

Arthur Newspaper Spring Election - Minutes
Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Meeting called to order: 5:55PM

Members present:

Maeve de Savoye (President of the Board/Staff Collective Member) ****Acting Chair****
Maxine Niehaus (Treasurer of the Board/Staff Collective Member)
Miranda Rigby (Secretary of the Board/Staff Collective Member/Former Editor)
Lubna Sadek (Current Editor/Editorial Candidate/Staff Collective Member)
Leina Amatsuji-Berry (Current Editor/Editorial Candidate/Staff Collective Member)
Janette Platana (External Affairs Commissioner of the Board)
Clay Duncalfe (Staff Collective Member)
Nick Taylor (Staff Collective Member)
Paige McLaughlin (Staff Collective Member)
Mauricio Interiano (Trent Radio Community Outreach Development Manager)
Dan Morrison (Former Editor/Elected Staff Collective Member/Voting Approved)
Emily McDonald (General Member/Non-voting)
Becca Kram (General Member/Non-voting)
Ethel Nalule (TCSA Scrutineer/Staff Collective Member) *entered during QP*

Proxies sent:

Zoe Easton (Proxy sent via Nick Taylor)
Sogyal Samdup (Proxy sent via Maeve de Savoye)
Lola Edwards (Proxy sent via Maxine Niehaus)
Lina Vermeer (Proxy sent via Paige McLaughlin)

Regrets:

James Kerr (Chair of the Board)

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I. Chair's Remarks

- We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg. We offer our gratitude to our First Nations for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.

- We have to have 10 members at minimum present, by proxy or in present; we have 8 members present, 1 former editor and 4 proxy votes, are these numbers correct?
- First we need three members to vote to allow for former editor, Dan Morrison, to be allowed to vote in this election
 - *Motion made by Nick Taylor*
 - *Seconded by Paige McLaughlin*
 - *Thirded by Clay Duncalfe*
 - *Motion approved*
- Voting practices
 - According to Bylaw 6b, all votes are made by majority
 - Only Staff Collective members are eligible to vote
 - Secretary will be recording all for, against, and abstaining
 - All votes are done by ballot, both for the editors and the staff collective members
 - Because there is no contestation, your vote for the editors is going to be yes/no/abstained
 - Any proxy voters need to identify themselves as such now and need:
 - Signature of staff collective member
 - Date of signature
 - Who proxy powers are from and to
 - Who you are voting for, if applicable (otherwise it is assumed the proxy holder knows your vote)
 - All staff collective members are allowed a vote, including the chair and editors running, if you are unsure whether you are on the list please ask now
 - Results will be read out by TCSA Scrutineer or the Chair of the Meeting
- After my remarks, the Editors will be presenting their year review to go over the past year's successes and failures; considering the editors are the only ones running for editorship, we ask that you save all questions until after the platform is presented; however, according to Robert's Rules you are allowed to request a "Point of Information" at any time; please keep all questions civil when possible
- Editor's Platforms are allowed to take a maximum of 10 minutes, after those 10 minutes or less are over, we will open up the floor for question period; we (the secretary and the chair) will do our best to create a list of names for questions to assure order is kept
- After the Question Period, we will vote, and then take a brief recess while that vote is tallied
- After the editorship is announced, we will take nominations for Staff Collective members for the board; we ask that you remember that the board meets once a month, either in person or over the phone, and whomever applies will be asked to attend those meetings
- We will give nominated board members time to introduce themselves (approximately 2-3 minutes) prior to the vote; then we will tally the vote, as soon as all nominations are made; and announce after a secondary brief recess
- After secondary announcement is made, we will motion to adjourn
- Any questions?

- *Point of Information: Maxine: Should we announce who is voting for whom in proxy?*
 - *Miranda, Secretary: No, I already have it recorded.*

II. Editor's Remarks/Year Review

- Lubna remarked: We are grateful for being Editors in Chief together, as Editors we learned a lot about networking, and got to see how *Arthur* functioned. We were excited to continue these achievements and improve them.
- Leina remarked: This year we continued a collaborative initiative, working with external clubs and groups, such as the Centre for Women and Trans, in a reimagining of a feature like Queerlines. We enjoyed working with the Radio and Sadleir House; we brought new ideas to table, such as food reviews, humour and a satire column since January
- Lubna remarked: We also provided a learning opportunity for CUST students in collab with a Cultural Studies Professor; we did organizational work for *Arthur*, and cleaned up the organization. With the introduction of the student choice initiative, we worked with board to strike a contingency committee.

III. Presentation of Editor Platforms

- Lubna remarked: We will continue to operate during the changes of Student Choice Initiative, we will work with contingency committee. Arthur will continue to be a platform for Peterborough-Nogojiwanong. We will offer TWSP positions for students, and the international program, and hopefully work with more students in a for-credit capacity with the English Department, the Community Based Learning Centre; we want to continue the opportunities *Arthur* affords the student population.

