

## ABEABC AGM Minutes April 24, 2025

12:25– 1:50 p.m. (in person – Camosun College Lansdowne Campus, Victoria)

Board members in attendance: Izabela Mazur, Mark Friesen, Christine Miller, Shauna Svekla, Puja Gupta, Roberta Power, Tory Anchikoski, Marcie Lundin, Stephanie Forgacs

Regrets: Barnabe Asgoba, Stephanie Thomas

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Welcoming remarks from the President, Izabela Mazur

After the first part of the meeting, nominations for new Board position to be announced.

- Approval of the minutes from AGM 2024  
*IM noted that [before approval] a correction is needed with respect to the mention of an ABEABC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The ABEABC is not celebrating 50 years quite yet.*

Motion to approve the minutes from AGM 2024:

Moved: Mark, seconder Puja

Motion to adopt the agenda

Moved: Roberta, seconder Stephanie

### 1. President's report

- 1.1 Izabela thanked the Board and the Conference Co-Chairs, Puja and Mark, for the organization of the conference. She also thanked the membership for the opportunity to have been President the last two years, as well as the Board for the positive atmosphere.
- 1.2 Izabela shared accomplishments of the past year including:
  1. Conference 2025, and thanked Conference Co-Chairs Puja and Mark.
  2. Groundwork 2025 issue, and thanked Groundwork Co- Chairs Christine and Stephanie. Izabela also thanked those who contributed content.
- 1.3 Izabela thanked Shauna for her work as Treasurer and shared that ABEABC is in a strong financial place.
- 1.4 Izabela thanked all sponsors to the ABEABC including VanCity, Camosun College, BCcampus, and BC Scholarship Society.
- 1.5 Izabela thanked Jack Massalski for his support in creating a more accessible and graphically pleasing website.
- 1.6 Izabela thanked Mark as VP and Stephanie as Secretary for helping with general organization during the past year.

## 2. Treasurer's report - Shauna

Shauna thanked IM for the introduction and shared that the overall financial trend is in an upward direction.

1.1 Income in 2024 was \$8621.31 compared to \$5874.78 in 2023.

1.2 Expenses in 2024 were 7,708.37 compared to \$7200.38 in 2023.

1.3 The ABEABC has a total of \$27,869.06 as of April 24, 2025 compared to \$18,777.45 in March of last year.

1.4 In 2024, the ABEABC saw a net income of 912.26 compared to \$1325.60 in 2023.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report:

Mover Mark, seconder, Izabela

## 3. Election of new Board – Vice President Mark Friesen

- Nomination of Mark Friesen for President  
Nomination: Izabela , seconder Marcie  
Mark acclaimed.
- Nomination of Puja Gupta for Vice -President  
Nomination: Mark, seconder Tory  
Puja acclaimed.
- Nomination of Shauna Svekla for Treasurer  
Nomination: Mark, seconder Augustin Ruse (sp?)  
Shauna acclaimed.
- Stephanie Forgacs, nominated in 2024, will remain in the role as Secretary for one more year.

### Regional representative positions up for election (2-year terms):

- Nomination of Hannah Sanvido to represent the Fraser Valley region.  
Nominated by Mark, Seconder, Shauna.  
Hannah acclaimed.
- Nomination of Roberta Power for another two-year term to represent the Surrey-Delta region. Nomination: Mark, Seconder, Marcie.  
Roberta acclaimed.
- Nomination of Allison Platt for the Kootenay- Boundary region. Nomination: Izabela, Seconder, Jack.  
Allison acclaimed.
- Nomination of Tony Trudel for the Vancouver Island region. Nomination Izabela, Seconder, Puja.  
Tony acclaimed.
- The Metro Vancouver Regional representative position is vacant.

Additional ABEABC positions:

- Shauna will continue as Membership Chair
- Christine and Stephanie will remain as Groundwork Co-Chairs.
- Indigenous Liaison position: to be discussed.  
Mover: Mark, seconder Christine.  
All approved.
- The Board moves that a new board position be created for a **Digital Media Chair** to facilitate the management of ABEABC's online presence.  
Mover: Mark, seconder, Christine.  
All approved.
- The Board moves to suspend the position of Government Liaison. This position is no longer deemed necessary for ABEABC.  
Mover: Mark, seconder Puja  
All approved.
- Nomination of Jack Massalski for Digital Media Chair:  
Nomination: Mark, seconder- Puja.  
Jack acclaimed.

Mark announced a New Board meeting at 3:20 p.m. in Room 234

Meeting adjourned at 1:35p.m.