

# VICTORIA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



PACIFIC  
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*FORGING THE FUTURE FOR PACIFIC CHRISTIAN SCHOOL*

Wednesday, May 30, 2018  
Secondary Gymnasium 7:00 – 9:00 pm

*Educational Excellence to the Glory of God – PCS Vision Statement*

## Minutes

- 1) Opening time of worship John Slofstra: *Guide Me O Thy Great Redeemer*
- 2) Welcome and opening prayer: Greg Diemer, Interim Board Chair/Board Director
  - a) Reflections from a grade 12 student: Ethan Newman
- 3) AGM 2018-05-30-001: Motion to adopt the agenda: M/S/C
- 4) AGM 2018-05-30-002: Motion to adopt the minutes from the Nov 29, 2017 Fall meeting: M/S/C
- 5) Board Chair report from interim board chair: Greg Diemer
- 6) Election of directors
  - a) Introduction of board candidates/videos: Bil Greene, Board Director
  - b) Bil explained to society members that for this election, because there are 5 nominations and 5 empty spaces, as stated in our bylaws, each successful candidate will require 50+1 percent votes.
  - c) Nominations from the floor: no nominations
- 7) Introduction to Darren Lewis, new Superintendent by Leon Grootendorst, Vice Chair
- 8) Gym project report – Hans Bomhof, Board Director
- 9) Capital Campaign update - Chris Berghuis, Development Director
- 10) Constitution and bylaws update: Bil Greene, Board Director:
  - a) Bil explained the need for changes to our constitution's bylaws to register with the new *Societies Act* plus some housekeeping/error corrections;
  - b) Bil highlighted the changes to the constitution
  - c) Questions from society members: (Q=Question, A=Answers)
    - i) **Q1:** Part 2 Article 2 - *Voting at Meetings* (E) Why decide on proxy vote at meeting and not before? **A1:** Bil will take it forward to review for future changes;
    - ii) **Q2:** Part 2 Article 2- *Access to Books & Records* (F) Should "photo" be added to the copy statement? **A2:** No – the Governance committee believes the word "copy" adequately covers this intention;
    - iii) **Q3:** Part 1 Article 2 - *Religious Principals* (A) "principals" should be replaced with "principles". **A3:** Governance committee will take it forward for future changes;
    - iv) **Q4:** Article 6 - *Amendments* 95% change - Can a bylaw change happen outside of an AGM i.e. with a special resolution vs an ordinary resolution? Could it be done not

- in an AGM environment? **A4:** Yes, it should be done in a special resolution but Board will discuss and get legal counsel on that if needed;
- v) **Q5:** Article 5 on the term “these items are inalterable” being removed is a concern as these were designed by the founders and seem too important to remove. **A5:** Registry with BC society is the reason for this wording to be removed.
- vi) **Q6:** Article 1 *Membership Application* (B) – Is the non-parent member fee paid separately now and for parents included as part of tuition? – **A6:** Yes, we are making what we have done in practice now formal;
- vii) **Q7:** Article 1 *Membership Application* (B)- The phrase “parents with children” does not mention guardians. Are there any students with guardian - what would be their responsibilities? **A7:** We will take this forward for next time as guardians are not included here;
- viii) **Q8:** Article 1 *Membership Application* (B)- Should the language be “and a pastor’s reference” not just “or a reference”? Important that school should retain Christian heritage so pastors reference should be required. **A8:** We will take this forward for next time;
- ix) **Q9:** Can we make a proposal to amend the language at this AGM? **A9:** No, as per our bylaws, this exercise is to vote on changes that require 28 days notice in writing for feedback. These changes were sent more than 28 days ago for feedback. Members can vote “no” to the changes if they disagree;
- x) **Q10:** If we vote no what happens? **A10:** The bylaw sections remain unchanged;
- xi) **Q11:** If I read correctly these changes cannot be made now? **A11:** No, changes are required to be presented to members 28 days prior notice in writing. Members option at AGM is to vote no or yes to changes;
- xii) **Q12:** What is the fee for a non-parent member? **A12:** \$10
- d) Members voted on changes by secret ballot: **All changes passed**
- 11) Admin update/year in review update- Lorna Herzog and Bill Helmus
- 12) Presentation on the 2018/19 budget: Michelle Freitag, Interim Treasurer/Board Director
- a) Questions:
- i) No questions
- b) AGM 2018-05-30-003: Motion to approve the 2018/19 budget as presented – M/S/C
- 13) Announcement of Directors – Michelle Freitag, Phil Slater, Talitha Castillo, Hans Bomhof and Matthew VanHeyst passed the election with over 50% and are now confirmed as directors.
- a) AGM 2018-05-30-004: Motion to have ballots retained for 1 month and destroyed June 30<sup>th</sup>: M/S/C
- 14) Recognition of Retiring Staff Members and Board Directors
- a) Retiring Board Director: Heidi Young-Thompson
- b) Retiring Staff members: Cheryl Byng, Sandy Friesen, Burl Jantzen, Cindy O’Dell
- 15) Peter closed in prayer
- 16) AGM 2018-05-30-05: Motion to adjourn – M/S/C