

**Minutes of the Esquimalt High School Alumni Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**EHS Theatre, 847 Colville Road, Esquimalt, B.C.**

Entertainment – EHS Music Program – 6:30 p.m.

**1. Call to Order at 7 pm**

**Gary Moser, Moderator**

Gary thanked the performers for their music prior to the meeting. He also thanked the Executive Committee as well as the many volunteers who helped with this year's Alumni Association activities.

**2. Welcome from School**

**Tammy Renyard, Principal**

Tammy opened by recognizing the Songhees and Esquimalt territories. She thanked everyone involved in the evening, including students and alumni members. It is her third year at the school, and she continues to be proud of the composite high school. Tammy said, "We are better together," when she acknowledged the work that the alumni members do for the school.

**3. Introduction of 2017 Scholarship Winners**

**Ally Hoffman, Counsellor at EHS**

Four awards were presented to 2017 Esquimalt graduates. Two of the awards were fund-raised by the Alumni Association, and the other two awards are from organizations that have disbanded, but left the funds in the safe-keeping of the Alumni Association.

The Esquimalt Kiwanis Scholarship, given to a community minded student who is pursuing studies in the Fine Arts, was presented to Faeron Wright Jones. Described as reliable, intelligent and mature beyond her years, she was involved in the school's model UN and leadership, was the lead set designer for the school's theatre production, and is a volunteer with the Greater Victoria Art Gallery. Faeron plans to pursue a Fine Arts degree from UVic.

The Esquimalt Writer's group award was presented to Isabelle Rutherford in her absence. One of the top students last year, Isabelle had a perfect GPA and is considered a fine writer. She was co-president of EYCI, and one of the leading charges behind the school's wellness week and mental health panel. Isabelle is currently studying Psychology at UVic.

The two Esquimalt Alumni Association Scholarships are given to students who made a positive impact on the school community while demonstrating commitment to their studies. Alysha Mosveen and Sammy Ross were this year's winners. Alysha, described as earnest, dedicated and hardworking, maintained a perfect GPA while working, playing rugby, dancing competitively and volunteering in the community. She plans to pursue nursing next year at Concordia University.

Sammy's mother collected on his behalf, as he is currently volunteering in Ecuador, where he is teaching English and working on an organic farm. Sammy was involved in leadership, Improv, the music program, sports teams and many clubs, including EYCI. This intelligent, sincere young man made a positive impact on the community. Sammy will pursue a degree in Environment Studies beginning in 2018.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Gary Moser**

Gary explained that the agenda was emailed to members for the first time, due to a change in the Societies Act that permits notifications by email rather than regular mail. Paul Wickens-Jobling moved that the agenda be approved.

**5. Approval of Minutes from 2016 AGM**

**Marilyn McCrimmon**

Paul Wickens-Jobling moved that the minutes be approved as posted. Seconded by Bill Emery. Carried.

**6. President's Report**

**Brenda O'Connor**

Brenda presented her report and provided the secretary with a copy which is attached to the minutes.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

**Bill Emery**

Bill presented his treasurer's report, which included a proposed budget for 2017-18. Printed copies were available, and each page was projected onto a screen for the audience to follow. He invited questions about each report, but there were none. Bill also presented a document indicating that R. Dawn Paniz had undertaken a review of the financial records and had found them to be in good order.

Bill then presented a list of five proposed motions, and moved that they be passed. Paul Wickens-Jobling seconded the motion. Carried.

A copy of each of the reports as well as the five proposed motions are attached to the minutes.

## **8. Director Reports**

### **a. Membership**

#### **Ryan Richard**

Ryan reported that we have 540 active paid-up members. Over the next year, Ryan will email everyone who attended the reunions, and he also plans to enroll the 2018 grad class as alumni members. He reported that 200 of the 500 email addresses in the system actually bounced back. There were 150 notices of the AGM mailed out in Canada, and 20 mailed out internationally. Ryan asked that members contact the Alumni Association if their email or mailing addresses change.

### **b. Fundraising for new turf field**

#### **Dave Allen**

Dave estimated a cost of \$1.5 million to replace the field in front of the school with a turf field, which will be available for year-round school and community use. Based on the success of raising money for a new school bus, Dave believes this project is doable. Currently there is just under \$100,000 in the bank, and another \$40,000 is expected from the proceeds of RibFest. By 2020, it is anticipated that we will have \$250,000 in the bank. At that point, we will be eligible to apply for grants and matching funds from the Gaming Branch, from the municipality and from local soccer associations. The next step will be to approach provincial and federal governments for grants. Dave pointed out that Esquimalt is the only municipality currently lacking a turf field.

After next year's RibFest, the publicity will increase so that community members are aware of the fund-raising project for the turf field.

## **9. Compliance with new Society Act**

#### **George Copley**

A summary of Changes to the Constitutions and Bylaws for the Alumni Association and the Funding Society August 21, 2017 is attached to the minutes.

George explained to the members that the new Society Act gives us two years to transition. The intent is to replace a registry that maintains "mountains of paper" with an electronic registry. The transition requires three special resolutions, one for the Alumni Association and two for the funding society. He explained that ordinary motions require 50% approval of members present at a meeting to pass, while special resolutions require 75% approval of members present at the AGM to pass. A total of 28 members signed in, so 21 votes were needed to pass the special resolution.

George moved the approval of the following special resolution:

That the bylaws of the Esquimalt High School Alumni Association (the "Alumni Association") presently in force be repealed and replaced by the Bylaws attached to this motion as schedule "A" which have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association at its meeting on August 21, 2017.

Paul Wickens-Jobling seconded the motion.

During the discussion, Wes Umphrey pointed out a discrepancy between the wording in section 14 of both the Alumni Association bylaws and the fund-raising association bylaws. The discrepancy was determined to be a typo. Wes moved that the two items have the same wording. Paul Wickens-Jobling seconded. Carried.

The question was called for the special resolution. It was carried unanimously.

## **10. Election of Officers**

#### **Ryan Richard**

There are four vacancies to be filled at this AGM. The following names were put forward:

Brenda O'Connor for President for another two years.

Gary Moser for Vice-president for two years.  
Collette Scrimgeour for Communication Director for two years.  
Dave Allen for Director-at-Large for two years.  
No name was put forward for Treasurer.

Ryan called for any nominations from the floor. There being none, he declared these nominees to be elected by acclamation. The position of treasurer will be appointed by the executive.

#### **11. Presentations**

#### **Brenda O'Connor and Dave Allen**

Four directors have decided to step down from the executive. Brenda and Dave summarized the contributions made by Cathy Wong and Pat Floyd, who were not able to attend. Dave or Brenda will present a plaque to each of them in the near future.

Bill Emery and Paul Wickens-Jobling were called to the podium in turn. Bill Emery was thanked for his years as treasurer of the Alumni Association, and was presented with a plaque. Paul Wickens-Jobling was thanked for his years as vice-president of the Alumni Association as well as treasurer of the Esquimalt Alumni Foundation, and was also presented with a plaque.

Dave Allen also spoke about the recent death of John Carmichael, long-time secretary and valued member of the Esquimalt Alumni Association. Several alumni attended John's memorial this summer. John was a highly-regarded member, and his calm presence and consistent support of the association's activities will be missed.

#### **12. Closing Remarks/Adjournment**

#### **Gary Moser**

Gary closed the meeting and prepared to open the next meeting, that of the Esquimalt High School Advancement of Education Funding Society.

The 2018 AGM will be held on November 19, 2018.