

Society of Asexuals and Aromantics of Alberta: Inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2020

Date & Expected Time: 2 August 2020, 1:00 PM

Location: Zoom (virtual meeting)

Meeting Minutes

Present:

- Jasper Clarke
- Sparrow Cryer
- Maureen Dawson
- Bailey Gorman
- Heather Gunson
- Travis Kinney
- Anzo Nguyen
- Paul Wiebe
- Rowan Wiebe

Planned Agenda:

1. Sign-in
2. Call to order/confirmation of quorum (9)
3. Presidential report
4. Board election
5. Financial report
6. Election results/survey results
7. Committee Recruitment
8. Adjourn AGM
9. Meeting of new Board of Directors

12:58 PM: Anzo sets up the Zoom meeting

1:11 PM: Meeting starts (sign-in)

- Quorum of 9 reached; all attendees are already members
- Rowan goes over sign-in and agenda, will present the AGM

1:13 PM: Presidential Report

- Thanks to Bailey for organizing most of the 24 events held over the last year
- Registered society = legitimacy, accountability, and bylaws that we have to follow
 - People will be more comfortable operating with us, first big step towards charitable status and the ability to give tax receipts for donations
- Choice of Society of Aces and Aromantics of Alberta as a name instead of just Calgary Aces and Aros is to include our members from outside Calgary (Cochrane, Lethbridge, Red Deer, etc.)
- No questions from the floor

1:16 PM: Board Election

- Thanks to Heather for volunteering as Chief Returning Officer and organizing safe, secure election system for this AGM
- Running for positions in advance of AGM
 - Rowan running for President
 - Anzo running for Secretary/Treasurer
 - Bailey running for Director-at-Large
- Sparrow nominates herself to run for VP
 - Seconded by Bailey
- Jasper nominates herself to run for Director-at-large
 - Seconded by Paul
- No contested positions
- Vote to accept results of uncontested elections and acclaim all candidates
 - Passes unanimously 8-0 (1 abstention)
- Board of Directors composition (if applicable, legal names in parentheses)
 - **President:** Rowan Wiebe (Laura Wiebe)
 - **Vice President:** Sparrow Cryer (Katelyn Cryer)
 - **Secretary/Treasurer:** Anzo Nguyen
 - **Director-at-Large:** Jasper Clarke (Brittany Clarke)
 - **Director-at-Large:** Bailey Gorman

1:23 PM: Financial Report

- Very quiet fiscal year so far, not much activity
- Many members not working due to recession, most income had dried up
- Paul notices discrepancy in table on financial report slide, year-end balance did not include \$120 in donation
 - Starting balance was in error, number was corrected to \$127.95

1:28 PM: Election Results

- Skipped due to lack of contested positions

1:28 PM: Year-End Check-In Survey Results

- Ace/aro community still largely online, newly emerging, thus the likely explanation for the majority of members being young
- Lot of work to do in finding other ace/aro people and spreading awareness on a-spec identities
- Pride in September is when the main spike in membership/interest occurs b/c that is when we are most visible to people not actively seeking us out
- Important to stay aware of what's going on in the wider ace/aro community and what's happening in other locales
- Many people who have joined during the COVID-19 pandemic have not had the chance for in-person events yet

1:33 PM: Committees

- Rowan has done the bulk of hosting events, they would like the responsibility to be diffused to the rest of the members so that the society isn't dependent on them
- No questions from the floor on check-in/committee overview

1:34 PM: AGM adjourned