

Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting, June 17, 2016

Harbour Inn, La Ronge

9:00 AM – 10:19 AM

Present:

Board

Bouvier, Myrna
Charles, Deborah (Chair)
Durocher, Jackie
Fern, Victor
Sierzycki, Jodie
Trottier, Paul
Polischuk, Doreen

Staff

Chrispen, Cherise
Gordon, Erin (recorder)
Greschner, Toby (CEO)
McDougald, Chandra
Penney, Guy
Young, Shelley

Regrets

Favel, Veronica Goulet, Ordean

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 9:15 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

06-17-2573	MOTION	Moved by....., seconded by to adopt the agenda as presented. .../carried
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3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the September 25, 2015 Annual General Meeting

06-17-2574	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by to approve the September 25, 2015 Annual General Meeting minutes as presented. .../carried
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4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4.1 Election of Board Vice-Chairperson

06-17-2575	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, to open nominations for the position of vice-chairperson. .../carried
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06-17-2576	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, to nominate P. Trottier for the position of Vice-Chairperson. .../carried
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06-17-2577	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, that nominations cease. .../carried
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- Paul Trottier elected Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

4.2 Election of Member-at-Large

06-17-2578	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, to open nominations for the position of Member-at-Large. .../carried
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06-17-2579	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, to nominate Myrna Bouvier for the position of Member-at-Large. .../carried
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06-17-2580	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by that nominations cease. .../carried
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- Myrna Bouvier elected Member-at-Large by acclamation.

5. COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

5.1 Committee Structure

- In the past there have been subcommittees of the board which has changed as the Board has agreed to function as a whole, this change needs to be reflected in the minutes.
- Discussion regarding a Finance Committee, what they would do and how often they would meet, was discussed. Generally it was felt that the Board should function as a whole on all matters.

06-17-2581	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, that the Board function as a whole on all matters. Opposed: D. Polischuk .../carried
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6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1 Board Bylaws

- The board reviewed their current by-laws.
- These bylaws were recently approved on May 13, 2016 at the regular board meeting.

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- It was noted that 9.2 and 9.6 reference 8.3, which does not seem correct. This will be reviewed and corrected if required.
- 6.2 Board Recruitment Review
- As per board package
 - We have 8 members out of 10.
 - Board representation and upcoming term completions were discussed. It was felt that recruitment for the positions that are going to become vacant within the next year should begin soon.

06-17-2582	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by to advertise for one board member from the area of Pelican Narrows, Sandy Bay, Deschambeault, or Cumberland house; and for one board member from the area of La Loche. .../carried
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- 6.3 Regional Colleges Act Review
- The board reviewed the act.

7. BANKING INSTITUTION

(Awarded to Conexus Credit Union for a 5 year term ending June 30, 2017)
For Information

- S. Young discussed the value of tendering the banking institution every five years rather than having the same banking institution permanently. Changing institutions is a large undertaking.
- Royal Bank of Canada is who we have our credit cards with, and their service is better. If we changed to RBC our banking wouldn't be in La Ronge and potentially not in northern Saskatchewan. An advantage of RBC is that we would get more service with online banking and transfers, and they would set us up as a vendor so that we can accept EFT, our current email transfer works well now though.
- Any current banking we do with Credit Union is diverted to P.A.
- We are allowed to invest funds in short-term investments.
- Favorable interest rates depend on signing contracts.
- The cost of board members having to travel to P.A. to sign documents needs to be considered when making a decision between institutions.
- The perception that we aren't supporting local businesses needs to be considered.
- It was decided that evaluating options every five years and weighing the value of service, the effort to change, interest rates etc. will continue.
- S. Young will send out a tender for a Banking Institution in January 2017.

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8. AUDITOR

8.1 Motion - Approval of Auditor

Two companies submitted proposals, the information is in the board package. Changing auditors is a lot of work although the start-up costs are usually covered by the company you are changing to. S. Young has built a good relationship with MNP who went above and beyond to provide assistance during the change to PSAB.

06-17-2583	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, to approve a contract with MNP be signed for audit services for Northlands College and its Scholarship Foundation for the 5 years ended June 30, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. .../carried
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9. SOLICITORS

- McKercher LLP from Saskatoon has been representing Northlands College on a case by case basis. At the last AGM the board agreed that this will continue. (For Information)

10. REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES

06-17-2584	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, the 2016-17 regular board meetings be held as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday, September 23, 2016• Friday, November 4, 2016• Friday, December 16, 2016• Friday, February 24, 2017• Friday, April 21, 2017• Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.• Friday, June 16, 2017 .../carried
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11. 2016-2017 CEO GOALS

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2016-17 CEO goals.

- “Plan and develop a Health Training School” was changed to “Plan and develop a Health Training Strategy”
- “Introduce an Indigenization Strategy” was added. A working group comprised of staff and students will be struck in the Fall to determine the best way to do this.

06-17-2585	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, to approve the 2016-2017 CEO goals as discussed and amended. .../carried
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12. 2016-2017 BOARD GOALS

- The Board reviewed and discussed the 2016-17 Board Goals. In regards to “pursue discussions, with government and other funding agencies, about the unique and challenging aspects of providing education and training in the north” there will be a meeting at the end of November/early part of December with MLA’s, it would be a great opportunity for Board members to attend and discuss training and education in the north. More details will follow.
- It was decided to add “Introduce an Indigenization Strategy” to the Board Goals as well.

06-17-2586	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by to approve the 2016-17 Board Goals as discussed and amended. .../carried
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13. NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

06-17-2587	MOTION	Moved by, seconded by, to hold the 2016-2017 Northlands College Annual General Meeting on June 16, 2017 in La Ronge. .../carried
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06-17-2588	MOTION	Moved by, to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. .../carried
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