



CANADIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY
NOVA SCOTIA CHAPTER

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday June 16, 2021

12:00 to 1:30 pm

AGENDA

1. Land Acknowledgement and Active Reconciliation including National Statements

- a. [DEI](#)
- b. [Statement on the Kamloops Indian Residential School Graves](#)

Andrealisa provides a land acknowledgement.

2. Call to Order

Called to order at 12:25 pm

3. Review and approval of 2020 AGM meeting minutes

- Motion to approve 2020 AGM meeting minutes: Rob Assels
- Second: Dorian Watts
- Motion carries (0 abstentions, 0 oppositions)

4. Annual Report

a. High-level update on National Strategic Plan

- Andrealisa introduces the strategic plan document that was circulated to attendees.
- Andrealisa screen shares CES-NS strategic plan 2020-2023 1-pager and walks the group through it.
- Motion to approve annual report, following edits (adding financial statement):
Dorian Watts
- Second: Scott Christian
- Motion carries (0 abstentions, 0 oppositions)

5. Financial Report

- Clare Levin screen shares 2020-2021 Financial Statement. Notes that all professional development events were made free for this past year in response to the pandemic. Clare also provides a tentative budget for going forward.

- Rob Assels provides input as this year's external reviewer of the Financial Statement: two small issues (one typo, one receipt for \$100 charge missing due to the Chapter's move to digital documentation) but Clare Levin was able to immediately rectify both. Rob recommends continued use of the online platform the Chapter uses for financial documentation.
- Motion to approve financial report: Clare Levin
- Second: Scott Christian
- Motion carries (0 abstentions, 0 oppositions)

6. Election of Officers:

1. President: Dorian Watts, CE
2. Vice President: Rob Assels, CE
3. Treasurer: Clare Levin, CE
4. Secretary: Zahra Take
5. Past President: Andrealisa Belzer, CE
6. Program Chairs: Vacant - *Andrealisa Belzer, CE will fill in the interim*
7. Membership Chair: Nicole Saulnier, CE
8. National Representative: Andrealisa Belzer, CE
9. Technology Chair: Evan Poncelet, CE
10. Member-at-Large: Scott Christian, CE

- Motion to accept slate of officers: Rob Assels
- Second: Kaireen Chaytor
- Motion carries (0 abstentions, 0 oppositions)

6. Other business:

- New Standing Committee for DEI & S (Nancy)
 - New Standing Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion developed at the CES National level. Krista Brower elected as Chair.
 - The Committee will officially begin in July 2021 following the CES National AGM (June 28, 2021).
 - The Committee is an extension from two previous CES National Working Groups on the same topics.
 - Andrealisa Belzer (incoming Past President and National Rep) has accepted an invitation to support the new Standing Committee as Member of the National Board and past chair of both of the working groups for DEI and Sustainability.
 - There will likely be opportunities for people to volunteer with the Committee as its work progresses.
- Progress on Chapter Strategic Plan (Andrealisa)
 - CES-NS will be creating committees that will help implement the Chapter Strategic Plan and Chapter activities.
 - Communications Committee
 - Partnership and Engagement Committee

- Professional Development Committee
 - The committees will be open to members and non-members. The Terms of Reference for each committee will be developed with committee members.
- Nation to Nation (Andrealisa)
 - Andrealisa has been working with the Atlantic Policy Congress (First Nations structure) and Indigenous Stewardship for Evaluation. There may be training offered in the future on things like the OCAP Principles or the blanket exercise done through the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre.
 - These actions reflect CES Competency 3.7
- Via Rail partnership (Andrealisa)
 - CES National now has an entry level corporate partnership with Via Rail, which provides CES members with a 5% discount on Via Rail. The discount amount will increase as CES members and their travelling companions use the discount and demonstrate a volume of sale.
 - Via Rail provide a lower-carbon option to travel .
 - Further details will be provided at the CES National AGM (June 28, 2021).
- Resource Sharing
 - The following resources were shared by attendees:
 - University of Western Ontario's annual Case Study collections: <https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/publichealth/cases/index.html>
 - OCAP online training modules
 - A Short Primer on Innovative Evaluation Reporting (Kylie Hutchinson): <https://communitysolutions.ca/web/evaluation-reporting-guide-2/>
 - Depict Data Studio: <https://depictdatastudio.com/blog/>
 - Survive and Thrive (Kylie Hutchinson): <https://communitysolutions.ca/web/guide-to-program-sustainability-2/>
 - Fresh Spectrum (Chris Lysy): <https://freshspectrum.com/>
 - Consulting with colleagues (pick up the phone and give someone a call)
 - Bluemarble Evaluation: <https://blumarbleeval.org/>
 - Footprint Evaluation: https://www.betterevaluation.org/en/themes/footprint_evaluation
 - A Short Primer on Innovative Evaluation Reporting (Kylie Hutchinson)
 - Productivity Planner (<https://www.intelligentchange.com/products/the-productivity-planner>)
 - Measurement Theory and Applications for the Social Sciences (Deborah Bandalos). Online copy (free): <https://tinyurl.com/3whah8bb>
 - Twitter: #Eval, #EvalTwitter (and #EvalPets too!)

Motion to adjourn: Nancy Carter

Second: Andrealisa Belzer

Meeting adjourned at 1:26pm.