

RPIRG Board Meeting
February 23, 2009; 3:00-5:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Laurie, Clint, Charene, Travis, Shaheen, Charlotte, Rhonda

Regrets: Ahmed

1. Check-In: connections, updates, passions... (10 mins)
Notable: Charlotte has obtained some free resource materials and a pile for \$25 from Turning the Tide Bookstore in Saskatoon. This seems to be the RPIRG fairy telling us to keep the library open.
2. Approve Minutes (Jan 30/09) (2 minutes)
Minutes approved
3. Approve Agenda (1 minute)
Agenda approved
4. Board Exercise (15 mins)
NASA consensus game and a quick look at Bruce Tuckman's 5 stage organizational process.
5. Finance Committee: Budget Recommendations (30 minutes)
Discussion: We discussed what happens to unspent money if we over budget. The current plan is that it will go into savings as we try to accumulate at least a 6-month operational cushion as reflects common organizational management. The exception are the line items that go directly to students and groups: any unspent budget in Working Group and Project/Event Funding will be deferred to the same line for eth next fiscal year. With regard to our savings, one of the budget discussions the board will need to have is to decide whether we are targeting a certain amount or percentage of savings each year (aside from any unspent budget).

The issue was raised that Ahmed has made his objections to this budget clear, because it does not have 70% student funding to 30% staff and operations ratio. Although he was not present at the meeting, board and staff discussed current obligations and possibilities. Those present felt that this is a responsible budget for this fiscal year. RPIRG is accountable to its members with this budget. Ahmed has introduced several ideas regarding staffing and governance that will be explored over the next few months culminating an a mini-retreat in late May or early June to look at those issues and the budget for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010). This retreat is included in the budget in additiona to the orientation retreat for late April or early May. All RPIRG members present look forward to that opportunity. We need to structure our conversations in ways that make space for the free flow of ideas at all our meetings. We all need to remember that we are each responsible to get information from Basecamp and by e-mail and to be present at meetings when we wnat to have input.

BIRT RPIRG accepts the budget for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 as presented.

6. Applications Assessment Committee: Funding Recommendations (15 mins)

All Applications Assessment Committee Members recommend:

- **The Regina Books Through Bars be approved by the Board of Directors for \$500 Working Group funding.**
- **The Regina Books Through Bars project be approved by the Board of Directors for \$4,000 Project funding.**
- **The Ready, Set, Vote for Change “Ready, Set, Vote Cabaret” project be approved by the Board of Directors for \$500 Project funding.**
- **That RPIRG does not fund Adam Vaughan’s “Disseminate M.A. Thesis” project.**
- **The OXFAM “March in March” project be approved by the Board of Directors for \$450 Project funding.**
- **The International Night: Celebrating Diversity” project be approved by the Board of Directors for \$1,000 Project funding.**

Total Funding Recommendations = \$5,950

BIRT RPIRG accepts funding recommendations as presented.

Laurie, who is involved with the March in March event, asked RPIRG members to table this event and participate. It will take place on March 4, 11:00 a.m. - meet at teh Crush space in the Riddell Centre. Charlotte will definitely table the event and all are welcome. There is also a planning meeting to which we are invited February 26 6:00-7:00 p.m. In Riddell 286.

7. RPIRG Events and Discretionary Spending (25 minutes)

Charlotte has found three exciting event opportunities for March and April.

- *Myths for Profit, April 7: max cost \$345*
- *Greening the Grid (Tim Weiss), April 2: max cost \$600*
- *The Great tar Sands Debate, March 19: max cost \$1,500*

We also have a small project. We have prchased “no tanker” loonie decals and they should arrive soon.

- *1000 decals for \$200*

Total Funding Recommendations = \$2,645

BIRT RPIRG approves the maximums for the three events and the decals as presented. Spending may be less according to actual need.

We need volunteers! Charlotte will create a sign-up board posters, etc.

Thanks to Shaheen for the beautiful and eye-catching funding posters!

8. Policy Committee Recommendations: FCAC, other policies (10 mins)

Notes from Policy Committee meeting February 20 were reviewed. We will move forward with the next steps for FCAC as detailed in the meeting notes. We set a meeting date of March 12, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. We will find a space on campus and provide lunch.

The Policy Committee Recommends that RPIRG approves the Project/Event/Training Fund Application Form, Working Group Application Form, General Information about RPIRG Funding Categories, Project/Event/Training Fund Approval Policy, Working Group Approval Policy, Application Assessment

Guidelines, Project/Event/Training Fund Agreement, Working Group Agreement, and RPIRG Appeal Policy and Application as written for the Winter semester and that we reevaluate them in the spring following the two winter funding rounds.

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9. Elections Update (2 mins):

Constitution states that we should coincide elections with URSU elections (March 2009). They are setting a date Feb. 23 for the later part of March.

Filling 4 positions. Recruit, recruit, recruit.

Rhonda will be in contact with URSU. We will create something along the lines of the APIRG nomination package.

10. Schedule Next Meeting (5 minutes)

IMPORTANT: BOD meeting on Monday, March 16 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Attendance is required for approval of Applications for second Winter funding. We will also discuss the upcoming elections and board retreat.

Rhonda will post roles on basecamp and members are asked to sign up for one.

Travis noted that they used to do this when he started on the board and welcomed the return.

11. Check-out (5 minutes)

Note: in terms of our AGM quorum requirement in the constitution, perhaps we should hold an AGM to show that we are unable to attract 50% of members. We will look into the legal process and the possibilities for sending e-mails through student affairs. We are legally supposed to have access to our members according to the Non-profit Corporations Act.