



WLU Student Publications Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2017, WLUSP Board Room

Attendance: Andreas Patsiaouros (President and Publisher), Lakyn Barton (Executive Director), Noa Salamon (Board Member), Rosalind Horne (Board Member), Lisa Irimescu (Board Member), Benjamin Cooke (Board Member), Randy Moore (Finance Manager), Dellesia Noah (BMO), John Pehar (Treasurer)

Gallery: Sam Nabi (Web Manager)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Call to Order at 7:09PM

2. Approval of Agenda (July 13, 2017)

Motion: Lisa

Second: Noa

All in favor, Passes

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Noa

Second: Ben

All in favor, Passes

4. Chair's Report

Summer transition has been going well, the majority of the department vacancies have been filled. Laurier Student Poll and Keystone are still looking to fill department head roles.

NCRC in Abbotsford, BC was successful and gave department heads some new ideas (specifically for Radio Laurier).

5. Executive Director's Report

Steel Rails went well, Tickets sold out in less than two minutes this year.

We ended up receiving all five grants however; we were unsuccessful in finding a candidate for the Brantford position. We opted to notify CSJ and apply for it again in another year when more of our volunteers are on campus during the summer. We did hire however, Michael Oliveri as the Summer Conference Coordinator, Will Huang for Production Assistant, Emi Zibaei for Advertising

Assistant, and Kaitlyn Severin for Summer Reporter. Additionally, we brought on Meghan Roach to oversee convocation, assist in Steel Rails.

6. Appointment of New Director

Andreas: called for a secret ballot vote via text message for the two BOD candidates - Alan Li and Michael Oliveri.

The outcome of the vote was a tie. Andreas broke the quorum by voting for Alan.

Motion: Lisa

Second: Ben

All in favor, motion passes

7. Web Election Process Proposal

Sam: In section 5.1, our current policies say that advanced voting should be made available for a maximum of 10 hours, which Sam proposes to change to a minimum of 10 hours.

The current policy states that all voting decisions will be made by secret ballot. Sam proposes to change this to a ranked ballot, where ranking all candidates is optional, and assigning the same ranking to more than one candidate will spoil the ballot. There will be no proxy voting.

Our current system counts ballots through Single Transferrable Vote (STV), which Sam is proposing to replace with Modified Borda Count (MBC) which utilizes a point system. Once ballots are counted, whoever receives the most points wins. He noted that a possible con of this change could be voter manipulation through "flooding the ballot".

Lisa: are there any other cons that we should consider in changing this system?

Sam: Not that I could find

8. Lifetouch

Lakyn: reached out to Shaun at Lifetouch and he said that he would be prepared to invest an additional \$5000 from his own business in WLUSP. Lifetouch head office agreed to match this investment, bringing the total investment up to \$10,000. This is in addition to the \$5000 we receive from Lifetouch in June. If we sign, the contract will last until 2021.

John: Would like to know how Lifetouch has worked from a student perspective.

Lakyn: Lifetouch is very involved with Laurier events (including convocation).

Motion: Rosalind

Second: Noa

All in favor, motion passes

9. BOD Community Member Applicant

Lakyn: Haley Watson, managing editor of JSource has applied for community member position on the board of directors.

Rosalind: Can we only have two BOD community members?

Lakyn: No, we are allowed to have up to three community members.

Motion: Lisa

Second: Rosalind

All in favor, motion passes

10. Final Remarks

Andreas: TCE and Blueprint just came out with their new issues. We should be keeping up with publications as they publish throughout the summer.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Lisa

Second: Noa

All in favor, Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM