

# 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS YOUTH SCIENCE FOUNDATION CANADA

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## 1. Opening Remarks

The Chair, L. Heslop welcomed everyone and had everyone introduce themselves.

L. Heslop praised the Host Committee of CWSF 2006 in Saguenay for an extremely successful fair. We learned about the area and the wonderful culture of Saguenay. The accommodations worked very well.

The Host Committee of CWSF 2007 is well underway with preparations and everything looks great and we are all very excited about heading to Truro.

L. Heslop will chair the meeting; L. Murray will record the minutes.

## 2. Report of the Scrutineer

R. Barlow, acting as Scrutineer, tabled a report that ten (10) Members were present in person and nineteen (19) Members were represented by proxy – a total of twenty-nine (29) voting Members. One (1) Member joined the meeting on the telephone. He reported that this constituted the quorum necessary (15) to conduct the business of the Annual General Meeting.

L. Heslop asked if there was any other business to add to the agenda. No other business came forward.

## 3. Approval of the Minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Members

The Chair asked if there were any questions or amendments to the minutes. No changes were forthcoming.

The Chair asked for approval of the following motion:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

SECONDED: A. Garwah

PASSED: Unanimous

## 4. Chair, Board of Directors Report

L. Heslop expressed his thanks for the work and support of the Board this year. The organization is building a stronger national organization and is becoming very successful

with visibility and recognition with the science community, sponsors and educators, who are eager to support kids and science.

## **5. Executive Director's Report**

### SMARTS

SMARTS is now 1-year old and growing. Motorola is the new sponsor and we have just designed and printed posters and a 1-page sheet that went into the "Invent the Future" 2006 fall mailing. Joshua Liu continues to oversee the SMARTS Program and there are provincial coordinators in almost all provinces. We have monthly conference calls with the youth executive to plan, get feedback and solicit ideas for growth.

### Vector

Vector is also 1-year old with information for students, parents and teachers. This is a searchable online directory of science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs for grade 7-12 students across Canada. AECL is the new sponsor and, as with SMARTS, we have designed and printed a 1-page sheet for the fall mailing. Bookmarks for SMARTS and Vector are now available for distribution at events. They will be sent to all regions for distribution to participants and visitors to their science fairs in the spring.

### CWSF

The Canada-Wide Science Fair in Saguenay of 2006 was superb. Relations between YSF and the Host Committee were extremely good, contributing to the success of the fair. CWSF 2007 in Truro also has excellent relations with YSF and planning is moving forward well.

### Team Canada

At the beginning of October an e-mail was sent to approximately 900 past CWSF participants inviting them to apply for a position on Team Canada – ISEF. To date, 43 are planning to apply and there are several weeks to go before the due date of December 15<sup>th</sup>. This year the process is a little different. A short list of candidates will be announced in January. They will be invited to make a full submission to the selection panel. Selection on March 18<sup>th</sup> will also be a little different. Instead of sending in a 10-minute video tape, candidates will be interviewed by on-line or telephone call. This will give applicants a better opportunity to present their project and for the selection panel to evaluate the candidates' ability to answer questions about their project.

### National Awareness Program

Youth Science Month has grown from provincial proclamations to include a mailing to 11,000 grade 7-12 schools across the country in the month of March. As usual, the poster will include a list of regional science fairs by province. In 2007 there will be over 100 affiliated regions across the country.

Invent the Future is the fall mailing which also goes to the 11,000 schools with science as the focus.

YSF continues to experience growth in the number of regional organizations and we are looking forward to a great year in FY2007.

## **6. Financial Report**

T. Lee (Secretary-Treasurer) presented the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2006, which were approved by the Board. YSF achieved an operating surplus of \$86,807 in 2006, reversing the operating deficit of last year. There is a strong cash position this year due to the increase in revenue, which is attributed to success in new sponsorships and donations. Led by Executive Director, Reni Barlow, the investment and work undertaken by the Foundation since 2004 have begun to show results.

T. Lee made the following motion:

THAT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006 BE ACCEPTED.

SECONDED: F. Seif  
PASSED - UNANIMOUS

## **7. Appointment of Auditors**

T. Lee noted that PricewaterhouseCoopers has been the auditor for the past four years and they have helped us significantly improve our financial reporting. As is standard practice every three to five years, a Request for Proposal was sent to four major accounting firms. Deloitte & Touche responded with a proposal of equivalent service that will provide meaningful financial savings for YSF. Deloitte & Touche are also one of Canada's major audit firms so YSF has every confidence in their reputation and ability.

T. Lee made the following motion:

THAT THE FIRM OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP BE APPOINTED AS AUDITOR FOR THE 2007 FISCAL YEAR.

SECONDED: F. Head  
PASSED - UNANIMOUS

## **8. Other Business**

None.

## **9. Adjournment**

F. Head made the following motion:

THAT THE 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS BE ADJOURNED.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.