

**RPIRG Board Meeting Minutes**  
January 30, 2009; 3:00-5:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Nikko, Charlotte, Rhonda, Cam, Ahmed, Laurie, Clint, Charene, Shaheen, Travis.

1. RBTB

Cam from the Regina Books Through Bars introduced himself and gave a brief outline of what the RBTB have been doing for the last year and where they envision themselves going this upcoming year. With the 5 thousand dollars applied for, the RBTB want to buy more books for people who are incarcerated. Cam explained that the feedback from prison staff and inmates has been very positive and encouraging, further encouraging them to increase their influence in the Saskatchewan correctional facilities. To date, RBTB estimates that they have delivered approximately >150 boxes of books, or around 10,000.00 books. Way to go RBTB!

2. Check-In (10 mins)

3. Approve Minutes (Jan 16/09)

*Minutes approved*

4. Approve Agenda

*Agenda approved*

5. Signing Authority (5 mins): Brief overview from Nikko

*We are adding Rhonda, Clint and Ahmed to the list and removing Nikko, Travis and Erin. All new members must go sign the appropriate documents at the downtown Conexus branch.*

6. Elections (5 mins):

Constitution states that we should coincide elections with URSU elections (March 2009)

Filling 4 positions

Elections in March, followed by a retreat (likely end of finals in early May)

*We are going to do elections with URSU (as long as that's OK with URSU). Staff will facilitate the elections process. BOD are encouraged to do PR and get people signed up! Ahmed wants to increase Grad Student representation on the board. We need to increase overall PR for elections this year. We will bring this to the next meeting.*

7. Finance Committee meeting – need one next week

*Finance Committee is expected to set a date to meet this week. This is crucial, so that the Applications Assessment Committee knows the budget they have for allocations.*

8. Funding Applications (25 mins):

Application Assessment Guidelines

Board input process

Applications Assessment Committee needs meeting date week of February 9

*Round table discussion on the BOD Input Process for applications. All BOD members*

*agree with the process.*

*BIRT RPIRG approves the Board Input Process for Applications as written.*

9. FCAC:(10 mins)

Report from Board members and Charlotte

Meeting on February 6th from 3-5 in URSU Boardroom

*Laurie and Charlotte have been trying to get FCAC members to attend a meeting on Friday, Feb 6th. The BOD decided that we want to have a meeting to discuss FCAC's role and RPIRG's goals prior to meeting with faculty and community members regarding their expectations. Charene is interested in becoming the FCAC community member. FCAC meeting on Feb 6th is postponed until after RPIRG can decide a clear path for FCAC members and their relationship to RPIRG. These decisions can be forwarded to the Policy Committee. We want to be sure to invite Mark Spooner, Garson Hunter and Cam to the meeting about FCAC.*

10. Western PIRG Conference (10 mins): Date not set, but there is an annual PIRG conference happening this spring or summer. We should discuss the possibility of sending staff and board members (1 of each?). Finance committee needs to discuss re: budget.

*Needs to get discussed by the Finance Committee ASAP. The Applications Assessment Committee needs budget information prior to meeting on February 9th at 3pm.*

11. Surveys (10 mins) Update from Charlotte and plan for discussion of event.

*Surveys and article should be complete by the end of February. Apathy Into Action is great event to host in Fall 2009. Possibly get a Summer Student to plan the event. Charene is interested in being part of planning a smaller event and would like to discuss possibilities for a small winter event.*

12. SCIC Check Your Head Event (10 mins): Update from Clint and Charene.

*Update from Clint and Charene. The event had some good advice for engaging youth in projects. The audience was mainly highschool. The two events seem to overlap and cover similar material.*

13. Schedule Next Meeting (RBTB wants to attend). Feb 13?

*IMPORTANT: BOD meeting on Monday, February 23rd from 3:00-5:00 pm.*

*Attendance is required for approval of Applications for Winter funding. We will also discuss the upcoming elections.*

14. Check-out