

Regina Public Interest Research Group
Board Retreat Minutes

Saturday, May 12 – URSU Boardroom, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Opening Round

- 5:00 p.m.
1. Check in, transition into meeting
In attendance: Kent Peterson, Patience Umereweneza, Anna Weber,
Andrea Nelson, Halena Seiferling, Jenn Bergen
Regrets: David Fraser, Sonia Stanger, Kay Niedermayer
 2. Requests for changing agenda items

Administrative Matters

- 5:15
1. Introductions
 - Welcome everyone, round of introductions.
 - Went over the agenda for the night and weekend.
 2. Meeting length – 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 3. Summer Meeting Schedule:
 - **Sunday, June 3 @ 12:00 noon** – In the URSU Boardroom
 - **Tuesday, July 17 @ 5:30 p.m.** – In the URSU Boardroom
 - **Tuesday, August 14 @ 5:30 p.m.** – In the URSU Boardroom

Matters of Content

- 5:20
1. Organizational Structure Overview
 - PIRGs are based on an action research model, with research, education, and action cycle.
 - Organizationally, RPIRG's activities plug into this cycle.
 - Logistically, the second org chart shows how this plays out.
- 5:30
2. Visioning Session
 - Welcome to new people – round of introductions.
 - **What is RPIRG, or what are PIRGs?** – One sentence, two if you have to. Put up on wall, and everyone comes to see answers. Do any of these stick out for people? What is common among the answers? What does the diversity of the answers tell us?
 - **What does RPIRG value?** List three - five things that PIRGs or RPIRG values. Do any themes emerge? Which values stick out the most? Why is it important to have an organization with these values?
 - As a group, we went through what RPIRG currently does, and we want to brainstorm for the coming year.
 - Tomorrow we will be doing the annual plan for RPIRG, and in February we will be revising our strategic plan from 2011. So, to guide these discussions and inform the group's choices: In groups of two or three – **Brainstorm five things that RPIRG could/should do next year (short term), and five things that RPIRG could do in the future more broadly (long term)?** Once finished, people got

three dots (“dotmocracy”) to mark the ones they think are most important – and see what emerges! Top third – things to work on in the coming year.

7:00

3. BREAK

7:15

4. Consensus Training

- Do grouping activity for attributes of decision making.
- Discuss answers – explain some of what is in the booklet.

7:30

5. Staff and Board Roles

- Complete lists of staff and board roles are in binders. Did spectrum activity (staff responsibility at one end, board at the other).

8:00

6. Committee Membership Selections

- Went over descriptions of each committee and board members volunteered and were assigned to their committees for the coming year:

Applications Assessment

- Anna Weber
- Patience Umereweneza
- Devon Peters
- Andrea Nelson

Finance Committee

- Kent Peterson
- Patience Umereweneza
- David Fraser

Staff Relations

- Kent Peterson
- Sonia Stanger

Events and Marketing

- Kay Niedermayer
- David Fraser
- Sonia Stanger
- Devon Peters

Policy Committee

- Anna Weber
- Kay Niedermayer
- Andrea Nelson

Closing Round

9:00 p.m.

Wrapped up and went over times for Sunday.

Sunday, May 13 – Hotel SK, Cornwall Room, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Opening Round

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Administrative Matters

- 9:05
1. Introduction – Group activity with Halena
 2. Meeting length – Amended to 9:00 a.m. – 4:00/4:15 p.m.

Matters of Content

- 9:15
1. Context: Other Canadian PIRGs
- 9:30
2. Events & Goals Brainstorming – See Appendix A for full event planning descriptions.
- 12:00
3. LUNCH & Introduction to Basecamp
- 12:30
4. Funding Categories & Advertising
 - Andrea led conversation about different funding categories, discussion about how to advertise them more broadly and effectively.
- 1:30
5. Budget & Finances
 - Walk through student fees, and expenditure categories, some past rationales for the way we spend money, and had a brief Q & A.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Andrea Nelson and Carolyn Greve be removed as signing authorities and replaced with Kent Peterson and Patience Umereweneza.

CARRIED

- 2:30 – 2:45
6. BREAK
- 2:45 – 4:00
7. Events & Goals Brainstorming continued.

Closing Round

- 4:00 p.m.
- Wrapped up, and had a round-table check-out.