



The Canadian Public Relations
Society (Nova Scotia) Inc.

Special Meeting Minutes Canadian Public Relations Society-NS Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax January 22, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Chris Hansen, at 4:05 p.m.

Present: 23 people attended: 15 voting members, and eight others including student members and non-member professionals.

Agenda Item: Approval of the Interim Board

Chris welcomed all attendees, including one member linked in via telephone, noted that refreshments were available, and briefly reviewed the background and purpose of the special meeting, as outlined in January 14 email to the membership, and the requirement to approve the Interim Board of Directors to manage CPRS-NS activities until the next AGM.

The motion in the notice to members, moved by Jane Nicholson and seconded by Fay Lee, proposed the following officers: President: Chris Hansen; Treasurer: Melissa Foshay; Secretary: Len Canfield; PD & Education Chair: Dr Amy Thurlow; Communications Chair: JoAnn Alberstat; Archivist: Mary Barker; Directors at Large: Merle Emms and Karen Stone. Chair Chris read the motion, asked for questions or discussions, and hearing none, called the vote. The motion passed unanimously (a number of proxy and mail-in responses supportive of the motion were also received). That concluded the business part of the special meeting. Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Bedell at 4:11. Carried.

President Chris then introduced the speaker for the PD presentation, Dr Amy Thurlow, Chair of the Department of Communications Studies at MSVU and CPRS-NS PD & Education Chair who spoke on "the State and Status of Canadian PR," outlining the results of the third in a series of surveys covering a wide portrait of the evaluation of the communications industry in Canada including various sectors, roles and regions.