

## SERNbc Annual General Meeting of the Membership

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May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Present:** See signup list (## people)

### Introductions:

Meeting consists of a quorum of board members plus other representatives from the resource sector.

### Action Items:

1. **[Action]: Mike Jull** to solicit the board of directors for potential Vice-Presidents and to provide the results of this survey at the next directors meeting.
2. **[Action]: Larry McCollough** to amend the **2016-02-A** *policy* document so as to create a functional *resolution* document.

### Business:

Mike Tilson moved, seconded by Wayne Salewski, that last year's meeting minutes be adopted as tabled. Unanimously approved.

### Financial Statements:

Mike Jull provided a full review of the SERNbc financial statements and treasury report.

The Treasurer's report is available here:

- [Treasurers Report](#)

The Financial statements are available here:

- [Interim Balance Sheet](#)
- [Interim Income Statement](#)

### Note:

- These financial statements are not the final audited numbers but are a snapshot of SERNbc financials on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
- Treasurer's reporting also included a discussion regarding insurance requirements and risk management with respect to liabilities associated with burning. There were not action items from this discussion.

### Elections:

- SERNbc currently utilizes a member driven process for the election of directors and as such a vote must be conducted in order to reinstate directors that are seeking another term and to induct newly elected directors.
  - There are currently a number of directors that are up for re-election – it was proposed that a staggered election schedule that ensures continuity amongst board members from year to year to avoid having years of [near] complete board member turn over.
- John D. asked that this quorum of board members votes to re-elect those board members that are up for election. This vote was passed as a motion (see below).

**[Motion]: John D.:** The names that are standing for re-election for a new term shall be accepted and those individuals will be re-elected to the SERNbc board of directors.

- Seconded: Wayne Salewski.
- Objections: None.
- Motion accepted May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 09:44.

- Moving forward the board is going to solidify the director election framework to account for SERNbc's potential geographic expansion and the 2-year term for directors.
- Current officers for Society:
  - Mike Tilson – Secretary,
  - Mike Jull – Treasurer,
  - John DeGagne – President.
- **Mike Jull:** SERNbc should elect a Vice-President.
  - **[Action]:** Pick three directors who will look to nominate a director for Vice-President.
    - No directors were chosen as explicitly responsible for this action but Mike Jull has taken on the responsibility of initiating this process (see below).
  - **[Action]: Mike Jull:** This issue will be tabled until next meeting. Send suggestions for the potential Vice-President to Mike Jull. Mike Jull will curate this information and will deliver it back to the directors at the next directors meeting.

## Director's Reports:

### President:

- On going investments in shallow water wetlands, proposal developments, landscape perspectives, First Nations engagements, Mt Horetsky, WB pine, ICH vk2, Savoury Ridge, Ruby Rock, Grizzly Valley, Blackwater UWR, Lichen Seeding.
- **New Projects:**
  - 5 year tactical plan,
  - New proposal submissions (Chilako and Red Hills, ER Pro data compilation...others.
    - These projects need board review ASAP.
  - All future project suggestions should be provided directly to John DeGagne.
- **SERNbc Expansion:** Potential role for SERNbc expanding into the entire northern area of the province.
  - It was identified that there will be some serious impediments and considerations that must be accounted for when SERNbc begins to investigate this expansion opportunity.
    - Primarily, we must consider the role of government and SERNbc's relationship with the government – i.e. John DeGagne's role.
- **New potential funding sources:**
  - Forest Enhancement Program,
  - Environmental Stewardship Initiative – First Nations Engagement.
  - Environment Canada.

## Project Intake Criteria – Presented by Mike Tilson:

- The project intake criteria documents are now completed and have been used by several proponents seeking partnership funding with SERNbc.
  - The project intake evaluation process still requires serious consideration and planning – this is to be completed by Mike Tilson before the next SERNbc directors meeting.
- Discussion evolved regarding how SERNbc might move away from obtaining and administering “earmarked” funding that guide what SERNbc does with its funding – i.e. how SERNbc might obtain and administer funds that would be truly representative of its mission rather than a vision from elsewhere in the province.
  - It was identified that SERNbc should work to become more deeply involved with decision makers at the provincial level so that might influence how these funds are allocated.

## Resolutions – Presented by Mike Jull:

- **2016-02-A:** Guiding policies for accumulation and management of SERNbc Reserve Funds.

- Policy to accumulate reserve funds to ensure that SERNbc has funds available to respond to unanticipated financial circumstances.
- Resolution document is available here:
  - [Resolution 2016-02-A](#)
- **[Discussion]:**
  - Wayne Salewski: 15% - 30% is too high and the funding source will reject this policy.
    - Need to identify the direction or allocation of these funds – i.e. Planning, strategic direction.
    - Multiple directors have identified that 15 – 30% is too high, most feel more comfortable with 8% to 15%.
    - This reserve must be designated to a specific function – if it is designated to a specific function then funders will be more likely to approve.
    - It was identified that there were specific points that lead to a general misunderstanding of the reserve fund resolution.
- **[Motion]:** Wayne Salewski - Amend the resolution to remove point 2.
  - Seconded: Bob Frederick.
  - Opposed: None.
  - Motion accepted – 10:24 May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- **[Motion]:** Wayne Salewski – Motion to withdraw his original motion (See above).
  - Seconded: Bob Frederick.
  - Opposed: None.
  - Accepted 10:26 May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- **[Motion]:** Mike Jull – Motion to withdraw the resolution as tabled.
  - Seconded: Mike Tilson
  - Opposed: None.
  - Accepted 10:28 May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- **[Action]:** Larry McCollough to amend the **2016-02-A** *policy* document so as to create a functional *resolution* document.

### Adjournment:

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

### Guest Speakers:

Two guest speakers provided presentations as follows:

1. Mark Thompson: The ecology and conservation of amphibians in northern British Columbia.
2. Torsten Kaffanke: Improving the prospects of shallow water wetlands.