”:

7. Nominating

The Nominating Committee shall:

- a) Be responsible for preparing a slate of at least one (1) candidate for each Executive office and Council representative to be elected by mail ballot and results presented at the Association’s Annual Meeting.
- b) Request nominations from the membership through a special mailing through Division courier at their work location sent out by the last working day in January. The deadline for the return of all members’ Intentions and Profiles will be the February Council meeting (third Wednesday in February). Responsibilities and expectations of each position shall be included in this special mailing.
- c) Prepare a slate of Officers and Council representatives for presentation to the membership.
- d) Verify the current membership of each nominee in the Association and secure her written consent to the nomination. All members nominated must be included on the slate of candidates.
- e) Send a slate of candidates, along with profiles, to each work location by the second Friday in April.
- f) Ballots should go out to the membership May 1st.
- g) Ballots to be returned to Chair of the Tellers Committee one (1) week prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- h) Tellers Committee will count the ballots the day of the Annual General Meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the location of the Annual General Meeting.
- i) All members running for Executive or Council positions, shall not have any access to, or contact with the distribution and collection of ballots.
- j) The Nominating Chair shall not be a member up for re-election.

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Article X - Number 7 - Nominating

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j) The Nominating Chair shall not be a member up for re-election.

Questions from the assembly were answered by Gale Hladik, President

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7. Tellers Report – Franco Suzio

- The Committee Chair announced the results of the vote for the 2012/2013 year. The Members At Large positions will serve a two-year term effective June 2012. The Vice President will serve a one-year term effective June 2012. The President will serve a two-year term effective August 1, 2012.
 - Member at Large - Carla Paul and Carol Gossel
 - Vice President – Luis Tome
 - President – Barbara Morrison
- Amendment to the Constitution and ByLaws were passed with more than 2/3 votes in favour - motion carried.
- The President thanked the Teller's Committee for their time and efforts.

8. Liason Dinner

- Reminder that the Liaison dinner will take place on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 5:00 pm at Marigold Restaurant at 1245 Inkster Blvd.

9. Annual Dinner

- Will take place on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the Norwood Hotel. To date there are 26 retirees.
- Tickets will be \$20.00 this year

10. Open Session

- Questions were answered from the floor

11. Draw

- Names were drawn for the door prizes.

12. Closing Remarks

- President thanked the Nominating committee for all their work in making the election possible.
- President thanked the Membership Committee for the excellent job in arranging and preparing the Annual Meeting
- President thanked the members that have helped in the past year.

13. Adjournment : 6:10 pm.

Luis Tome, Vice President

Liz Belous, Treasurer

Barbara Morrison, President