

**McMaster Association of Part-Time Students
Annual General Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.
Room 308/309, McMaster University Student Centre, McMaster University**

PRESENT David Moore (chair), Lynn Beyer, Simon DeAbreu, Min-Ju Evans, Vicki Hartley (by proxy), Darlene Hayward, Rabia Khan, Joanna King (by proxy), Kyra Machèn, Anna Marinelli, Joseph McGuire, Ryan Moran (by proxy), Kirsten Murski, Rose O'Connor, Eric Siu, Sean Spratt, Ann Wolkow (voted by proxy), Allan Wong

OTHERS Joey Coleman (The Silhouette), Faizil Haji (Medicine II, former IRC president), John Popham (MSU president),

STAFF Sam Minniti (executive director), Josie Taylor (office administrator)

CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING

The chair, David Moore, certified that notice had been duly served. A quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order. Four proxies were exercised at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE MINUTES

- Agenda
- Minutes of the Special General Meeting, June 27, 2006
- Report of the Board of Directors to the Membership
- Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2006

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Anna Marinelli, seconded by Rose O'Connor that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Rose O'Connor, seconded by Sean Spratt that the minutes of the Special General Meeting (June 27, 2006) be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The board's written report was received (copy annexed the master copy of the minutes).

Kirsten Murski asked three questions: (1) why she is not permitted to vote in all campus elections; (2) why she is not eligible for the 8-month student bus pass; and (3) why a second set of stairs isn't placed at the north end of the MUSC atrium to reduce peak traffic congestion.

Responding on behalf of the board, Moore explained:

(1) Undergraduate degree students enrolled in 17 or fewer units are members of MAPS, while students enrolled in 18 or more units are members of the McMaster Students Union (MSU). Voting eligibility, like fees payable, are based on membership. As a part-time student, Murski is eligible to vote in MAPS general meetings and referenda, but not MSU elections.

(2) The 8-month HSR bus pass is one of the benefits MSU members receive in return for the more than \$340 in membership fees they may pay to the Students Union. The bus pass is the result of a contract negotiated between the MSU and the Hamilton Street Railway that provides an 8-month pass for a fixed amount payable by all MSU members. There is no opt-in or opt-out.

Joey Coleman added that the HSR bus pass was negotiated several years ago on the basis of a number of assumptions including much lower anticipated usage than turned out to be the case. The MSU bus pass is thought to be the cheapest of its kind in Canada and would almost certainly increase dramatically in price were its terms to be renegotiated to include another major student group such as part-time students.

Moore noted that most part-time students are unlikely to support the substantial increase to their fees to provide for a bus pass for MAPS members, assuming the HSR was prepared to entertain the idea. He noted that when MAPS ran a drug plan referendum, the idea was overwhelmingly rejected by part-time students.

(3) Congestion in the MUSC at peak periods, including at the entrance at the north entrance, is a result in many respects of the building's success as a new "hub" for the campus. The board of management is aware of the issue but major structural changes are not contemplated.

Minniti acknowledged the contribution of the outgoing board, all of whom serve as volunteers. He asked the members present to acknowledge MAPS' outgoing president, Dave Moore, noting that this had been a very successful year in no small measure thanks to the pro-active and experienced leadership Moore brought to the Association.

4. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion: Moved by Allan Wong, seconded by Sean Spratt that the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 be approved. **Motion Carried.**

Lynn Beyer suggested that the audited financial statements be made available to members prior to the AGM in the future. Moore agreed this was a helpful suggestion and said staff would be directed to include this advance availability in the notice material issued to the membership.

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Motion: Moved by Sean Spratt, seconded by Allan Wong that Pettinelli & Mastroluisi be re-appointed as the Corporation's auditor. **Motion Carried.**

6. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

Motion: Moved by Joseph McGuire, seconded by Kirsten Murski that the auditor's remuneration be fixed by the Board of Directors. **Motion Carried.**

7. ELECTION OF 2007-08 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Corporation's bylaws provide for election at the AGM of a Board of Directors of not fewer than 10, and not more than 16, members. Twenty members of MAPS had been duly nominated to serve as directors of the Corporation for 2007-08. The nominees were as follows:

Alex Alvarez	M.A. Vicki Hartley	Joseph McGuire	Sean Spratt
Carole Armstrong	Darlene Hayward	David Moore	Jennifer Walker
Lynn Beyer	Rabia Khan	Kirsten Murski	Michael Westcott
Simon DeAbreu	Kyra Machèn	Rose O'Connor	Allan Wong
Min-Ju Evans	Anna Marinelli	Eric Siu	George Zrinscak

There being more than 16 nominees, an election was required. Copies of the resumes/ biographical summaries provided by the nominees were circulated (a copy is annexed to the master minutes). Each nominee present was invited to make a brief statement.

The Executive Director acted as Returning Officer. Each member of MAPS present, including those represented by proxy, was entitled to vote in the secret ballot election. The results of the election were as follows:

Alex Alvarez	9	ELECTED	Joseph McGuire	15	ELECTED
Carole Armstrong	10	ELECTED	David Moore	12	ELECTED
Lynn Beyer	12	ELECTED	Kirsten Murski	4	
Simon DeAbreu	13	ELECTED	Rose O'Connor	12	ELECTED
Min-Ju Evans	9	ELECTED	Eric Siu	13	ELECTED
M.A. Vicki Hartley	8	ELECTED	Sean Spratt	12	ELECTED
Darlene Hayward	13	ELECTED	Jennifer Walker	4	
Rabia Khan	10	ELECTED	Michael Westcott	3	
Kyra Machèn	14	ELECTED	Allan Wong	12	ELECTED
Anna Marinelli	9	ELECTED	George Zrinscak	6	

Motion: Moved by Allan Wong, seconded by Simon DeAbreu that the ballots be destroyed and that the elected candidates be ratified as directors of the Corporation for 2007-2008. **Motion Carried.**

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting of the Board of Directors

The chair advised that the new board would meet in March to elect the executive committee and transact other business. The executive director will survey the members by email to determine a suitable date. Orientation binders will be available for pick-up by the board next week.

Appreciation to Retiring Board Members

The chair noted that seven members are retiring from the board: Denise Ellis, Noor Nizam, Gizela Oliveira, David Rennie, Ken Seville, Nathan Shaw, and George Zrinscak. He expressed appreciation for their contribution in the service of their fellow part-time students.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Moved by Ann Wolkow, seconded by Darlene Hayward that the 2007 Annual General Meeting of MAPS adjourn. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.