

## **Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.**

### **Annual General Meeting**

MGS Resource Centre, E – 1045 St. James St., Winnipeg, MB

Saturday, October 18, 2014

**Present:** Jim Oke (chair), Jim Rutherford, Patricia Allan, Louisa Shermerhorn, Enid Dorward, Kelly Southworth, Kathy Stokes, Mary Bole, Rick McLellan, Bill Curtis, Sheila Woods, Kathleen Kristjansson, Janice Butcher, Virginia Braid, Lorna Karman, Garry Brickman, Sandra Habig, Linda Wray, Mavis Gray, Judith Roe, Linda White

1. Meeting called to order at 10:02 am.

2. Approval of the Agenda. **Moved:** Jim Rutherford, seconded: Kelly Southworth. CARRIED

3. Approval of the minutes of previous AGM, 19 October, 2013. **Moved:** Virginia Braid, seconded: Kathy Stokes. CARRIED

4. Business arising from the minutes:

Point 7. Appointment of auditors: The Executive decided to have a financial review instead, for reasons of economy.

### **5. Reports**

Copies of reports are included in the AGM booklet. The respective reports were presented in person unless otherwise indicated.

#### **5.1 Presidents' Reports**

5.1 MGS President's Report: Jim Oke

Branch presidents' reports

5.1.1 Beautiful Plains Branch: Maxine Woodcock (absent)

5.1.2 Dauphin Branch: Shirle McGimpsey (absent)

5.1.3 Southeast & Winnipeg Branch: Virginia Braid

5.1.4 South West Branch: Laura Crookshanks (absent)

5.1.5 Swan Valley Branch: Eric Neufeld (absent)

**Moved:** Sandra Habig, seconded: Kelly Southworth "that the Presidents' reports be accepted as submitted and distributed". CARRIED

#### **Vice-Presidents' Reports.**

The Vice Presidents' reports were presented, followed by the Standing Committees reporting to each VP.

#### **5.2 Vice-President Administration: Virginia Braid**

5.2.1 Library: Mary Bole

5.2.2 Research: Jim Rutherford

5.2.3 Membership Services: Janice Butcher

5.2.4 Special Projects: Kathy Stokes

5.2.5 Office Coordinator: vacant

Moved: Mary Bole, seconded: Pat Allen "that the Administration reports be accepted as submitted and distributed". CARRIED

### **5.3 Vice-President Communications: Linda White**

5.3.1 Generations: David Farmer (absent)

5.3.2 Outreach and Education: Bill Curtis

5.3.3 Publications: vacant

5.3.4 Publicity: vacant

Moved: Linda White, seconded: Jim Rutherford "that the Communications reports be accepted as submitted and distributed". CARRIED

### **5.4 Vice-President Information Technology: Gord McBean**

5.4.1 Computer: vacant

Moved: Sheila Woods, seconded: Virginia Braid "that the Information Technology report be accepted as submitted and distributed". CARRIED

### **5.5 Vice President Finance: Rick McLellan**

5.5.1 Fundraising: Judith Roe

5.5.2 Grants and Applications: Linda White

5.5.3 Treasurer: Rick McLellan

Moved: Kelly Southworth, seconded: Mary Bole "that the Finance reports be accepted as submitted and distributed". CARRIED

### **6. Approval of Financial Statements.**

Moved: Judith Roe, seconded: Pat Allan "that the Financial statements be accepted as submitted and distributed". CARRIED

**7. Financial review committee.** The Executive will appoint a financial review committee of at least two people rather than auditors for 2015, for reasons of economy.

### **8. Ratification of decisions made by Executive and Council**

Moved: Kelly Southworth, seconded: Garry Brinkman "that the decisions made by Executive and Council in 2013-2014 be ratified". CARRIED

### **9. New Business:**

9.1 Notices of Motion – Constitution Revisions

#### **Motion 1 - Article 3.1.4**

To change "produce a quarterly journal" to "produce journals".

Moved Kathy Stokes – Janice Butcher: That the motion be approved. Carried.

