

RPIRG Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: December 7th, 2007

Call to Order: 11:20

Present: Dagan H, Shawn O, Gabe P (Speaker phone), Erin M, Kristy F.

1. Election: Election results are in. Board should officially approve the results and make a motion that outlines when the new Board will formally begin their term.

BIRT RPIRG approves the results of the Board election, and that the newly elected Board takes over duties on Mon Dec 10th.

BIFRT Dagan and Gabe retain signing authority on bank accounts until such time that the new board can take over that duty as well.

Carried

2. Insurance: The premium of \$840.00 will be a yearly premium for Liability Insurance.

BIRT the RPIRG Board of Directors approves the spending of \$840.00 for Liability Insurance Premium to AON Stenhouse-Reed.

Carried

3. Student Handbook Draw: Mystery Prize. Discussed informally that \$200.00 gift certificate from the Universtiy Bookstore would be a good choice.

BIRT the RPIRG board approves the purchase of \$200.00 gift certificate from UofR bookstore for the “Mystery Prize” draw.

Carried

4. Photoshop:

Adobe Suite is available from Fact Computer for \$449.00.

BIRT RPIRG purchase Photoshop for no more than \$500.00

Carried

5. Phone: a phone has been installed in the office, and the invoice has finally arrived for a total of \$390.95. This total is for a license, rental, and voice mail. RPIRG will be billed at the beginning of every fiscal year a yearly total about \$132.00. Attached is the email which describes the breakdown further.

BIRT the RPIRG Board approves the spending of \$390.95 for the liscense, set rental, and voicemail for the RPIRG office phone.

Carried

6. Accountant:

Whereas an accountant should be consulted to make sure that all of RPIRGs procedures and processes are suitable for said accountant performing an audit of finances by the end of the fiscal year.

Whereas the accountant contacted to do consultation is not familiar with the software currently being used by RPIRG.

BIRT RPIRG Board hires the services of an accountant for consultative services.

BIFRT RPIRG purchase new accounting software of the hired accountant preference at cost of no more than \$500.00.

Carried

7. Board Development Fund:

Whereas incentives are important to attracting volunteer Board Members

BIRT the RPIRG Board approves the creation of a Board Development Fund which allows Board Members a maximum of \$250.00, accessible only while they are sitting board members and upon approval of the the rest of the sitting Board and later to be reviewed by FCAC , to enable the members to access training or attend conferences and events being held by other PIRG's in Canada, which will aid in the education of that board member in areas that allign with the RPIRG mandate.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 to move up to the URSU Boardroom.

Called to Order again at 12:15

Present: Shawn O, Dagan H, Erin M, Kristy F, Steph G, Jeanette S, Billy P, Phil A

8. **Project/Event applications:** Anna Hansen Application to attend Conference in Montreal
Request that Anna attend the next Board Meeting to present application.

9. **Project/Event applications:** 12 applications put before the Board for \$150 each to go to the EWB national conference in Montreal.

Request that representatives of EWB attend next meeting to present applications.

10. **Social Justice Conference:** discussion and brainstorming.

RPIRG can team up with other campus groups to carry out a networking conference designed specifically for individuals and groups on campus. This task would require substantial assistance from volunteers and other groups. Some groups on campus have already expressed interest in facilitating a workshop for the conference.

Speaker(s)

An option that RPIRG may want to pursue is to get some speakers of interest to come in to Regina, either on the date(s) of the conference, or on dates leading up to the conference. Severn Cullis-Suzuki has been contacted, but we need to have a firm mandate from the Board to pursue this conference/speakers before any booking can be done.

This is the emailed details for said speaker:

Thanks for your interest in **Severn Cullis-Suzuki** addressing your RPIRG student conference at University of Regina in February or March, 2008.

Severn extends a special keynote fee of **\$3,570** for non-profit educational groups plus travel expenses from Queen Charlotte City, BC (and **\$5,715** for-profit corporate organizations). Now that she's fairly remote, her intention is to consider events that she can travel less and arrange a few possible engagements around the same time.

Severn Cullis-Suzuki

Environmental Activist

Severn Cullis-Suzuki has been active in environmental and social justice work since kindergarten. In 1992, at age 12, she delivered a powerful speech, at the closing plenary session of the Rio Earth Summit, for which gained worldwide attention. Since Rio, Severn has given numerous speeches to schools and corporations, and spoken at many conferences and international meetings worldwide. Often speaking on the necessity of redefining our values,

acting with the future in mind, and on listening to children, she is passionate about encouraging young people to speak out for their future

Informal discussion with incoming Board Members as to interest for such an idea, and how to best carry out this event. More discussion will follow when the New board officially takes their seats, and feel established enough to assist in carrying out the conference.

Next meeting: Friday, Dec 14th at 1:00.

Adjourned: 1:15pm