

Fulcrum Publishing Society Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014
1120 Desmarais, 5:30 p.m.

- The meeting was opened at 5:52.
- Motion to approve Mercedes Mueller as Chief Returning Officer by Keeton Wilcock, Mico Mazza seconded. Mercedes Mueller was approved.
- Motion to approve the agenda by Mico Mazza, Jonathan Rausseo seconded. The agenda was approved.
- Motion to approve the 2013 AGM minute meetings by Jonathan Rausseo, Keeton Wilcock seconded. The minutes were approved.
- The President's Report was presented by Keeton Wilcock. Keeton gave an overview of the year, including future and past initiatives and highlights. Of particular note: the Fulcrum will be hosting NASH 77 in 2015; a productive strategic planning session was held in the winter session; and there was significant turnover in the Board throughout the year. Overall it was a smooth and successful year.
- The Vice President's Report was delivered by Keeton Wilcock on behalf of Jessie Willms.
 - This report echoed the President's Report, and encouraged the Fulcrum to continue building on its strong foundation. Regarding NASH 77, for which Jessie Willms will be co-coordinator, she emphasized that as a result of hosting the conference, the Fulcrum will receive exposure, benefit financially, and provide training opportunities for student journalists.
 - Jonathan Rausseo, University Representative for the Board, spoke briefly. Jonathan said that the Board is focused on professionalization; the goals of the Board are to provide opportunities and experiences for students/community members, responsibly steward the funds of UOttawa students, and support editorial staff in providing the best quality paper. To achieve this, the Board looked more into the workings of the Fulcrum in order to better understand and clarify roles and goals and to make improvements, such as increasing distribution, modernizing workspace, and incentivizing Board members.
- The Auditor's Report was presented Andrew Hawley.

- The yearly independent audit for 2013 was presented. Of particular note: a change in printer provided better quality product more consistently for less money; and the professionalization of the business department included growing salaries. The Fulcrum has made a profit almost every year thanks to strong management over nine years, which is a great feat for an autonomous student newspaper. Based on the audit, the Fulcrum will explore diversifying revenue streams in order to reduce economic dependence on SFUO levies, which represent about 50% of the current revenue.
- Motion to approve the audit by Adam Feibel, Mico Mazza seconded. The audit was approved.
- The proposed by-law amendments were presented by Keeton Wilcock.
 - Jon-Rhys Evenchick motioned to vote on the proposed by-laws as a whole, Mico Mazza seconded.
 - There was debate and Jonathan Rausseo proposed an amendment for one of the proposed by-laws to read: “who have active valid student numbers at the University of Ottawa and who are considered a full-time, part-time, or special student within the duration of their term”. Mico Mazza seconded. The amendment was approved.
 - Motion to vote on the by-law amendments by Keeton Wilcock, Mico Mazza seconded. The by-law amendments were approved.
- Board of Directors for 2014-2015 were presented for election.
 - Jon-Rhys Evenchick was nominated for Community Rep by Jonathan Rausseo, seconded by Mico Mazza. Jon-Rhys Evenchick was approved.
 - Andrew Hawley was nominated for Continuity Rep by Keeton Wilcock, Mico Mazza seconded. Andrew Hawley was approved.
 - Chris Radojewski was nominated for Fulcrum Alumnus by Keeton Wilcock, seconded by Mico Mazza. Chris Radojewski was approved.
 - Fulcrum Staff positions (2) remain vacant.
 - Brent Holloway was nominated for Student Rep by Keeton Wilcock, seconded by Mico Mazza. Brent Holloway was approved.
 - Simon Gollish was nominated for Student Rep by Keeton Wilcock, seconded by Mico Mazza. Simon Gollish was approved.
 - Freya Bauer was nominated for Student Rep by Keeton Wilcock, Mico Mazza seconded. Freya Bauer was approved.
 - Benjamin Miller was nominated for Student Rep by Keeton Wilcock, Mico Mazza seconded. Benjamin Miller was approved.
 - Jonathan Rausseo was nominated for University Rep by Keeton Wilcock, Mico Mazza seconded. Jonathan Rausseo was approved.
- There was no other business to discuss. Motion to adjourn by Keeton Wilcock, Jesse Colautti seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23.