



## Annual General Meeting - Minutes

**December 7, 2023 - 7:00pm**

**Hybrid - Online via Zoom and Room 442 on the fourth floor of the University Centre**

### **Attendance**

#### **Board of Directors:**

Chetna Robinson, LongFei Chen, Josh Grant-Young, Miranda Hubbard, Owen Mulkins-Brown

#### **Members:**

Christopher Currie, Andy Gonzalez (pp: Christopher Currie), Janan Shoja Doost (pp: Christopher Currie), Nicholas Cooper, Ian McDiarmid, Michael Doleschell (pp: Ian McDiarmid), John Fahy (pp: Ian McDiarmid), Jenny Mitchell, Curtis Walker (pp: Jenny Mitchell), Bryan Webb, Andrew Collins (pp: Bryan Webb), Rickky Szostak, Katie Butt (pp: Rickky Szostak), Tristan Curtis (pp: Miranda Dawn Hubbard), Chelsey Edwards, Karim Mosna, Arpit Shaileshbhai Vaghela, Srinithi Meenakshi Sundaram, Matthew Shelley, Madeleine Speed, Paul Smith, Bruce Mathews, Lawi Sultan Njeremani, Odesia Howlett

Guests:

#	Agenda Items	Speaker (s)	Time	Notes
1	Call to order	Chetna R.	7:03PM	
2	Approval of the agenda	Chetna R.		
4	Approval of previous meeting minutes	Chetna R.		



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5	Report on the audit	Adrian C. (bakertilly )	7:10PM	<p>Adrian walks through the auditor's report from Bakertilly.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Bryan notes that the station has been conservative in spending since covid, because of that, the station has come out of the year with quite the surplus. Now the goal is to "spend down" the funds to enrich student and community life</p> <p>**</p> <p>Jenny asks if the student positions are under "salaries and benefits", Bryan confirms yes it does. He notes that the student positions are a way of spending down the budget. It's been a nice way to give back to students directly, and given much exposure for the station.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Paul asks for clarification on the "restricted funds", Bryan notes that this is the "capital reserve, a rainy day fund to cover large expenditures in case of emergency (such as if the antenna was hit).</p> <p>Adam D asks if there's a main funding for in case of "jeopardy" such as another student choice initiative like an event that'll impact the station. Bryan notes that a plan has been designed by a previous chair that details the plans for an "end of life" event</p>
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				<p>for the station, whether that be a relocation of the station and/or maintaining compensation for staff during an event like such. Bryan mentions that the new student fee committee can review potential ways for allocating the available funding that can cover the operational funding while also maintaining a reserve.</p> <p>Adrian notes that because of covid, there was a deliberate "reduce of spend" to maintain a surplus of funds, but now there is an opportunity to look at ways to spend down the available funding.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Chair thanks Adrian's presence.</p>
6	Appointment of auditors for 2023-2024	Chetna R.	7:26	<p>BAKERTILLY VOTED TO BE AUDITOR FOR NEXT YEAR</p> <p>YES: ALL</p> <p>NO: Nil</p>
7	Report from the Board of Directors	Chetna R.	7:29	<p>Chetna talks through the board report</p> <p>**</p> <p>Chetna notes that the full staff report is available on the CFRU website</p> <p><a href="https://www.cfru.ca/cfru-in-2023/">https://www.cfru.ca/cfru-in-2023/</a></p> <p>**</p> <p>Alexandra notes that the programmers toolkit has been well received by artists with lots of gratitude, and recommends everyone to view the full document.</p>



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				<p>**</p> <p>Brian talks about his experience from attending the NCRC and how motivating it was to see the work that many people in the sector put into making spaces more accessible. CFRU has been invited to talk about student engagement initiatives at this year's NCRC. Speaking about the investments put into the station and people to better the students. What we've done and what we are now.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Chetna is very excited about the merch and community initiatives that CFRU has done this year and the amount of engagement we have received.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Odesia gives Jenny a shoutout for Project Serve and Campus Friends.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Odesia talks on "the Bill" where Meta removed Canadian news orgs from sharing on their platform. It has been difficult to remain relevant online as the majority of students are on Instagram. Alternate forms of media have been used to promote the station such as posters and word of mouth across the campus.</p> <p>Odesia notes that with the inability to use Meta platforms, it would take more creative</p>
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				<p>strategies to get the word out about what is happening at the station and community.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Jenny talks about her experience with the Feeting Tummies and Souls event and her new friend Judy Noonan.</p> <p>Jenny talks about an exciting future opportunity for the community to access a diverse recording studio in the KW area that people who may not usually have access to a studio can use.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Chris would like to highlight Madeleine Speed of her show Alternativa Latinoamericana who have been with CFRU since the 1990s always active with the station in terms of the broadcast activities and operational. She has decided to stand down from her program, and Chris thanks for her dedication to the station and the audience, her presence will be missed.</p> <p>Chris also notes that Madeleine's co-host marks 30-years as a member of CFRU, he joined the station in 1993.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Chris notes that there is an increased interest in live to air programming from programmers who previously have been remote,</p>
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				<p>and look forward to the station becoming more lively in the new year.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Chris asks if anyone would like to do any Holiday programming to reach out to him.</p> <p>**</p> <p>Bryan promotes the new promotional videos that the station has produced to promote the station. These videos have been actively shown on digital screens around the campus.</p>
	<p>Motion #1: Acknowledgement of the status of a member's residency "within the Corporation's broadcast area" at time of election.</p>	Chetna R	8:40	<p>Motion initiated by Chetna, Seconded by Ian.</p>
	<p>Motion #2: Amendment of bylaw to reduce requirement for board members within broadcast range from 80 to 75%, retaining requirement for Canadian citizens remain at 80%</p>	Christopher C	8:57	<p>Christophers motion to introduce the motion seconded by Chetna R.</p> <p>Overall motion seconded by Bryan W.</p> <p>Unanimous consent achieved.</p>
	<p>Motion #3: Begin elections</p>	Chetna R	9:02	<p>Seconded by Bryan W.</p>



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8	Election of Directors	Chetna R	7:58	<p>Chetna briefs the attendees on the composition of</p> <p>Chris speaks on current positions/membership, term lengths. **</p> <p>Jenny notes that at the last board meeting, Sasha indicated intent to resign, Jenny recommends an attempt be made to confirm with Sasha if he is formally resigning. A written resignation would be required. **</p> <p>Christopher notes that at the time of election, Chetna resided in Guelph, but at present she does not. What would this mean to the eligibility of her in her position to serve out the remaining terms. Sasha has communicated with Christopher that he resigns from the board.</p> <p>Board formally recognizes his resignation and appreciates his efforts and contributions to the station. **</p> <p>Alexandra and Christopher both note that rounding down the 2.4 person to maintain satisfaction of 80% "whom shall be Canadian citizens who resides within the Corporation's broadcast area". **</p>
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				<p><b>Current:</b>  Chetna Robinson - remain*  Sasha Radisic - remain  Josh Grant Young - resigned from BoD  LongFei Chen - remain</p> <p>There are persons who very recently joined and will need to be re-voted at this AGM.</p> <p><b>Nominees:</b>  <b>2 yr term:</b>  (insert nominees)  <b>1 yr term:</b>  (insert nominees)</p>
9	Statements from departing Directors			
10	Other business			
11	Adjournment	Chetna W	9:04	Seconded by Chelsey