

**Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - British Columbia
(the “Society”)**

**Annual General Meeting
September 25, 2024, 5:30pm
Location: ZOOM online meeting**

Chair: Catarina Moreno, Board President

Minute Taker: David Barbosa, Board Secretary

Minutes

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Meeting Chair.

2. Welcome, and Land Acknowledgement

The Acting Executive Director (Sarah McNeil) gave welcome remarks, and land acknowledgment.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Voting members present at AGM: 20

Ballot: 0

Guests: 3

Total number of members in good standing: 105

A quorum of members was present throughout the meeting.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Chair asked for approval of the agenda. No requests for additions made.

Motion to approve the agenda as circulated.

Moved: Kathy

Seconded: Tori

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Chair asked for approval of the minutes from the previous 2023 AGM.

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous AGM, September 27, 2023, as circulated.

Moved: Max

Seconded: Carlo

Carried

6. Presentation of the 2023/24 Fiscal Year Audited Financial Statements

The Treasurer (Kayan Yu) presented the audited financial statements.

Audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024 officially received. No motion needed.

7. Appointment of the Auditor for the 2024/25 audit (Treasurer)

The Treasurer noted the auditors of the Society are Manning Elliott and present today, and that the Society had a successful audit this past year, and that the Board recommends re-appointment of the auditor.

Motion to re-appoint Manning Elliott as CPAWS-BC's auditors for the 2024/25 fiscal year.

Moved: Kayan

Seconded: Greg

Carried

8. Executive Director and President's Report (Chair)

Chair reported on the work of the previous year on behalf of the Directors.

No motion needed

9. Election of Directors (Chair)

The Chair noted two (2) Directors had terms ending at the 2024 AGM, and are eligible for re-election for another term of two years ending at the 2026 AGM:

1. David Barbosa
2. Kayan Yu

Motion to elect David Barbosa and Kayan Yu as Directors of the Society for another term of two years.

Moved: Kate

Seconded: Kathy

Carried

The Chair noted three (3) returning directors were appointed by the Board on Nov. 16, 2023 to fill vacancies, and are now running for a term of two years ending at the 2026 AGM:

1. Ewelina Krzyzanowska
2. Gregory McKinley
3. Charlene Seward

Motion to elect Ewelina Krzyzanowska, Gregory McKinley, and Charlene Seward as Directors of the Society for a term of two years.

Moved: Carla

Seconded: Shubhneet

Carried

The Chair noted four (4) new nominees as Directors of the Society for a term of two years ending at the 2026 AGM:

1. Huda Al-Saedy
2. Paul Sahota
3. Shubhneet Singh
4. Amita Vulimiri

Motion to elect Huda Al-Saedy, Paul Sahota, Shubhneet Singh, and Amita Vulimiri as Directors of the Society for a term of two years.

Moved: Ewelina

Seconded: Kathy

Carried

10. Confirmation of Directors, and departing Directors (Chair)

Chair presented the elected directors, departing/retiring and departed directors.

No motion needed.

Directors:

Huda Al-Saedy
David Barbosa
Ewelina Krzyzanowska
Gregory McKinley
Paul Sahota
Pradnya Sawant
Charlene Seward
Shubhneet Singh
Amita Vulimiri
Kayan Yu

Departing Directors:

Carla Giles
Catarina Moreno
Kathy Scalzo

Directors departed this past year:

Madhu Bachwani
Shehin Rahemtulla

The Chair acknowledged and thanked the departing/departed directors for their years of service to CPAWS-BC and the Board, and welcomed the newly elected Directors.

11. New Business (Chair)

No new business was added to the agenda.

12. Motion to Adjourn (Chair)

Given that there was no new business, the Chair asked for a motion to close the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Huda

Seconded: Kathy

Carried

Adjourned – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.