

The Right to Know Coalition of Nova Scotia

Annual General Meeting

July 21, 2010

Present: Darce Fardy
Brian Awad
Anne Smith (by telephone)
Neal Livingston (by telephone)
Donna McCready
Joanna Porter
Waye Mason
Greg Pemberton
Toby Mendel
Mark Weiler (by telephone)

Regrets: Indranil Dutta
Ian Johnson
Brenda Manning

Commenced: 10:00am

1. Annual Report of the President

Darce presented his report which this year included some figures concerning FOI request wait-times. Discussion regarding Nova Scotia legislation versus legislation in other jurisdictions. Discussion regarding replacing Dean Jobb (resigning as director) with another individual with journalism credentials.

Brian moved to accept the president's report. Waye seconded the motion.

Action: Final draft will be posted to website by Greg.

2. Annual Financial Report of the Treasurer

Indranil was not present. His report was reviewed

Brian moved to accept the treasurer's report. Joanna seconded the motion.

3. Other Annual Reports

Website

Greg Pemberton provided a report on website traffic. Discussion regarding need for overall media strategy.

Action: Greg, Joanna and Wayne to meet to discuss media strategy and increased engagement of members.

Membership

New members are attracted by organizing and hosting topical events. However, many attendees tend not to become active members nor do they make any financial contribution. Discussion regarding pros and cons of an annual membership renewal process (including a contribution request).

Action: Joanna to investigate PayPal and other options for receiving money via the website.

4. Election of Directors

Directors for 2010-11: Darce, Brian, Anne, Belinda, Ian, Neal and Charles.

5. Election of Officers

Officers for 2010-11:

Darce – President
Brian – Secretary
Indranil – Treasurer

6. Other Business

Discussion regarding hosting a forum for Right to Know Week 2010.

Action: Darce to take lead on organizing forum.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45am