

55 PLUS GOAN ASSOCIATION – WEST GTA INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Cawthra Seniors' Centre, Mississauga, ON

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Norman da Costa at 6:20 p.m. There were forty-five (45) members in attendance.

Opening Prayer

The President, Lydia Nazareth said the opening prayer.

Norman da Costa introduced the members of the Executive Committee and thanked those present for attending the AGM.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on April 25, 2019

Members were asked if the minutes of the AGM held on April 25, 2019 could be confirmed. Since there were no objections, Cynthia Harris proposed acceptance of the minutes. It was seconded by Alcino Rodrigues and carried by the General Body.

President's Annual Report for 2021

Lydia Nazareth did not read the President's report to those present since it had been sent to the members in advance together with the meeting agenda. There were no questions.

To adopt Audited Financial Statements for 2018

Alcino Rodrigues asked why the financials covered three (3) years. Treasurer, Aggie D'Mello said that it was intended to give the members a complete picture of the finances for 2021, 2020 & 2019. Alcino agreed that it was a good idea and commended the quality of the financial reporting. There were no other questions.

Danny Solomon proposed the motion to adopt the 2021 financial statements. It was seconded by Osbert Remedios and carried by the General Body.

Comments with respect to the Annual Report & Financial Statements

Al Mathias had submitted comments regarding how items submitted were selected for discussion at the AGM. Lydia Nazareth pointed out that he had already asked the question and directed him to the minutes of the AGM held in 2019.

Al Mathias had also submitted comments regarding refunds for tickets for events purchased in advance. He was reminded that he had asked the question in 2019 and that the position of the Executive Committee was the same. Osbert Remedios suggested that a "No Refunds" statement should be included on the tickets or event flyer. Alcino Rodrigues proposed that the next Executive Committee should implement this decision.

Alcino Rodrigues suggested that the budget prepared for events should not forecast a surplus. Lydia Nazareth said that her committee's goal for preparing the budget for an event was not to forecast a loss, but rather to break even.

Alcino Rodrigues recommended that the items on the agenda should be numbered to make it easier to keep track of where we are at during the meeting. This will be implemented for the next AGM.

Proposal for the Election of Auditors

Lydia Nazareth proposed that the election of auditors should alternate years with the election of a new committee to ensure smooth continuity in financial reporting and the running of the organization. So, since a new committee was being elected in 2022 for a term of 2 years, an auditor should be elected for one year or for a three-year term. It was decided that the next committee would implement the change. This would require an amendment to the 55 PGA Constitution.

Proposal to Elect a Board of Trustees

This would be helpful, if after the 2-year term of the incumbent committee, no one else steps forward to form a new committee, the Trustees will take over until a new committee is formed. However, the Trustees would not be able to implement any changes without getting the approval of the members. This would require an amendment to the 55 PGA Constitution in order to be implemented.

Proposal to Incorporate Policies prepared for the City of Mississauga into the Constitution

The Committee had prepared three policies that were required by the City of Mississauga, namely, Dispute Resolution, Building a Code of Conduct for Members and Conflict of Interest. This would also require an amendment to the 55 PGA Constitution. It was agreed that the new committee would prepare the amendments and have it approved by the members.

There was some discussion regarding the benefits of being affiliated with the City of Mississauga. Some of the benefits are free meeting rooms for committee meetings and for the AGM. The General Secretary, Leslie de Souza, said that maintaining the affiliation was worthwhile since among other things, all the set-ups for the meeting are requested by us and done by the City. Kathleen MacLeod said that the cost of renting other venues was exorbitant and that the benefits of keeping the affiliation were excellent.

Al Mathias praised the current committee for their excellent performance.

Election of a New Executive for 2022 & 2023

Osbert Remedios proposed that Alcino Rodrigues should form the next committee. Alcino accepted the nomination and Al Mathias seconded the proposal. There were no other nominations for a new committee. Alcino named his Vice-President, Treasurer and General Secretary and Al Mathias seconded the proposals. The members of the new committee were announced as follows:

President: Alcino Rodrigues

Vice President: Ruth Remedios

Treasurer: Aggie D'Mello

General Secretary: Leslie de Souza

Communications Director: Romeo D'Souza

Social Secretary: Maria Fernandes

Committee Member: Tony Braganza

There may be additional members added to the committee.

Election of Auditors for 2022 & 2023

Alcino Rodrigues proposed that Al Mathias should be elected as one of the auditors and Osbert Remedios seconded it. Al accepted the nomination. He will choose the second auditor.

Any Other Business

Alcino asked the current Executive Committee if he could count on their support as required and they agreed.

Since there was no other business to discuss, Neville Arnold proposed that the meeting should be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The proposal was seconded by Rudi Rodrigues.

Minutes Prepared by:

Leslie de Souza

General Secretary

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