


Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations	Board of Directors	
	<i>Meeting Minutes</i>	

Meeting Name:	Board Meeting		
Meeting Date:	July 26, 2012		
Meeting Time:	1:45PM – 2:45PM, AST		
Venue:	The Gaelic College	City:	Saint Ann’s, NS
Attendees			
Primary and Secondary Delegates:	Kyle Power (Chair/ASU), Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU), Matthew Rios (ASU), Jamie Arron(DSU), Jared Perry (SMUSA), Michael MacDonell (SMUSA), Michelle Lahey (Vice-Chair/CBUSU), Alana Lawrence (CBUSU)		
Other attendees:	Jonathan Williams (Executive Director), Brian Foster (Director of Engagement and Communications), Alexis Zederayko (Researcher), Stewart McCann (CBUSU)		
Absent:	Patrick Carruthers (Treasurer/SFXUSU) (regrets), Aaron Beale (DSU) (regrets), Robert Bossler (ASTSU) (regrets)		
Quorum (50% of Members represented?): Yes			

- 1) Call to order

- 2) Roll call

- 3) Approval of Agenda

Amendments proposed: correct date, time, and location at the top of agenda to reflect present circumstances (*implemented*), instances of ANSSA's new name's abbreviation (SNS) changed to reflect present name (ANSSA) (*implemented*).

Agenda **approved by general consent**.

4) Approval of 16.05.12 Minutes

Minutes circulated, no amendments.

Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU) **moves** and Matthew Rios (ASU) **seconds the motion** to approve the agenda.

Minutes **approved by general consent**.

REPORTS

5) Reports of the Officers

a) Chair – Kyle Power (ASU)

i) Attended the CASA meeting. Jonathan Williams (ED) gave an excellent presentation.

ii) Served on the internal governance committee.

iii) Served on the hiring committee, and is very excited about the new hires.

b) Vice-Chair - Michelle Lahey (CBUSU)

i) Worked with the internal governance committee to address transparency at ANSSA

c) Treasurer – Absent

6) Reports of the members

a) ASTSU

i) Absent

b) ASU

i) Attended the CASA meeting. JW (ED) gave a great presentation

ii) Bi-laterals are going well.

Referring to bilateral negotiations between the Province of Nova Scotia and Acadia University.

c) CBUSU

i) Working towards sustainability.

ii) Working on changes to the campus food service.

iii) Reviewing campus mental health services.

d) DSU

- i) JA (DSU) and AB (DSU) are alternating lobby organization meetings (ANSSA and CASA), as they have significant work to do and vacation time this month.
 - e) SMUSA
 - i) Working on a cold beverage agreement.
 - ii) Launched website.
 - iii) Is moving to being a smoke-free campus
 - f) SFXUSU
 - i) Met with Maurice Smith in Antigonish. Presented some of SFXUSU's concerns.
- 7) Reports of the staff
- a) Executive Director: Jonathan Williams
 - i) Internal governance review was a positive and important step. We have Veronica MacNeil of Voluntary Sector Consultants on retainer at \$30/hr should we need her further assistance.
 - ii) Hired two new staff members: Brian Foster (Director of Engagement and Communications) and Bob Parker (Director of Research).
 - iii) The CASA meeting was very good. Was able to share ANSSA's perspective and priorities. Was also able to sit down in conversation with Zach Churchill, director of CASA, although not for as long as ED would have liked.
 - b) Director of Engagement and Communications: Brian Foster
 - i) Would like to thank the ANSSA board members for their welcome. Is excited to work with ANSSA.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

- 8) Approval of the Meeting Minutes template
- a) N H-P (SFXUSU): Notes that posting minutes on the ANSSA website is good for transparency. Is happy to approve minutes template.
 - b) Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU) **moved** and Jared Perry (SMUSA) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the meeting minutes template.
- Vote:
- CBUSU – Yes
 - SFXUSU – Yes
 - DSU – Yes
 - ASU – Yes
- Motion passed unanimously.**

9) Invitation to the Canadian Federation of Students – Nova Scotia (CSF-NS) and all their members to meet with the ANSSA membership to discuss annual plans.

a) JP (SMUSA): Requested clarification regarding the invitation – is it to all CSF members/advocates, or just to the students?

