



SLOW FOOD® CANADA

Slow Food in Canada Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2016 at 11am Mountain Standard Time

National Summit

Invermere, British Columbia

Board members:

Heather Pritchard, Chair

Ingrid Jarrett, Vice-Chair

Christina Allain, Secretary

Angus Bonnyman, (future) Treasurer

Janet Henderson (absent)

Sinclair Philip, International Councilor

Duncan Ebata, Board Liaison Youth Committee

Christian Baxter, Board Liaison for Slow Meat Committee

Benni DiZitti, Governance Committee

Cynthia Strawson, Ark of Taste Committee

Kari MacKnight, Board Liaison Terra Madre Committee

Michael Howell

Ghislain Trudel, Board Liaison Raw Milk Committee

Convivia Leaders West to East:

Vancouver Island – Sinclair Philip, proxy for Brooke Faber

Vancouver – Heather Pritchard, proxy for Costanza Testino

Thompson Okanagan – Ingrid Jarrett, proxy for Jon Crofts

Columbia Valley – Alison Bell

Calgary – Kris Vester (absent)

Edmonton – Genevieve Olivier

Saskatoon - Noelle Chorney

Perth County – Christian Baxter, proxy for Ruth Klahsen

Wellington County – Benny DiZitti, proxy Chris Jess

Sault Ste Marie – Tim Kelly (absent)

Toronto – Dawn Woodward (absent)

Abitibi-Témiscamigue – Hélène Lessard, proxy for Ghislain Trudel

Montreal – Sinclair Philip, proxy for Bobby Grégoire

Lanaudière – Michel Jacques (teleconference)

Vallée de la Batiscan – Johane Germain (absent)

Cocagne Acadie – Nicole Landry, proxy for Maxime Gauvin

Nova Scotia – Chris Velden, proxy for Sean Gallagher

Northumberland Shore – Scott Whitelaw (absent)

1. Acceptance of Agenda
Accepted by consensus.

2. Note: No motions will be passed during this meeting, but that the info will go out to all convivium leaders after the AGM for feedback and online voting; convivium leaders are encouraged to discuss these within their convivia so that leaders can represent their convivium members. This is part of trying a new governance model that is highly inclusive across the vastness of the country, including everyone who cannot be at the AGM; feedback on this process is encouraged

Accepted by consensus.

3. Introduction of existing board of directors:

Executive Board Members:

Heather Pritchard, Chair

Ingrid Jarrett, Vice-Chair

Christina Allain, Secretary

Angus Bonnyman, Treasurer

Janet Henderson

Sinclair Philip, International Councilor

Board Members at large:

Duncan Ebata, Board Liaison Youth Committee

Christian Baxter, Board Liaison for Slow Meat Committee

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4. Executive Report – Heather Pritchard

Over the last year, Heather explains that Slow Food in Canada mainly developed and strengthened the committees founded at National Summit in Montreal last year.

We just got their NFP status, which took several years; this means we can actually have an effective fundraising committee. Note: it is not charitable status, so they cannot give tax receipts.

5. Treasurer's report – Heather Pritchard

- a. Revenue is going down because membership is going down. Communication budget is for Caroline's position. Translation costs are down because Christina has done some for free & Caroline does that as part of her job; will increase this year as we want to strengthen our bilingual status.

- b. There are not many funds, we have a small savings. 5000 dollars are unallocated cash.

- c. Audience Question: "If money wasn't an issue, what would you do? what do you dream about?" - Ingrid suggests to gather these from working group presentations on Sunday.

- d. Question: "Is there an expectation that local convivia fundraise for the national level on top of their own local fundraising?" Heather & Ingrid respond: "no, we would not expect that; we would rather expect that the national level can support the national committees and campaigns once we acquire funds with our NFP status, but we hope

local convivia will be able to support the national network and us coming together through fee payments.”

- e. Motion to accept the budget through the online voting system. Agreed by consensus.
6. Governance report - Benni DiZitti
 - a. Last year: developed by-laws towards more inclusive, more transparent, less hierarchical organization, keeping in mind vastness of country and time zone different.
 - b. The committee is still in the middle of the work and learning, and fulfilling Slow Food International requirements and national needs. Committee is open for people who would like to join the discussion.
7. Membership report - Angus
 - a. Update on ongoing discussion on membership fees:
 - We plan to initiate a discussion with Slow Food International on high membership fees & drop in membership.
 - Proposal is planned for mid-May that takes into account our different status as being managed by SF International, as we would like to think about ways of changing that.
 - We would like to change the wording around membership fees, i.e. the terminology in fee breakdown.
 - We are investigating ways to restructure the fees and possibly work with a charity to give out tax receipts for the contribution part of the fees; some hurdles to jump there still.
 - Contributions from membership to this proposal are very welcome, to ensure our new solutions are workable for SF in Canada and international.
 - b. Update on the ongoing discussion on auto renewal of membership:
 - Started to investigate options for auto renewal for membership.
 - There is some inequity between the individual and couple membership fees.
 - Debating a category for folks younger than youth, under 18.
 - Debating a monthly payment option.
 - Questions: will there be an option to opt out of auto-renewal as a member? This is still in debate, Angus would suggest to give the option to opt in or out of auto-renewal.
 - None of this has been decided - it is in investigation and will be sent out for feedback and later voting
8. Fundraising report - Angus
 - a. NFP status opens a world of new opportunities.
 - b. Motion to put the following forward to convivium leaders: we need a discussion on priorities; instead of a separate fundraising committee, let's discuss fundraising with a group of representatives from various groups and committees who need support; Agreed by consensus.
9. Election of new Board of Directors
 - a. Resignations: Bruno Baumgartner and Martin Barnett
 - b. Angus is suggested as a new board member and brings accounting knowledge to the board
 - c. Board is taking suggestions for board members, whether with specific role ideas or in general. Specific roles we are looking to fill are secretary work (Christina is moving

towards fundraising), and governance work.

The call for new board members will go out in the next weeks by electronic voting.

- d. Background info: Board members can be nominated by membership and are elected by convivium leaders after the AGM via online process as decided in motion under 1)

The board meets every 1-2 months via teleconference, and expects board members to be available for these calls as well as preparatory work.

The aim is to have every committee represented on the board, as well as geographical representation.

- 10. Next Summit: New Brunswick will be happy to host AGM next year

Motion that Cogagne Acadie to host next summit. Agreed by consensus.

- 11. Meeting adjourned at 11:57am Mountain Standard Time.