



**51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
YOUTH SCIENCE CANADA**

1. Opening Remarks

The Chair, Len Reimer welcomed everyone to the 51st Annual General Meeting, including Jennifer Gerritsen, Antoine Garwah, Brian Le, Lorne Heslop, Carole Charlebois, Anita Luszzak, Malcolm Butler and Peter Calamai from, who joined by conference call.

In the Youth Science Canada offices were Reni Barlow, Mayur Gadhia, Lori Murray and Andrew Hodgson from Durham Region.

Len announced that he would be Chairing the AGM today and noted that the reason for the AGM being a conference call is that the Board of Directors just had a face to face meeting in Pickering in October and it seemed an unnecessary expense to fly everyone in again a few weeks later.

Lori Murray will record the minutes.

2. Report of the Scrutineer

Reni Barlow, acting as Scrutineer, tabled a report that three (3) Members were present in person with twenty-two (22) Members represented by proxy for a total of twenty-five (25) Members eligible to vote. Reni reported that the necessary quorum of 15 required for conducting the business of the Annual General Meeting was in place.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting of Members

The Chair asked if there were any questions about or amendments to the minutes. No changes were forthcoming.

The Chair asked for approval of the following motion:

By Lorne Heslop:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 50th ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

2nd: Malcolm Butler
CARRIED

4. Chair, Board of Director's Report

A warm welcome to everyone on the line and in the office of Youth Science Canada.

Youth Science Canada has and has always had as its key vision youth engagement in science in Canada. To support that, in 2008 we added the development of inquiry and critical thinking skills through the Smarter Science/Éducasciences teacher development initiative, which is now spreading throughout Canada. The latest request for workshops comes from Nunavut, adding to several provinces already using the Smarter Science framework to develop skills which support students' growth in science. We also continue to connect with approximately 11,000 schools twice a year to keep them up to date on our programs and to feature items during Youth Science Month. Team Canada-ISEF had great

success this year highlighted by Nicholas Schiefer winning one of the three top Intel Foundation Young Scientist Awards as one of the 30 awards presented to the 18-member team. Most recently, Adam Noble won the International Cooperation Award at the European Union Contest for Young Scientists in Bratislava, Slovakia.

For most of us, the highlight of the year was the warm and friendly welcome everyone received at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Charlottetown. We were also pleased to welcome Research In Motion as the Presenting Sponsor of the CWSF, which will continue for 2013 and 2014, as well as Microsoft Canada, who announced three-year support of the new Alumni Award starting at CWSF 2013. The Host Chief Judge and team assisted by the National Judging Committee completed judging in one day, reducing student down time and introducing Blackberry technology from RIM.

As always, there is a huge team of volunteers across Canada who are responsible for the teaching, guiding and support of the students and for the smooth running of city and town based science events, Regional Fairs and the wonderful experience at the CWSF. Volunteers are the backbone of Youth Science Canada and we cannot thank those involved enough.

The Charlottetown CWSF was the first that fully operated under the new Host Agreement where Youth Science Canada is responsible for all mission-critical elements of the event. This new agreement gives assurance that the majority of the key elements of the Fair are financially and operationally secure allowing the hosts to concentrate on the local flavour of the Fair, recruiting and assisting the judges and producing a unique welcome and opening, among other things. Both CWSF 2012 co-chairs, Bill Whelan and Andrew Trivett praised the new arrangement and the confidence and assurance it brought. We trust many cities in the future will move forward with this confidence and assurance to take on the hosting of this amazing event.

We had an interesting turn of events with the Directors this year. In Charlottetown, there was an exciting selection process. I thank all those who supported me as I was re-elected. Jennifer Gerritsen from Calgary was also elected. Jennifer is a medical doctor and long time Regional volunteer with the Calgary Youth Regional Fair. Dave Jaworski represented Research In Motion (RIM) through the week and was also elected as Director. Dave brought many skills and practical, experienced knowledge to the role. Unfortunately for Dave, RIM went through a restructuring a few weeks after the election and he found himself out of RIM. Also, his new job precluded him from continuing in the role of Director. The Board sadly accepted his letter of resignation. The Board felt that it would be better to have a full set of Directors for the remainder of the year and so we decided to appoint Brian Le to the role. Brian was one of the unsuccessful candidates in the 2012 Director election in Charlottetown. Brian is currently the Chair of the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair, is a former Regional, CWSF, and Taiwan International Finalist with several awards along the way. He has already proven to be a good addition. As a university student, Brian also brings the youth perspective to the Directors' table.

Before Dave's retirement and Brian's appointment, the Board had decided to have more input from the Youth of Canada in our discussions and decision making. While this process is not finalized yet, we did approach the CWSF 2012 Ambassadors. They selected Vivian Pang and Elise Tessier to develop a report presenting options for youth input to the Board. Vivian presented the report at the Board meeting in October, which she and Elise, along

with the other Ambassadors, had written. The Board is excited with the idea of having youth contributing to decisions that affect all of Youth Science Canada.

Youth Science Canada is a large organization with a very small staff – just 3 full-time members and two contractors. We thank Lori Murray who handles all of our and your questions calmly and efficiently. We appreciate the amazing growth of Smarter Science under the leadership of Mike Newnham. Our contractors include Dominic Tremblay, perhaps best known as the flawless emcee at the CWSF award ceremonies, but he is also the key to the SMARTS social media network and leads Éducasciences, the French version of Smarter Science for francophone and French immersion teachers, schools, and school boards across Canada. Liette Philippe from Ottawa is our hard working CWSF Coordinator and CWSF Travel Coordinator.

