


Students Nova Scotia	Board of Directors	students 
	<i>Meeting Minutes</i>	

Meeting Name:	Board Meeting		
Meeting Date:	Sept 20, 2013		
Meeting Time:	6:00PM, AST		
Venue:	The Hub Halifax	City:	Halifax, NS
Attendees			
Primary and Secondary Delegates:	Matthew Rios (Vice-Chair/ASU), Matthew Latimer (Treasurer/CBUSU), Amy Brierley (SFXUSU), Patrick (DAGS), Ben Gunn-Doerge (SFXUSU), Sagar Jha (DSU), Lindsay Doucet (ASU), Anne Hoganson (ASTSU), Aaron Beale (DSU)		
Other attendees:	Jonathan Williams (Executive Director), Jacob Voyer (Communications)		
Absent:	SMUSA (regrets), Dalhousie Agriculture Association, Darcy Shea (ASU, regrets), Brennan Boudreau (CBUSU)		
Quorum (50% of Members represented?): YES			

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Motion to approve agenda
Approved by general consent

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

3) Appointment of StudentNS chair.

MR (Vice-Chair): Happy to provided interim support and indicate what the position is like.

BG-D (StFX): Jon can you give some clarification on what the job entails etc.

JW (ED): facilitation of board meetings and making decisions on items when the board is not able to meet, items too small or too urgent (Press release and notes would go by the chair). The chair would act as a direct advisor to ED.

Matthew Latimer (CBUSU): Can I get a motion to move in-camera?

Approved by general consent.

Moved out of camera by general consent.

Approved by general consent.

Motion to table appointment of chair to next board meeting.

Approved by general consent.

4) Proposal for StudentsNS Newsletter

JW (ED): We have had a realization that we do a whole lot more than we are communicating, so we propose a newsletter to demonstrate that. It would include: Press releases, financial updates, minutes, summary of media hits for the months – links to things we already update but maybe nobody is aware of. We would be interested to send newsletter to member councils, board members, board alumni and former staff, and requests to sign on to newsletter (need css script to get signed)

MR (Vice-Chair): Questions? Concerns? I think it is a brilliant idea to show transparency of the organisation and engage students on a larger level. A way of highlighting what we do from day to day.

BG-D (StFX): I want to echo those remarks. We constantly receive e-mails about this and I think having this kind of newsletter will be able to be very beneficial to the board. Will there be additional costs?

JW (ED): Possibly, maybe \$500.

MR (Vice-Chair): If there are no other questions, can I get a motion to approve?

Motion to approve StudentsNS Newsletter.

Approved by general consent.

5) Report cards on party platforms

MR (Vice-Chair): We asked all parties to fill out a questionnaire and rather than giving them a letter grade we say it would be best to do it by saying this party was the best in this section or blank party does the best in providing student employment.

JW (ED): Generally the response has been underwhelming not clear commitments by any parties. Bob Parker developed a color scheme to categorize the parties' commitments. The PC party has not made any commitments to students generally, so it is between the liberals and NDP.

MR (Vice-Chair): Can I get a motion to move in camera?

Approved by general consent.

No longer have quorum of 50%, meeting adjourned, as AH (ASTSU) left and ML (CBUSU) disconnected.

SJ (DSU) leaves, proxies vote to PV (DAGS).

ML (CBUSU) returns. Quorum of 50% reached, meeting resumed.

Motion to move out of camera.

Approved by general consent.

MR (Vice-Chair): Can I get a motion to approve this document of the assessment of party platforms as it stands?

ASU: In Favor.

CBUSU: In Favor.

DSU: In Favor.

SFXUSU: In Favor.

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn.

Approved by general consent.