

**Regina Public Interest Research Group**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 5:15-7:15, URSU boardroom

### Opening Round

- 5:25 p.m.
1. Presentations – n/a
  2. Check in, transition into meeting  
In attendance: Nicole, Ashlyn, David, Kandra, Devon, Tressa, Anna, Eric  
Regrets: Nadia  
Absent:
  3. Requests for changing agenda items

### Administrative Matters

- 5:45 p.m.
1. Meeting length – 2 hours
  2. Consent to minutes of last meeting: Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 AND Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (online)
    - Devon concerned with attendance of online minutes
    - Abstention
    - Consented
  3. Announcements: none
  4. Acceptance of the agenda, facilitator (Anna) and minute taker (Tressa)
    - Consented
  5. Next meeting date and time: Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 5:15-7:15, Board Room

### Matters of Content

1. Reception of committee reports
  - 1.1 Applications Assessment
    - Mental Health Awareness Week
      - \$2000 and they agreed
      - Relative to RPIRG and we are one of many sponsors
    - Mental Health Working Group
      - Concerned about not having enough vision for the future
    - Green Garage
      - Issues: Funding 4th year eng. projects, it is off campus, not directly benefiting student body, need more legality.
      - \$5000 ask
      - But, it provides case study for projects down the road; it fits our environmental mandate
        - Can indirectly fund through conferences etc
        - Could fund the project once the class is over
        - Would be better if it was wider in the community or on campus
        - No guarantee that this will go anywhere and lead to benefits to campus
    - EWB National Conference
      - \$300 dollars a day
      - EWB does good work for campus, hard to measure success of conferences, do not want them to become reliant

- Arthur
  - Will not fund; did not take application serious enough
- 1.2 Finance
- Got a larger cheque from URSU this year
- Meet with Anna soon
  - 1.3 Staff Relations
- Met with Tressa
- Will meet with Anna soon
- Tressa should post follow up reports after events
  - 1.4 Policy
  - 1.5 Events and Marketing
- 2. Reception of staff reports
  - 2.1 Executive Director  
Received
  - 2.2 Outreach and Events Coordinator  
Received
- 3. Proposals or motions
  - 3.3 Approve funding recommendations from Applications Assessment Committee from Nov 1<sup>st</sup> funding round
  - \$2000 Mental Health, \$2500 EWB Conference
  - Consent; Devon is abstaining from the vote
    - 3.4 Approve \$891 to pay Randy Linton for setting up Quickbooks Online and training me, to be taken from the Accounting Fees line item
      - Consent
- 4. Discussion items or issues
  - 4.1 Advisory Committee – roles and responsibilities
    - Leave it in its current structure with an Advisory council member assigned to each committee
    - Remain as a resource that we can call on
    - Larger discussion with Advisors so that the hypothetical questions can be answered.
    - Basecamp- brainstorm what we want from them
  - 4.2 X-mas party
    - Should be small Christmas party
    - Large Apathy into Action party to engage everyone
    - Before the 13th, not the 10th
  - 4.3 Volunteers
    - Awards banquet
    - Swag
    - Monthly prizes for the team
    - Combine with the other centres for this project
  - 4.4 Apathy into Action  
Basecamp
  - 4.5 Committees:
    - Events and Marketing – meet about x-mas party, Apathy into Action

- Staff Relations – meet to finish up staff reviews
- Policy – meet to re-hash working group structure

Nicole spoke about Emily and the oil and gas campaign that is happening that might want funding from RPIRG. Want to do a conference, networking abilities sometime in March.

### **Closing Round**

7:45 p.m.      What went well, and what can be improved?  
Excellent discussion today! Thanks for being awesome!

### **Action Items**

Tressa to post follow up reports on Basecamp  
Anna to talk to Advisory Committee and Naomi