

Zoom Meeting

SEAWA's 15th Annual General Meeting

June 27, 2022, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Attending: Stuart Murray, Ryan Davison, Marilou Montemayor (Executive Director), Cathy Linowski, Ron Linowski, Mike Zmurchyk, Jean Beriault, Tina Regehr, Martha Munz Gue, Karen Saffran, Audrey Goodwin (AEP), Clay Bos, Chery Dash (AEP), Aaron Domes (AEP), Amber Zary (AEP), Randi Perry (Grant Thornton LLP), SEAWA summer students (Ben White, Andrea Perez, and Matt Hoffart).

Guest Speaker: Lars Hallstrom, Ph. D., University of Lethbridge

Minutes

1. Welcome & login: Call to order 1:01pm, Ryan Davison, SEAWA Chairman
2. Introductions of 16 participants.
3. Adoption of the agenda.

Moved by Stuart Murray to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Karen Saffran. CARRIED.

4. Review and approval of the previous AGM minutes

Moved by Mike Zmurchyk to adopt the AGM minutes of July 8, 2021. Seconded by Amber Zary.
CARRIED.

5. Introduction of the speaker and a presentation: "The Data Challenge for Watershed Management in the Age of Complexity", followed by Questions & Answers

Lars Hallstrom, Ph. D., University of Lethbridge, Lars.hallstrom@uleth.ca

There's ongoing study/project of the presentation that was based on the Battle River watershed. Socio-economic factors, particularly human health factors, were added to the environmental or the traditional watershed indicators. The report is a huge volume and was nearing completion. Once completed, hard copies would be provided to WPACs.

6. Chairman's Report

Moved by Stuart Murray to adopt the Chairman's report. Seconded by Karen Saffran.

CARRIED.

The Annual Report 2021-2022 is available online. Making progress is dependent on the board and volunteers. The WRRP riparian restoration project funding has ended. Post-project care to be continued for riparian knowledge development for southeastern AB. Adopt-a-pond initiative in partnership with Grasslands Naturalists has been a success. A project of characterization of drinking water source area has been initiated and the project report is due later this year. Thanks to the Government of Alberta and staff for their support. Thanks to summer staff for their contributions to SEAWA.

7. Financial Report

Review engagement. Financial Statements of March 31, 2022 were presented by Randi Perry, Grant Thornton, LLP. Assets of \$209,000, AEP grant of \$195,000. Project grant from Alberta Real Estate Foundation (AREF) was unspent for this period. For details, please see the complete Financial Statements (can be requested from the Executive Director).

Mike Zmurchyk moved to accept the Financial Report. Stuart Murray seconded.

CARRIED.

Moved to retain the accounting firm, Grant Thornton LLP for SEAWA books by Karen Saffran. Seconded by Jean Beriault.

CARRIED.

Moved by Stuart Murray to appoint two member auditors for SEAWA books: Cathy Linowski and Trevor Regehr. Seconded by Tina Regehr.

CARRIED.

8. Discussion and approval of proposed amendments to the SEAWA Bylaws (**Doc3**)

Review of attached bylaw changes.

Moved by Mike Zmurchyk to approve the changes to the Bylaws. Seconded by Ron Linowski.

CARRIED.

Discussion:

- i) Appointment of alternate directors
- ii) Signing officers identified
- iii) Wording edits, including those suggested by provincial societies.

Alternate roles and responsibilities. These may be addressed in the future, in the board Terms of Reference.

Discussion of lack of attendance of board members.

9. ELECTION for 11 seats on the Board. Nomination and introduction of candidates

Conducted by: Ryan Davison and Audrey Goodwin

- Land Resource, Agriculture – One seat, Stuart Murray, Karen Saffran nominates. No further nominations. Acclaimed.
- Licensee Member, Non-Irrigator – One seat, Cancarb may provide potential nomination.
- Municipal Government, Rural – Two seats, Robin Kurpjewit? No nominee currently
- Municipal Government, Urban – One seat. No nominee currently
- Provincial Government – One seat. No nominee currently
- Federal Government – One seat. Ron will ask base biologists about this seat.
- Member-at-Large – Two seats. Chris Howells nominated was by Karen Saffran. Tina Regehr nominates Martha Munz Gue. Both acclaimed.
- Indigenous – One seat. No nominations. Search in progress.
- Academic Institutions – One seat. Clay Bos, nominated by Mike Zmurchyk. Acclaimed.

10. Announcement – Ten Certificates of Appreciation

11. Closing remarks and announcement for the board meeting.

Karen Saffran announces closing remarks. Thank you to Marilou Montemayor, volunteers, board, and staff.

12. Ryan Davison moved for adjournment. Adjournment: Ryan moves for adjournment. Adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Break and preparation for the board meeting.

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