

SGI Green Party AGM - 2019

Thursday, June 20, 2019, 2-4pm. SGI Campaign Office, 9775- 2nd Street, Sidney BC.

Minutes

1. **Harald Hommel, Acting CEO - welcome**
2. **Acknowledgements - territory (Harald)**
3. **Attendance: 57 (>25 members as counted)**
4. **Adam Olsen**

Reflections of 2011, initial work 1st green elected in Canada. "More than ever Elizabeth is going to need us because the rest of the country needs her". 2011 started the election of more Greens across the country. In BC, the Green caucus produced the first two private members bills passed in BC history.

5. **Michael Strumberger CEO report.**

- Reflected on recent federal council election and low voter turnout (14%)
- Emphasized importance of building member democratic engagement
- Encouraged all members to participate in internal democracy (e.g. council elections)
- Reported on recent visit to Ottawa as campaign manager and SGI CEO
- Shared that new Federal Council made a commitment to increase their engagement with members
- National Office visit: staff were aware of the need to serve local campaigns and EDAs more effectively
- National leadership on upcoming election: Greens now seen as a serious threat and there will be stronger candidates running against Elizabeth

6. Approve agenda. Moved. Sylvia Olsen, second Dan Kells. Approved

7. **Approve minutes** from June 17.2018 AGM

Moved Shirley McBride 2nd Sharon Forrester. Approved

8. **Financial report**

Sharon Forrester. 2018 calendar year. Contributions \$95,000 & \$5,000 via GPC. Fundraising \$14,000. Total \$115,000. Expenses \$93,000 total. Net income \$22,000. \$107,000 end of 2018. See attached.

Moved Shelagh Levy, second Janice Passed.

9. Election of new members.

Have 2 members whose terms have expired: Gary Searing and Marcelle Roy. In addition, Peter Schieldrop had resigned. Ellen Guttormson had replaced Peter's vacated position since the fall of 2018. Three new executives were acclaimed: Ellen Guttormson, Dan Kells, Patricia Roberts.

10. Questions from the floor

- Election of executives did not occur as there were only enough candidates to fill vacancies. Tex McLeod expressed a need to boost nominations. Response - notice was sent to all members to encourage them to participate, all efforts will be made to enhance recruitment of candidates.
- Reporting back from the Federal Council representative for BC- request to have more feedback from Federal Council.
- Writ drop? Likely Sept 14.
- Dave Charles - explained fundraising process and September fundraising event. Target ~\$80,000; currently have raised \$40,000. Dave outlined the event in September.

Motion to adjourn. Moved. Sharon Forrester. Seconded. Dave Charles. Approved. Minutes recorded by Linda Brown