

Victoria Pride Society
Annual General Meeting
December 12, 2022 @ 6pm
Held via Google Meet

Active Board: Ace Mann, Britt Kohn, Cris Caravaca, Jo McFetridge, Liz da Mata, Mark Overton-Paszek, Nathan Zhang, Nick Luney, Scott Daly

Outgoing Board Members: Britt Kohn, Ben Barnes, Jo McFetridge (seeking re-election), Nathan Zhang, Nick Luney (seeking re-election)

General Members Present: David Tillson, Mandart Chan, Alan Segal, Tom Daly, Gala Vega, Ngozi Nwoko, Rae Scott, Rachelle Briscoe, Dylan DeGroot

Meeting Officially Begins at: 6:28 pm

Agenda

1. **President to Chair and Begin Meeting**
2. **Confirmation of Quorum** | Confirmed at 6:28 pm
3. [Land Acknowledgement](#)
4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion: That the agenda be approved as presented.

1st: Mark Overton-Paszek

2nd: Scott Daly

Approved: CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict**
6. **Approval of December 2021's Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion: That [the 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes](#) be approved as presented.

1st: Scott Daly

2nd: Ace Mann

Approved: CARRIED

7. **President's Report**
8. **Board Reports**
 - a. Pride 2022
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Youth Report
 - d. Partnership Report
9. **Victoria Pride 2023**
10. **Nomination and Election of New Board**
11. **Other Business and Questions From the Floor**
12. **Adjournment**

President's Report (Section 7)

- Tried to make sure there were extra efforts of inclusion for often excluded communities inc. creating a more accessible Pride
- Created a Partnership model that didn't just rely on money given
- Reminder that all memberships will expire upon the adjournment of the AGM. All members (present and not) that wish to be members for the 2023 season should reapply on the website as soon as possible

Board Reports (Section 8)

Pride 2022 Report (Britton)

- Saw outstanding numbers at our 2022 festival
- More news and radio broadcast to get the news to a wider audience
- More listening to the community
- Fully fenced off the venue to create a fully licensed venue and a more accessible venue
- Threats of violence at the Sashay Café were recent and people felt much more comfortable with a fenced field and security for the festival
- Big thanks to our communities for showing up and volunteering

Treasurer's Report (Nathan)

- ***All financial details can be found in the AGM report***
- Saw a lot of cost pressure in the last year and we're trying hard this year to combat this
- Increase in revenue due to our communities' support
- Many excellent partnerships happened due to Marks' incredible efforts
- Grant revenue was increased this year
- 2022 was a record-setting year for many reasons

Youth Report (Nick)

- Hosted first ever Queer Prom kick off with over 150 youth
- Activism night had 90 youth show up to learn more about how to be activists
- Bi-monthly events all year long

Partnership Report (Mark)

- Great year for partnerships
- Change in structure for this year to hold partners accountable and avoid rainbow washing

- Great discussions about policies and spaces for their queer employees and for our communities
- 59 partners for 2022 and money is still coming in

Victoria Pride 2023 (Section 9)

- Pride will be hiring people to help execute the festival, parade, etc.
- **Committees**
 - Committees are a great way to take part in the execution of Pride
 - Anyone can volunteer for a committee without being a VPS member
 - Committees include, but are not limited to: communications, festival, parade, financial, advocacy, partnerships, fundraising, events, community engagement, etc.

Nomination and Election (Section 10)

Board nominees: Jo McFetridge, Mandart Chan, Michael Keeghan, Nick Luney

- Scott leads the nominations and thanks outgoing board members
- Scott introduces four members looking to join the board for the 2023 season

Motion: To elect all four candidates to the 2023 board

1st: Britton Kohn

2nd: Liz da Mata

Approved: CARRIED

Questions from the Floor (Section 12)

- N/a

End of Notes & Meeting (Section 13)

- Adjournment at 7:03 pm

All memberships and outgoing board memberships are now dissolved for the 2022 year.