IV. Question Period

- Prior to the question period, we ask that all questions are kept to the length of one minute and all answers (from the Editors) to the length of three minutes
- Prior to asking your question, please state your name for the sake of the meeting minutes

Questions asked by attendees:

- Janette inquired: Can you go into further detail of your plans you wish to implement should you be elected again?
 - Answer: Lubna: We plan on stabilizing the financial functions of the paper and publishing weekly (8 pages).
 - Janette: How?
 - Answer: We believe next year we won't have regular funding; come Sept, the levy will be reduced; we budgeted this year so that we have money for next year, we plan on fundraising; likely will have to hire less staff and if we can't afford to hire staff, we will use for-credit process to allow students to participate in *Arthur*; we

have been in contact with printers, and discussed weekly 8 page issue in black and white; we will be seeking more advertising revenue by having more people selling; we will be changing the business manager position; we have been talking to the school of business about a field placement opportunity for 3rd and 4th year students: two separate positions, advertising manager and a bookkeeping position; we are hopeful that a weekly 8 page (instead of a biweekly 16 with colour) will benefit advertising

- At this point, Staff Collective member entered: Ethel Nalule
- Clay inquired: Curious about experiential learning [for-credit], will this go beyond English and Cultural Studies?
 - Lubna: We've been in contact with the School of Business, and the Community Based Research Centre; we will be reaching out to all departments/most, including politics
 - Janette: Working with Hugh Hodges who is the Chair of the English Literature department; he emailed a call-out 7 hours ago and so far: Women Studies and INDG Studies have also confirmed interest; it's been 7 hours and since two have confirmed, it is a good sign; practicum courses already exist and likely will be a simple process to have started next year
- Maxine inquired: How much do you love your board?
 - Lubna: Very much
 - Leina: We are very fortunate
- Clay inquired: Student Choice Initiative, can we talk about this?
 - Miranda outlined the mandate of the Contingency Committee; she said, we are not sure if next year's levies will be opt-in or opt-out, we likely will be at a loss for money next year but we are working towards funding to assure the change won't be too painful
 - Lubna agreed
 - Leina stated: We drafted a lengthy letter about how we were essential to the President of Trent U; ultimately they replied saying that Student Media is not essential
 - Lubna stated: We will continue to fight for that; Stephen Stohn is our founder and new chancellor; he has stated he is willing to help; on Friday we will be meeting with the President and meeting with Chancellor; we will apply for more grants

V. Election of Editors

- Name of those who scrutineered the ballot
 - TCSA member: Ethel Nalule
 - Board member(s): Maeve de Savoye, Miranda Rigby
- Editors for next year are: Leina Amatsuji-Berry and Lubna Sadek; 14 ballots cast, 14 ballots "Yes" for Leina and Lubna to return next year as editors

VI. Election of three Board Members

- Janette: Do the policies require a certain number of Staff to be on the board?
 - Miranda: There is a certain percentage of paid staff allowed, but Staff Collective isn't limited, we are voting for three people today
- Maxine nominated: Nick Taylor
 - Nick Taylor accepted the nomination
- Paige nominated: Paige McLaughlin
- Lubna nominated: Dan Morrison
 - Dan Morrison refused the nomination
- Maxine nominated: Lola Edwards
 - Miranda suggested this nomination be tabled, pending Lola's approval
- Janette nominated: Stephen Stohn
 - Miranda explained that three Staff Collective members would have to approve his application to the Staff Collective, as a former editor, and this nomination be tabled, pending Stephen's approval
 - Maxine, Nick, Paige voted to allow Stephen Stohn to join the Staff Collective
- Janette nominated: Matthew Seeby
 - Miranda suggested this nomination be tabled, pending Matthew's approval, explained that he wouldn't be staff collective
- Janette nominated: Brian Burchell
 - Miranda explained that three Staff Collective members would have to approve his application to the Staff Collective, as a former editor, and this nomination be tabled, pending Brian's approval
 - Nick, Maeve, Miranda voted to allow Brian Burchell to join the Staff Collective
- Voting was tallied by: Miranda and Maeve; voting was verified by Ethel Nalule
 - Nick Taylor received 14 votes
 - Paige McLaughlin received 12 votes
 - Stephen Stohn received 2 votes
 - Brian Burchell received 2 votes
 - One ballot abstained from voting
- As of today, current members are the board, including existing members are:
 - Maeve de Savoye (President)
 - Maxine Niehaus (Treasurer)
 - Miranda Rigby (Secretary)
 - Janette Platana (External Affairs Commissioner)
 - Nicholas Taylor (Member-at-large)
 - Paige McLaughlin (Member-at-large)

VII. Adjournment

- *Time of adjournment: 6:47PM*
- **Janette: Point of Information: What about my nomination of Matthew Seeby?**
 - **Miranda explained: It was tabled; not a Staff Collective member**
- **Motion to adjourn: Maxine Niehaus**
 - **Seconded by: Paige McLaughlin**
 - **All in favour**