JW (ED): ANSSA should invite staff members as well, such as Rebecca Rose (CFS Maritimes Organizer). ED does not anticipate any problems.

N H-P (SFXUSU): Requested clarification – is Ms. Rose the only staff members for CSF-NS? (*Yes, to our knowledge*)

b) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Michelle Lahey (CBUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Chair shall invite the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia (CFS-NS) and all their members to meet with the ANSSA membership to discuss annual plans.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

10) Approval of proposed Vision, Values, Mission, and Principles.

a) Amendments proposed: revision to first item of Mission (*implemented*), principles ordered alphabetically (*implemented*), typographical error corrected in the definition of ‘solution-oriented’ (*implemented*).

b) N H-P (SFXUSU): Requested clarification as to whether the document will be sent out soon, as he wishes to refer to it in his blog. (*Yes, this afternoon*)

c) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the proposed Vision, Values, Mission, and Principles.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

11) Approval of the proposed By-Laws in spirit, to be ratified by the Membership at the AGM in one (1) month’s time, and which rename the organization from the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA) to Students Nova Scotia.

a) JA (DSU): Requested clarification regarding the proposed name; is it Students Nova Scotia or Students of Nova Scotia? (*The proposed name is Students Nova Scotia*)

N H-P (SFXUSU): Noted that the AGM is during SFXU’s training week.

- b) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the proposed By-Laws in spirit, to be ratified by the Membership at the AGM in one (1) month's time, and which rename the organization from the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA) to Students Nova Scotia.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

12) Approval of proposed Governing Policies

- a) N H-P (SFXUSU): Requested clarification regarding the approval process. (*Governing policies have to be approved by the Board*)
- b) Amendments proposed: addition of item 11 (When delegates register to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors or other ANSSA event, they agree to cover their share of the costs of the meeting, irrespective of whether they ultimately attend) (*implemented*), addition of item 56 (All Members shall highlight their efforts to consult with students regarding the policies under discussion in the Reports of the Members portion of the Bi-Annual Policy Meetings) (*implemented*).
- c) Jared Perry (SMUSA) **moved** and Jamie Arron (DSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the proposed Governing Policies

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

13) That ANSSA invite the Nova Scotia Community College Student Association (NSCCSA) to consider Full or Associate Membership

- a) KP (Chair): Proposed that ANSSA consider sending NSCCSA's Board a letter or video message

N H-P (SFXUSU): Noted the benefit of caution regarding spending too much time on the invitation. Felt as if it were not one of ANSSA's priorities.

JA (DSU): Noted feeling as if ANSSA has not discussed the matter sufficiently. Proposed tabling the item until further meetings.

KP (Chair) and N H-P (SFXUSU): Requested that ANSSA's Board discuss the matter immediately.

JW (ED): Noted that a briefing note will be sent out to Board members. The proposed item involves only an invitation to discuss, followed by negotiation and a final decision by the Board. Suggested passing the item so that there is the option to move forward. Doing so does not ensure acceptance of the NSCCSA into ANSSA.

N-HP (SFXUSU): Proposed amendment to language of item, changing “consider” to “explore” (*implemented*).

JA (DSU): Noted still feeling not comfortable with approving the item. Observed that such discussions can take place without sending a formal letter.

BF (Director of E & C): Noted that meetings with the NSCCSA can not take place and information cannot be gathered without such an invitation, as doing so prior to the invitation would be outside of ANSSA’s mandate.

JW (ED): Proposed adding an additional item that involves striking a committee to explore possibility of NSCCSA membership.

b) MM (SMUSA) **proposed that the question be called.**

Vote:

CBUSU – No

SFXUSU – No

DSU – Abstains

ASU – Yes

Motion failed. Discussion continues.

c) JA (DSU): Proposed further discussion.

MR (ASU): Noted that a letter of intent invites discussion and negotiation – those conversations usually follow the presentation of an invitation.

KP (Chair): Does not want to impede the staff. ANSSA needs to know what the NSCCSA wants from its membership before ANSSA can make any decisions; gathering this information requires a step forward.

JW (ED): Proposed that the board amend language from “Full or Associate Membership” to “partnership up to and including Full or Associate Membership”. So moved by ML (CBUSU) (*implemented*).

