

technology for living

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting
September 14th, 2023
via Zoom

In Attendance:

Board: Christine Gordon (Chair), Caleb Harrison (Treasurer), Anthony Chan, Jane, Stillwell, Alex Carey, Chris Marks, Evan Mutrie

Participants: Jeremy Road, Melody Burton, Scott Wood, Chris Beaton, Roger Jones, Philip Jewel, Erik Allas, Kenneth Garvin, Clara Chalifour, Betty Eaton, Paul Gautier, Stephen Nelson Vokey, Robyn Whyte, David Hill, Kaileen Nelson, Robert Raven, Maynard Hanscom, Scott Wood, Elizabeth Rathbun, Monica Gartner, Heather Morrison, Vivian Garcia, Christina Koh, Kris Hunter, Thomas Wang, Omar Al-azawi, Frank Manuel, Maggie Thompson, Jeffrey Gartrell, Juan Vasquez, Delia Filipescu, Ping Wang

TFL Staff: Ean Price, Joan Kluge, , Marie Cambon, Miranda Whitely, Nicole Whitford, Richard Harrison, Ruth Marzetti, Taylor Danielson, Wayne Pogue, Allie Strauss,

Regrets:

Linda McGowan, John Meneghello,

1. Welcome and Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Christine Gordon introduced herself, welcomed everyone and thanked them all for coming to our fourth virtual AGM.

2. Zoom Etiquette – Taylor D.

Christine introduced Taylor Danielson who presented a Zoom etiquette and polling overview.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: To approve and accept the AGM agenda as presented.

Moved by: Paul Gautier

Seconded by: Robyn Whyte

All in favour. Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from last AGM held September 15, 2022.

Motion: To approve and accept the previous year's AGM minutes from September 15, 2022, as presented. No questions were tabled.

Moved by: Jane Stillwell

Seconded by: Robyn Whyte

All in favour. Carried

5. Chair's Report – Christine Gordon.

The Chair's report noted that overall, it has been a stable year for TFL. Her report focused on the invaluable work of the Board of Directors as the "watch tower" for the organization. The Board and its representative, the Executive Director, ensure that the organization lives up to its vision and mission and ensures sound financial and administrative stewardship.

The Chair remembered three long standing Board members who passed away during this year: Terry LeBlanc, Ken Kramer and Don Danbrook. Their contributions to the organization exemplified the best attributes of Board members. Terry was a superb peer mentor, a champion of assistive technology, a frequent contributor to We Talk Tech and the Chair of the Simon Cox Competition Steering Committee. He was also an avid sailor who introduced many people to assisted sailing. Ken was a practicing lawyer with expertise in wills, estates and trusts. He shepherded TFL through many pivotal turning points with his knowledge, empathy, astute networking and attention to detail. Don was our Treasurer who frequently rolled up his sleeves to do basic bookkeeping if the organization needed it. Along with his prodigious financial management skills, Don was a devoted Board member who never missed a meeting and who represented TFL at numerous public events. All three leave a legacy of determination and commitment that has shaped TFL forever.

The Chair also named and thanked all of the current Board members for the invaluable work that they do in upholding the watch tower for TFL

6. Executive Director's Report – Ruth Marzetti

Ruth talked about the work of the peers highlighting: the peers on pages program; forest bathing; the Seniors Tech Project; the peers produced movie on the history of assistive technology, the Pearson resettlement at Cambie gardens and the cooling project, partnering with Praxis, which was very impactful. Ean Taylor and Nicole have also been attending provincial conferences and workshops.

TIL has 892 members currently, the Biomedics were integral to the success of the Simon Cox Event. Kinsmen had their 2023 Golf Tournament which contributes to the Automatic Door Openers along with the generous support of BC Rehab Foundation we were able to install 25 door openers last year.

PROP currently has 832 active members. Dr. Aditi Shah has taken over from Dr. Road as the medical advisor. The PROP team currently travel throughout the province.

Ruth finished with a thank you to Christine Gordon who has devoted so much of her energy, leadership and time to establish and grow Technology for Living.

Ean Price talked about the Youth Assistive Technology project, serving 12–18-year-olds as an extension of the great work TIL has been doing for many years.

A Video of a youth testimonial was premiered

7. Treasurers Report – Anthony Chan

Anthony gave a summary report around the audited finance report for the year ended March 31st, 2023. We had a very clean audit of our fiscal year and the auditor did not present any significant concerns. Overall, we are in a healthy financial position. TFL's auditor Erik Allas was introduced and provided an overview of the audit process and its positive findings.

8. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements – Anthony, Caleb, Alex

Motion: To accept the audited 2022/2023 financial statements for year ended March 31, 2023, as presented by Tompkins Wozny LLP for Technology for Living.

Moved by: Anthony Chan

Seconded by: Alex Carey

Carried

9. Motion to Appoint Auditor for 2023 - 2024.

Motion: To appoint Tompkins Wozny LLP as auditors for 2023-2024 TFL financial statements

Moved by: Anthony Chan

Seconded by: Alex Carey

Carried

10. Election of Board of Directors.

Anthony introduced the current board members for re-appointment: Jane Stillwell, Anthony Chan, Christine Gordon, Linda McGowan, Chris Marks, Alex Carey, Caleb Harrison Evan Mutrie and new nominees Vivian Garcia and Dr. Jeremy Road.

Anthony called for nominations from the floor. No nominations after the third call.

Motion: To accept the current slate of candidates as presented for the year 2022-2023.

Moved by: Anthony Chan

Seconded by: Alex Carey

Carried

The slate of Christine Gordon, Anthony Chan, Jane Stillwell, Linda McGowan, Chris Marks, Alex Carey, Caleb Harrison, Evan Mutrie, Vivian Garcia and Dr. Jeremy Road were elected.

11. Other Business:

None

12. Thank You, Closing words, and Adjournment

Thanks were expressed to the technical crew of Ean Price and Taylor Danielson, for shepherding us through this online process. Thanks to everyone for attending.

Roger Jones gave a presentation on his experiences with assistive technology after the meeting adjournment.

Motion: To adjourn the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Moved by: Alex Carey

Seconded by: Jane Stillwell

All in favour. None Opposed. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm