Staff Association Area Reps Meeting
Minutes of October 13, 2016

Present:
Andrea Rose Santi
Annette Dietrich
Andrew Urschel
Danielle Jeanneault
Darlene Stegner
Ena Devedzija
Helen Simon
Jenny Conroy
Katy Wong
Luanne McGinley
Marina Ivanova
Murray Zink
Murielle Landry
Phillip Demsey
Robyn Landers
Susan Oestreicht
Tammy Vicicevich
Trish Van Berkel
Lawrence Folland
Jackie Serviss
Jason Gorrie

Guests:
Gail Spencer
Agata Antkiewicz
Stephanie Koerne

1. Welcome to new members
Jackie Serviss welcomed new area representatives to the committee: Nicole Brandt, Trish Van Berkel, Katy McEwen, Rita Cherkewski, Danielle Jeanneault, and Brandi Gillett (absent)

2. Approval of minutes of September 8, 2016 Area Reps Meeting
Accepted.

3. Approval of agenda
Michael Herz could not be here so there is no president’s report.

4. Business arising from the minutes
None.

5. New vice-chair of Area Reps
Christine Gillis Bilton’s term as Vice Chair of Area Reps is now complete, so we seek a volunteer for this position. Notify Jackie, Michael, etc. if you want to volunteer.

6. Elections
Polls for new directors are open now until Thursday October 20. Results will be announced at the October 27 Annual General Meeting. The five candidates for director introduced themselves and took questions. They are: Agata Antkiewicz, Danielle Jeanneault, Jason Gorrie, Lawrence Folland, Stephanie Koerne.

There were no nominees for the role of president-elect. For next meeting, please bring comments about how you see the traditional model of president-elect, president, and past-president working, and any suggestions about filling the role of president.

7. Other business
Q: Wasn’t there some previous discussion about enabling remote participation in meetings e.g. by video-conference?
A: It was discussed at Area Reps. A concern was that a remote participant is not obligated to use a webcam so other participants can’t be sure who is listening and may feel inhibited from speaking freely. In discussion, it was pointed out that Adobe Connect for example does provide authenticated login to reveal participants. The topic will be put on the agenda for a future board meeting.
Chair: Jackie Serviss

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