N H-P (SFXUSU): Noted that amendments are a matter of semantics, and that the item essentially says the same thing.

d) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Michelle Lahey (CBUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board approves the proposed amendments to the present agenda item.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

e) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Jared Perry (SMUSA) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that, having cultivated a working relationship with the Nova Scotia Community College Student Association, ANSSA shall explore the possibility of partnership with the organization up to and including Full or Associate Membership.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

14) Approval of proposed amendments to the 2012-2013 budget

a) JW(ED): Noted that there may be further small changes within expenditures (up to \$500), but budget includes the final numbers for revenue. ANSSA received less from all members than anticipated, except from CBUSU. Also, did not receive NSAC dues from DSU. Proposed amendments include changes to the strategic initiative line (for the rebrand and website), the office supplies line (due to the change to staff using their own machines), the human resources lines (due to final salary numbers for staff), staff insurance costs, ED's cellular phone line (did not previously reflect the real expense), and changes to the communication and campaigns (**C & C**) line (for templates) (*all implemented*). Noted changes to ANSSA's office environment following the HUB moving to Gottingen Street; we were going to pursue a private space within the new building, but the design difference (with the inclusion of a quiet space) makes this acquisition less imperative. Recommended banking extra funds from C & C line to put towards the election campaign. Noted that it looks like funds have dropped out of C & C, but that money has been used in the rebranding. Suggested lowering the travel budget, as full-time staff is not hired for the whole year and ANSSA does not have funds to put towards excessive travel. Noted that the contingency fund has been dropped to \$500 (previously passed by Internal Governance Review Committee upon recommendation of the Treasurer).

N H-P (SFXUSU): Noted being happy to approve the budget as is, but as a non-HRM school, would like for the travel budget to increase as much as possible.

JW (ED): Pointed out that this budget represents only the present year, and recommended going over next year's budget.

N H-P (SFXUSU): Observed that next year's budget is not a discussion that is immediately suitable for the board, as information is lacking regarding next year's revenue, such as that from SMUSA.

MR (ASU): Requested clarification regarding scope of Chair's travel covered by ANSSA. Echoed concern regarding travel capacity/funding of future Chair, particularly if he/she is from a school located further from HRM than Acadia U.

b) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Michael MacDonell (SMUSA) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the proposed amendments to the 2012-13 Budget.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

15) Approval of contract with Kula Partners to complete a rebrand and build a new website for no more than \$14,375

- a) ML (CBUSU): Noted feeling as if it would be appropriate for AL (CBUSU) to vote as her proxy, as she was not present for the discussion regarding this contract.
- b) Matt Rios (ASU) **calls the question**. Michael MacDonell (SMUSA) **moved** and Matthew Rios (ASU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that ANSSA shall sign a contract with Kula Partners to complete a rebrand and build a new website for no more than \$14,375.

Vote:

CBUSU – Abstained

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed.

16) Approval of the intent of the proposed 2012-13 Annual Plan, with a final draft to be approved by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

- a) MR (ASU): Proposed amendment to Priority item 4 (Members will host formal consultations on campuses for the first time in the organization’s history, to engage students with the organization’s decision-making) (*implemented*).

N H-P (SFXUSU): Requested clarification regarding the “Students Speak Out” campaign. Proposed amendment to this item (ANSSA will pursue the following campaigns in 2012-2013: Students Speak Out, capturing and communicating students’ stories about why Post-Secondary is important for them and the obstacles and challenges that they face as students...) (*implemented*).

MR (ASU): Proposed amendment – addition of item under heading of “Priority 4” (ANSSA and its Members will actively promote the organization’s new brand on campuses) (*implemented*).

N H-P (SFXUSU): Noted that the addition of said item would help maintain consistency.

- b) Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU) **moved** and Michael MacDonell (SMUSA) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the intent of the proposed 2012-13 Annual Plan, with a final draft to be approved by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

17) Jamie Arron (DSU) raised discussion regarding the committee to review NSCCSA's potential acceptance into ANSSA. This item put to vote.

- a) Jamie Arron (DSU) **moved** and Matthew Rios (ASU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Chair shall provide regular reports on the organization's relationship with NSCC and any implications of this relationship for ANSSA's own effectiveness.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

18) Michelle Lahey (CBUSU) **moved** and Matthew Rios (ASU) **seconded the motion to adjourn.**

Motion passed by general consent.

ADJOURNMENT