For over a decade, Youth Science Canada has been led by the tireless and creative efforts of Reni Barlow. Reni works day and night for the youth of Canada and has helped create the strong and respected entity that Youth Science Canada has now become. Several years ago, Reni reminded the Board that he is eligible to retire at the end of November 2013. Although the exact date has not been set, a Board committee has been put together to explore options and lead the search for a new Executive Director, ensuring that we are being proactive in our planning.

The Board of Directors meets regularly by Skype and communicates through the Youth Science Canada hub, as well as many emails. Three times a year we meet in person, one of those being at the CWSF. There are many committees, documents and decisions that involve this dedicated team. I wish to thank the Board of Directors, they are:

- Anita Luszczak, Vice-Chair from Calgary, Alberta where she works for Devon Energy Corporation;
- Antoine Garwah with Science Timmins in Timmins, Ontario
- Brian Le attending UBC, Vancouver, BC
- Jaymie Matthews, Board Secretary, the head of the department of astrophysics at UBC, Vancouver, BC
- Jennifer Gerritsen from Calgary, Alberta
- Lorne Heslop from Almonte, Ontario, just outside Ottawa
- Malcolm Butler, Dean of Science at Carlton University in Ottawa, Ontario
- Mayur Gadhia, from Toronto, Ontario as Treasurer
- Peter Calamai from Ottawa, Ontario
- and myself, Len Reimer from near Vancouver, BC

Together with the energy and commitment of the members of Regional Committees and the young people and their teachers across Canada we have an exceptional team. Thank you to everyone and may we work together to continue to build an even stronger future.

5. Executive Director's Report

Thanks Len. As you talked about the YSC year, I'll speak about the recently adopted Strategic Imperatives.

To ensure that we are on track to achieve our Practical Vision in three years, we are aiming to accomplish these Strategic Imperatives in the next 12 months.

1. Succession and Organization Structure
Imagine Canada
 - identified a few gaps in policy and procedures
 - new policy developed and deficiencies addressed
 - exploring options and opportunities for partnerships and collaboration

2. Revenue Growth Strategy and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)
 - work with T1 Partnership Marketing continues
 - RIM relationship solidified
 - Microsoft key partner
 - LTFP as part of strategic plan

3. Alumni Strategy/Roadmap
 - still exploring strategies

4. CWSF Roadmap
 - continue to build on YSC's leading role in the event to create a world-class experience for participants, sponsors and host community

5. Communication and Brand Strategy
 - enhance YSC brand presence with regional affiliates and in general

6. Smarter Science Roadmap
 - financial sustainability
 - resource development – teachers/trainers
 - promotion/marketing – STAO endorsement
 - controlled growth
 - o currently active in BC, ON, PEI, MB
 - o in discussion with NU, AB, SK, QC
 - certification of trainers
 - francophone teachers embracing Smarter Science

7. Regional/Feeder Strategy Implementation
 - enhance communication/collaboration and timely access to resources through even better use of information technology
 - establish regional fair standards to ensure science fairs are a quality experience
 - explore opportunities to support regional fairs – Nuclear Waste Management Organization sponsorship
 - explore value of common promotional materials
 - improved services – insurance, including liability & D&O

All in all 2012 was a good year and looking forward to 2013.

6. Financial Report

Treasurer, Mayur Gadhia presented a report on the audited financial statements:

Financial Report

- Deloitte & Touche (D&T) audited the financial statements prepared by management

- The Board received and reviewed the draft financial statements on November 10
 - D&T provided an qualified audit opinion on the financial statements consistent with what many other charitable organization are provided.
 - D&T provided a post-audit report in which there was only immaterial item of \$14K which was uncorrected.
 - D&T expressed their appreciation for management and the overall audit process
- 2012 financial statements:
 - Statement of financial position:
 - Cash balance and investment have declined from \$800K to \$147K
 - Accounts receivable decreased by \$43K mainly due to sponsorship amounts receivable
 - Capital assets decreased to \$12K mainly due to amortization
 - Deferred revenue decreased to \$1.2 million to 123K mainly due to recognition of MRI funds
 - Overall the balance sheet has decrease from \$1.4 million to \$549 K due to low growth in sponsorship
 - Statement of operations:
 - Revenues have increased by 443K between 2011 (\$2.7 million) to 2012 (\$3.1 million)
 - Expenses have decreased by 375K between 2011 (\$3.1 million) to 2012 (\$2.7 million)
 - The result is a surplus of 400K (compared to a deficiency of 403K in 2011)

Appointment of Auditor's

- Management and the Board are pleased with the auditors and recommend that D&T be reappointed auditors for 2012

Mayur Gadhia made the following motion:

THAT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012 BE ACCEPTED.

2nd: Antoine Garwah
CARRIED

7. Appointment of Auditors

Mayur Gadhia made the following motion:

THAT THE FIRM OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP BE REAPPOINTED AS AUDITOR FOR THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR.

2nd: Anita Luszczak
CARRIED

8. Questions or Comments

None.

Len thanked those on the conference call for calling in and also for those in the office attending the meeting.

9. Adjournment

Malcolm Butler made the following motion:

THAT THE 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS BE ADJOURNED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31am.