#### **Motion 2 - Article 5.4 – Quorum of MGS Council**

To change "Ten council members present shall constitute a quorum" to "the quorum for Council meetings shall be equal to 50% of the total number of Executive officers and chairs of Standing Committees whose positions are filled".

Moved Kathy Stokes – Janice Butcher: That the motion be approved. Carried.

**Motion 3 - Article 11.6 – Fiscal year**

To change the fiscal year from “1 August to 31 July” to “April 1 to March 31”  
 Moved Kathy Stokes – Janice Butcher: That the motion be approved. Carried.

**Motion 4: Article 15.1.**

To change “may be proposed by Council or by petition” to “may be proposed by Executive, Council, or by petition”.

Moved Kathy Stokes – Janice Butcher: That the motion be approved. Carried.

**Motion 5: Article 15.2.**

To change “A call for Notices of Motion to amend the Society Constitution shall be printed in the first issue of the Society journal each calendar year” to “A call for Notices of Motion to amend the Society Constitution shall be published in the Society journal at least 90 days prior to the AGM”.

Moved Kathy Stokes – Janice Butcher: That the motion be approved. Carried.

**Motion 6: Article 15.2.2.**

To change “All Notices of Motion received shall be printed in the second issue of the Society journal” to “All Notices of Motion received shall be distributed by electronic or paper means to the membership no fewer than 30 days prior to the AGM.”

Moved Kathy Stokes – Janice Butcher: That the motion be approved. Carried.

**Motion 7 - Article 4.1**

7a) To change the word “classes” of membership to “categories” of membership.

7b) To delete HONOURARY LIFE MEMBER from the categories of membership.

Moved Kathy Stokes – Janice Butcher: That the motion be approved. Carried.

**Motion 8 - Article 4.6 – Description of Honourary Life Membership**

To delete as per Motion 7b) above and move description to Article 14.2 – Awards of the Society.

Moved Kathy Stokes – Janice Butcher: That the motion be approved. Carried.

**Motion 9 – Article 6 - Name of Executive**

To change the term “Executive Committee” to “Executive” in the Title of Article 6 and in sub-articles 6.1, 6.4 and 6.4.1.

Moved Kathy Stokes – Janice Butcher: That the motion be approved. Carried.

**Motion 10 - Article 10 - Meetings of the Society**

10a) To add the word “General” in front of the article heading, “MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY”.

10b) Article 10.4. To add the word “general” in front of the word “meeting”.

**10. Report of the Nominations Committee:** Bill Curtis read the report prepared by Daryl Dumanski listing the people who had agreed to stand for each position, as follows:

- President                      Jim Oke
- VP Administration      Virginia Braid
- VP Communications      Janice Butcher
- VP Information technology Gordon McBean
- VP Finance                      Rick McLellan
- Treasurer and Secretary to be appointed by Executive.

Moved Bill Curtis - Kathy Stokes: That the nominations be closed. Carried.

**11. Election of Officers:** Moved: Bill Curtis, seconded: Linda White "that the slate of officers presented by the Nominations Committee be elected to serve as Executive Officers for 2014-

2015". CARRIED.

**12. Awards: Jim Rutherford**

Jim presented the following MGS awards, reading the attached citation for each recipient:

12.1 Flo Cox Awards: Mavis Gray– Winnipeg, Bill Curtis – Winnipeg

12.2 Eric Jonasson Award of Merit: Pat Allan - Winnipeg

Appropriate books in the MGS Library will be dedicated to the above persons.

**13. Date of 2015 AGM**

Because of the fiscal year change, the next AGM must be within 90 days after the March 31, 2015 year-end. Moved: Jim Rutherford, seconded: Kathy Stokes "that the date of the next AGM be in early June, 2015. CARRIED. Suggested date – June 6, 2015.

**14. Adjournment**

Moved: Janice Butcher "that the meeting be adjourned". 12:05 pm.

Special thanks to Joyce Elias for preparing the Annual Report and to Karen Becker for photocopying it.

Respectfully submitted, Janice Butcher, Acting secretary