

-1 Board of Directors Meeting - March 28, 2008

Regina Public Interest Research Group

Chair: Meghan

Minute Taker: Steph

Vibes Watcher: Sarah

Catch Up: Glenna

Present: Phil, Travis, Erin, Charene, Shawn

1. Call to Order: 3:12 p.m.

2. Agenda: Amendments

3. Go Around: How are you?

4. Presentation from Meghan:

Infancy stages of planning for a National PIRG Conference to be held potentially May 1-3, 2009 in Regina. Possible theme could be "Fostering Anticipating Resilience". Experiencing flakiness and lack of commitment from others.

5. Report from Shawn:

- Is working on academic story telling for RPIRG records.
- Derrick Jensen - the video-conference ended up working very well. It is also a big money saver and RPIRG should continue to investigate possibilities for the future.
- Negotiated a legal agreement with URSU, which is a big step in the legitimacy of RPIRG. The agreement will now be looked over by our lawyer. One consideration is that since there is overlap between the URSU and RPIRG board members, agreements should be negotiated between management and then approved by the boards.
- There is the potential of obtaining RPIRG office space upstairs.
- Apathy into Action Conference - approx. 50 people attended and feedback from surveys was very good. Wrap-up meeting and follow up is coming soon.

6. Nominations/Elections: Consensus achieved on the following resolutions:

Whereas 2 people submitted their nomination for election for 4 available seats for the

RPIRG Board of Directors,

BIFRT the RPIRG Board of Directors accepts the nominees, Travis Maxie and Charene Claude, as acclaimed to the positions of RPIRG Board of Directors Members.

BIFRT the nominees officially take their seats as RPIRG Board Members on April 4th, 2008.

BIFRT current RPIRG Board of Directors members Jeanette Stewart, Stephanie Greenway-West, Meghan Trenholm, and Phil Adams will cease to hold positions as RPIRG Board of Directors members on April 4th, 2008.

BIFRT the two remaining seats will remain vacant until such time that a by-election can be held or until the next RPIRG Board of Directors elections in the Fall semester of 2008.

- A Board of Directors responsibilities document will be drafted by Shawn.

7. New Funding Round - Consensus achieved on going ahead with RPIRG F3-2008

RPIRG has remaining money totalling \$5138.07 from the Winter funding round. Contingent on these excess funds, the Application Assessment Committee proposes the creation of a new one time funding round to be referred to as F3-2008. This round will have a deadline for applications over \$500 to be May 15th, 2008. All applications \$500 or less will be assessed and decided upon as they are submitted. This funding will be separated into two categories. The first will be \$2638.07 for Project/Event/Working Group funding and the second will be \$2500 for Conference Attendance.

Conference and Training Funding for F3-2008:

Funding for conference and training attendance will be used only for transportation and registration costs. Funding will be given to individual applicants rather than groups. Members will be funded up to and including, but not exceeding, \$500.

8. New Funding to be Approved as Recommended by the Application Assessment Committee:

BIFRT the RPIRG Board of Directors approves the funding of \$500 to the UofR Best

Buddies Program to assist in year-end event travel costs to Moose Jaw.
Consensus achieved, motion passed.

BIRT the RPIRG Board of Directors approves the spending of \$500 to subsidize Valerie De Pauw for travel and registration expenses for the CU Expo in Vancouver from May 4-7, 2008.

Consensus achieved, motion passed.

- The RPIRG Application Assessment Committee recommends that the organizers of the Walk for Darfur event present to the RPIRG Board of Directors at their earliest convenience.

9. Summer Planning:

Meghan - Exploring policy options for Conference Funding - if and how we should fund conferences.

Glenna - looking into the feasibility of undertaking a UofR Census.

- looking for input from BOD as to focus, themes and types of questions
- Charene and Steph will help Glenna

Phil - working on library creation

- asking for input on themes, authors, specific books from BOD
- will work on until end of April

Shawn - hopefully working with summer student on planning

10. RPIRG Committees:

Policy Creation

- Finance Committee has drafted a document re: spending and will present it to the BOD at the next meeting
- Application Assessment Committee also has some guidelines in the beginning stages

Shawn will e-mail out a description of committees to assist with the formation of new committees. A new signing authority is also needed.

11. Next Meeting: April 4th @ 3:00 p.m.

12. Go Around:

13. Meeting Closed at 4:25