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**True North Hostelling Association  
o/a Hostelling International – Canada- Pacific Mountain Region**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013  
MINUTES**

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**DATE:** Thursday, September 12, 2013  
**TIME:** 6:45pm PDT  
**LOCATION:** Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, 578 Carrall Street, Vancouver, BC

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1. Call to Order

1.1 Quorum - confirmed

- B. Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:50pm PDT and A. McLean confirmed that quorum of 100 voting Members were met in person or by proxy.

2. Agenda

- The Agenda was accepted as presented.

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the September 12, 2013 True North Hostelling Association Annual General Meeting is accepted as presented, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: A. Hirji

SECONDED BY: G. Jackson

MOTION CARRIED

3. Receiving of Minutes for the September 13, 2012 AGM

- B. Kelly presented the minutes of the 2012 True North Hostelling Association Annual General Meeting.



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**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the September 13, 2012 True North Hostelling Association Annual General Meeting are received as presented, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: Peter Nietresta

SECONDED BY: Ken Mitchell

MOTION CARRIED

**4. Report from the Chair**

- B. Kelly, Chair, presented his report to the members noting several highlights over the past year, especially the Ownership Linkage project, new bylaw update, National involvement, and volunteers.

**5. Report from the CEO**

- A. McLean, CEO, presented his report for the operating year of 2012/13.
- 3 awards at the June HI-C National AGM.
  - Hostel of the Year – HI-Lake Louise
  - Dorothy Simonetti Award – Outstanding Service by a staff member went to Liz Ferguson, our Director of Partnerships
  - Best Environmental Award – Stoney Elders Traditional Knowledge Group – held at HI-Lake Louise
  - Best Special Event Award – Discover Hostelling Challenge (Girl Guide Program) held at HI-Vancouver Downtown
- Completed accessibility program and had first adaptive weekend in July at HI-Rampart Creek.
- Sustainability programs and HI-Canada's entry into the HI sustainability fund contest.
- A. McLean answered questions from the members on the Alberta floods, Manitoba and accessibility and new niche markets.



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- A. McLean requested B. Kelly to come up to present a recognition award to Erik Graff for his recent milestone of his 18,000<sup>th</sup> guest he has taken on one of his two weekly Vancouver tours.

6. Financial Review

- J. Wyatt, Vice Chair, and member of the Audit Committee, presented the report on the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2013.

6.1 Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2013

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Audited Financial Statements for the 12 month period ending March 31, 2013, is received as presented, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: L. Merriman

SECONDED BY: E. Graff

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Approval of the Appointment of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP as Auditor for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2014

- J. Wyatt advised that the Board has recommended the reappointment of the audit firm, PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP for a third year.

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounting Firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP be appointed to serve as the Association’s Auditor for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2014, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: C. Brown

SECONDED BY: H. Dyck



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MOTION CARRIED

6.3 Approval of the Authorization for the Board of Directors to fix the remuneration of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2014

- Short discussion why there is a need to approve this motion.

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Association be authorized to fix the remuneration of the Accounting Firm of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2014, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: K. Mitchell

SECONDED BY: E. Graff

MOTION CARRIED

7. Announcement of Board of Directors Election Results

- B. Kelly, Chair, called on A. McLean, CEO, to announce the results of the election.
- A. McLean, CEO, reported that a notice was sent out to all validated members seeking potential candidates. Five qualified candidates emerged for the four positions as a Board Director.
- A. McLean advised two of our current board members have been elected to the HI-Canada board.
- A. McLean also advised that C. Ng, a current board member who had a year left on her term, resigned effective September 11, 2013 as she is moving to Australia. This then opened up an additional space on the board for a one year term.
- A. McLean reviewed the process by which the ballot and proxy materials were distributed, collected and counted under the new online system.



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- 932 members cast ballots of which 916 for directors and 743 members put in proxy votes. There were no spoiled ballots as the system does not allow an individual to cast more than the maximum 4 choices. 123 members abstained from the process.
- The election results were as follows:

Candidate Name	No. of Votes	Term
Charles Brown	724	2 years
Brian Kelly	631	2 years
Narmin Hassam-Clark	618	2 years
Betty Lafave	567	2 years
Michael Shui	489	1 year

- A. McLean acknowledged the successful candidates and continuing Board members in attendance.
- A. McLean asked for a motion to destroy the ballots and proxies.

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots and proxies for the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Association are authorized to be destroyed by the Nominating Committee or their designate, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: G. Jackson  
SECONDED BY: E. Todd  
MOTION CARRIED

**8. Other Business**

- B. Kelly introduced P. Nietresta, the National HI-C Board Director who provided a short presentation about HI-C National Board activities.



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9. Adjournment

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2013 Annual General Meeting be adjourned is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: C. Brown

- B. Kelly, Chair, thanked all for attending and declared the Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Region adjourned at 8:10pm PDT.

10. Antarctica Presentation

- Dr. Henry Wyatt, a member from Edmonton, provided a short presentation on Antarctica in a Different Era.

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Chair

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Secretary