



## **British Columbia Association of Emergency Managers**

### **2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Sheraton Wall Centre, Vancouver, B.C.

October 31, 2018 @ 1700

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Board Members: Sybille Sanderson, Chairperson  
Deb Borsos, Vice Chair  
Bill Elsner  
Anthony Moore  
Jon Wilson  
Melissa Tomlinson, Executive Director

Regrets: Patricia Culham  
Tammy Grant  
Deborah Jones Middleton  
Pete Smillie  
Marianne Stone  
Tina Wesley

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| Members: | Mike Andrews        | Terry Balan     | Crissy Bennett    |
|          | Gary Burford        | Josh Chafe      | Anita Charest     |
|          | Anita deDreu        | Dan Derby       | Tom DeSorcy       |
|          | Dave Dickson        | Rob Dodds       | Paul Edmonds      |
|          | Eileen Grant        | Merrick Grieder | Greg Kanya        |
|          | Marketa Lund        | Len MacCharles  | Jim MacDonald     |
|          | Chris Marsh         | Norman Nelson   | Anastasia Ovodova |
|          | Charmaine Pflugrath | John Rempel     | Amy Romanas       |

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Chair Sanderson confirmed quorum present, meeting called to order at 17:08 with 29 voting members were in attendance.

#### **2. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR/ INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Chair Sanderson welcomed new and returning BCAEM members and introduced board members. Chair Sanderson also apologized for the challenges with membership renewals

and the misunderstanding that led to not sending out the conference group code in time. The Board is committed to ensuring that these challenges are resolved and will be looking for a better solution moving forward.

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

MOTION: That the Agenda for the October 31, 2018 Annual General Meeting be adopted.

Moved by: Charmaine Pflugrath

Seconded by: Jon Wilson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. APPROVAL OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:**

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2017 BCAEM Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by: Deb Borsos

Seconded by: Charmaine Pflugrath

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Chair Sanderson gave a brief overview of our past year and directed members to their AGM packages which had been distributed by email and also available on the BCAEM website. Chair Sanderson noted that one of the challenges of having a volunteer board is making time to work on projects alongside busy work lives. Some of the highlights this year included the Hotwash Emergency Management Moderated Discussion Series, Canadian Risks and Hazards Network Affiliation Agreement, and Advocating for Emergency Social/Support Services.

In ending, Chair Sanderson reminded those attending that we are there to serve the membership, and if there are questions, suggestions, comments, etc. for us, to please be in touch so we can assist with relevant support and information services.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

Chair Sanderson gave the highlights of the report, and directed members to their AGM packages which included the financial statements.

A question was raised as to the sustainability of the society with declining funds each year. Chair Sanderson responded that the Board would be looking at options for developing a better website using newer technologies that would help us to reduce one of the

significant fees currently charged by the website development company. The Board will also be actively working to increase the benefits of membership and hope to increase membership revenues as a result.

MOTION: That the 2017 Treasurer's report be approved.

Moved by: Greg Kanya

Seconded by: Charmaine Pflugrath

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 7. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson Sanderson led a call for nominations for 7 Directors and explained that at its first meeting after the AGM a chairperson and vice-chairperson would be selected by the Board.

Chairperson Sanderson called for nominations, and the following individuals were nominated:

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| Mike Andrews | Terry Balan     |
| Deb Borsos   | Patricia Culham |
| Paul Edmonds | Bill Elsner     |
| Greg Kanya   | Marketa Lund    |
| Amy Romanas  |                 |

This interest in serving on the Board was met with celebration as it was the first time the membership had an opportunity to vote for Directors of the Board. With seven seats and nine nominees, the membership proceeded to facilitate a voting process for new board members. Each of the nominees present were asked to give a short speech describing their experience and why they would like to serve on the BCAEM board.

Board members voted in for a 2 year term are:

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| Mike Andrews | Deb Borsos   |
| Paul Edmonds | Bill Elsner  |
| Greg Kanya   | Marketa Lund |
| Amy Romanas  |              |

Board Members continuing until the AGM in 2019:

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| Tammy Grant | Anthony Moore |
| Tina Wesley | Jon Wilson    |

**8. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no items from the floor.

Chairperson Sanderson thanked everyone for attending the AGM and encouraged them to access and contribute to the BCAEM website regularly.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The 2018 BC Association of Emergency Managers (BCAEM) Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 18:30 p.m.