



49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS YOUTH SCIENCE CANADA

1. Opening Remarks

The Chair, E. Irwin welcomed everyone to the 49th Annual General Meeting. On the conference call is Patti Leigh, Science Fair Foundation of BC, Ann McIlmoyle from Peterborough Regional Science Fair and Sanjil Shah, Treasurer.

Elaine announced that she would be Chairing the AGM today. At this point everyone around the table introduced themselves. Elaine noted that the Board was in attendance at the Youth Science Canada office in Pickering as they have a two-day face-face meeting.

L. Murray will record the minutes.

2. Report of the Scrutineer

R. Barlow, acting as Scrutineer, tabled a report that ten (10) Members were present in person with twenty-one (21) Members represented by proxy for a total of thirty-one (31) 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 48th 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 C. Charlebois:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 48th ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

SECONDED: P. Leigh

1 ABSTAIN

CARRIED

4. Chair, Board of Director's Report

As Chair of the Board, Elaine welcomed the Board members elected at the Special General Meeting in May at the CWSF:

- Returning Board member Antoine Garwah from Ontario
- Returning Board member Lorne Heslop from Ontario
- Peter Calamai from Ontario

Joining them we have:

- Cliff Coveyduc from Nova Scotia
- Len Reimer from British Columbia
- Amberly Dooley from Alberta
- Steve Karrel from Nova Scotia
- Elaine Irwin from Ontario
- Carole Charlebois from Quebec

Much has been accomplished since May 2010. The Board of Directors is continuing with the Strategic Plan and also implementing great new science resources. We are looking forward to meeting new challenges that will enable us to fulfill our mission.

Elaine would like to express her gratitude to the Directors for their commitment, dedication and time that each and every one puts towards this fantastic organization.

Elaine would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Executive Director Reni Barlow, his assistant Lori Murray and other staff for maintaining the standard of excellence that has come to be expected by all.

5. Executive Director's Report

CWSF is the premier program for Youth Science Canada. The Canada-Wide Science Fair 2010 was very successful and largest to date. Everyone who participated had a great time. We are looking forward to CWSF 2011, the 50th anniversary in Toronto at Seneca College in May. We had a very successful site visit a few weeks ago on October 30-31st. The last time the CWSF was held in Toronto was 1982.

School awareness programs includes Invent the Future and Youth Science Month. In September we mailed out a package to 11,000 schools with a poster introducing the seven challenges and a newsletter. The challenge to youth is to do a science project and change the world. We have already received some positive feedback about the simple wording of the challenges. In March we will have Youth Science Month Events and invite the three platinum winners from 2010 to a CWSF launch in Toronto.

Team Canada-ISEF continues to benefit from increased awareness at the CWSF and amongst CWSF alumni. We sent 16 students to San Jose, California and 80% were winners. We held a media event in downtown Toronto the day before they left and had alumni Mike Serbenis as keynote speaker and Ontario Minister of Research & Innovation John Milloy as a guest. It was a very successful event.

SMARTS is under development as an online social network. User testing is happening now and we providing feedback to the developers.

Smarter Science was featured at the Science Teachers' Association of Ontario Conference in November. This is a framework to help teachers teach inquiry and critical thinking skills. There is great momentum building for this program and the long-term plan is to go national over the next few years.

All in all, last year was a very successful year with lots of things happening.

Question: Patti Leigh – when can other provinces see the information on Smarter Science? Answer: All information is on our website now:

<http://smarterscience.youthscience.ca/>

6. Financial Report

Treasurer, Sanjil Shah presented a report (by telephone) on the audited financial statements:

- Deloitte & Touche (D&T) audited the financial statements prepared by management
- The Board received and reviewed the draft financial statements on October 19:
 - D&T provided an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements
 - D&T provided a post-audit report that included information on five audit adjustments (mostly related to classification of expenditures related to MRI funds) and comments related to review and approval policies (expected due to size and type of organization)
 - D&T expressed their appreciation for management and the overall audit process
- 2010 Financial statements:
 - Statement of financial position:
 - Cash balance has declined to a deficit (bank overdraft) of 201K due to the timing of maturity of 2.5M of funding from Government of Ontario invested in long-term GICs at 4%
 - Accounts receivable decreased to 227K (from 418K) mainly due to sponsorship amounts receivable
 - Capital assets decreased to 166K (from 210K) mainly due to amortization
 - Deferred revenue decreased to 2.41M (from 3.24M) mainly due to recognition of MRI funds
 - No other significant changes

- Statement of operations:
 - Revenues have increased by 848K in 2010 from 2.331M in 2009 to 3.179M in 2010 – 506K of Government of Ontario funding recognized and sponsorships increased by 358K
 - Expenses have increased by 419K in 2010 from 2.375M in 2009 to 2.794M in 2010 – 506K of expenses related to Government of Ontario funding recognized
 - The overall result is a surplus of 385K (compared to a deficiency of 45K in 2009)

S. Karrel made the following motion:

THAT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010 BE ACCEPTED.

SECONDED: L. Heslop
CARRIED: Unanimous

7. Appointment of Auditors

S. Shah noted that Management and the Board are pleased with the auditors and recommend that Deloitte & Touche be reappointed auditors for 2011.

C. Charlebois made the following motion:

THAT THE FIRM OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP BE REAPPOINTED AS AUDITOR FOR THE 2011 FISCAL YEAR.

SECONDED: L. Reimer
CARRIED: Unanimous

8. Questions or Comments

Greater Vancouver – What is the HST charge on the invoice for? Answer: The charge is for Science Fair in a Box hosting by Lightbox Technologies Inc.

Patti Leigh commented that the British Columbia government has proclaimed September 2010 – June 2011 to be “The Year of Science”. And with this proclamation will also be funding. Congratulations Patti and BC!!

Reni also noted that Patti received the “Order of BC” in August for her contributions to science fairs over many years. Congratulations again Patti!!!

Elaine thanked those on the conference call for calling in and attending the meeting.

9. Adjournment

A. Dooley made the following motion:

THAT THE 49TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS BE
ADJOURNED.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm.