

# **2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

## **(DRAFT)**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. EST**  
**Online and in person**

### **PRESENTS:**

- Mark Benton
- Stephen Bindman
- Brian Blumenthal
- Mélanie Chartier
- Jennifer Cox
- The Honourable Julie Dutil, First Vice-President
- Keiran Gibbs
- Miray Granovsky
- Athan Hadjis
- The Honourable Georgina Jackson
- The Honourable Lana Krogan
- Doug Lepard
- Adam Letourneau
- Megan Longley
- Archana Medhakar
- Bradford Morse
- Hong Nguyen
- The Honourable James O'Reilly, Past President
- Mélanie Raymond
- The Honourable Marc Richard
- The Honourable Colleen Suche, President
- The Honourable Eric Tolppanen
- Martine Valois
- The Honourable Peter Willcock
- Christine O'Doherty, Executive Director
- Nathan Afilalo
- Isabelle Ligot
- Mary Plagakis
- Sarah Rowe

## **NOTICE OF THE MEETING**

The notice of the Members' Meeting having been sent within the required delay, the Members' Meeting was called on the day and at the time set out in the Notice.

## **OPENING REMARKS**

The Honourable Colleen Suche, President of CIAJ, opens the Annual General Members' Meeting, welcomes members present and thanks them for attending.

### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED BY MARC RICHARD. SECONDED BY BRAD MORSE. ALL IN FAVOUR.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Members held on October 27, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. AST**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, which was held on October 27, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. AST are presented for adoption.

UPON A MOTION MADE BY BRAD MORSE, SECONDED BY JULIE DUTIL, THE MINUTES ARE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **3. Consideration of the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2022–2023 (statements available on request);**

Christine O'Doherty presents the Financial Statements as of June 30, 2023. Revenues are at \$2,215,101 and charges totalize \$2,171,441 resulting in a surplus of \$49,888 for the year 2022–2023. As of June 30, 2023, CIAJ has accumulated a surplus of \$954,242.

UPON A MOTION MADE BY BRAD MORSE, SECONDED BY MIRAY GRANOVSKY, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **4. Appointment of the Public Accountants for the fiscal year 2023– 2024;**

The Audit and Finance Committee recommends the appointment of the firm Gosselin Inc. as the auditors for a third fiscal year 2023–2024.

UPON A MOTION MADE BY PETER WILLCOCK, SECONDED BY JULIE DUTIL, GOSSELIN INC. ARE UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED AS AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023–2024.

## **5. Annual Report of the President**

The Annual Report is available on CIAJ’s website. The President, The Honourable Colleen Suche expresses warm thanks to Board members, the Executive Committee, the staff and members at large.

## **6. Amendments to the Bylaw:**

### **PATRONS**

After consideration of the Governance Committee’s recommendation and discussion, the Board passed a resolution to present an amendment to the Bylaws, providing for the appointment of Patrons, to the AGM for approval in October. We suggested that the proposed amendment should become article 39 of the Bylaws and that subsequent articles should be renumbered.

39. a. The Board may appoint an individual as a Patron in recognition of outstanding service to the Corporation.

b. The Position of Patron: Patrons will lend their name to the Corporation as an expression of support for its mission and programs. They will contribute to the Corporation’s mission by the sharing of insights, experiences, and other enriching leadership perspectives. They will encourage other educators and leaders to contribute their time and knowledge to the intellectual enrichment of the Corporation’s programs.

c. Constraints to the Position of Patron: Patrons will not be directors of the Corporation, will have no Board voting privileges and will not bear any liabilities on behalf of the Corporation.

- d. Duration of Appointment: The Term of a Patron will end when the Patron resigns, or the Board terminates the Patron's appointment by written notice to the Patron.
  
- e. Appointment: The Board may appoint Patrons on the recommendation of the Governance Committee.

UPON A MOTION MADE BY PETER WILLCOCK, SECONDED BY STEPHEN BINDMAN, AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS ARE APPROVED.

## **7. Election of members of the Board of Directors for 2023–2024 term.**

The election of new board members is proposed to the AGM for a first term of two years.

1. Justice Suzanne Boucher, Superior Court of Justice, Ontario
2. Jaimie Graham, member of the Alberta Utilities Commission and member of the CIAJ Legislative Drafting Committee
3. Justice Veronica Jackson, BC, Supreme Court
4. Janet McIntyre, former Director Justice Canada, Access to Justice Secretariat
5. Nazrina Umarji, legal director, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

UPON A MOTION MADE BY MIRAY CRANOVSKY, SECONDED BY HONG NGUYEN, THE NEW MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD.

## **8. Varia**

UPON MOTION MADE BY PETER WILLCOCK AND SECONDED BY BRAD MORSE, MEETING IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED.