



**COALITION OF PROGRESSIVE ELECTORS**

**2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**Meeting took place:** February 12, 2012

**Location:** the Ukrainian Church Hall, Vancouver

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by Sarena Talbot, Internal Chair. The co-chair for the meeting was Jody Polukoshko.
  - **Points of Information** – Several points were raised, including questions re: Ballots to New Members and electoral fairness, plus a number of other points of information. Memberships are to be approved prior to start of meeting and in advance of the AGM.

Discussion

**Motion:** It was M/S/D to adjourn.

2. **Agenda:**

**Motion:** It was M/S to adopt the agenda.

**Amendment - Motion:** It was M/S/C – COPE General Meetings – That the executive schedule General Meetings for 2012 and that a list of meeting dates be circulated. This item to be added to the agenda.

**Main Motion:** The agenda as amended was adopted.

- **Electoral procedures** – bring back to subsequent General Meeting (GM).

Discussion

**Motion:** It was M/S/C that electoral procedures be referred to a subsequent GM.

- **Order of the day – Motion:** It was M/S/D that the agenda be amended to switch item #9 with item #6 and to move the rest of the items down accordingly.

Vote – 125 in favour, 135 opposed - motion defeated.

- **Amendment to motion** – M/S/D that Notices of motion should provide 2 weeks notice of meeting date.

Discussion

**Motion:** M/S/D to resume meeting in 30 or 60 days. (both notions were motivated during discussion - the net effect would be to adjourn the meeting.) Opposed 161, in favour 124.

**Motion:** It was moved to remove #7 from the agenda and to discuss at a later date. The motion was ruled out of order.

The chair was challenged.

The chair was sustained.

The question was called on the Agenda.

**Main Motion:** to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried – at 3:25 pm.

- **Points of Information** - It was reported that 69 new members were present.
- The meeting guidelines were reviewed.

3. **Minutes** – 2011 AGM, held at the Japanese Language Hall.

**Motion:** It was M/S/C to adopt the minutes of the previous AGM as presented.

4. **Returning Officer:**

**Motion:** It was M/S/C to appoint Joey Hartman, President of the Vancouver and District Labour Council (VDLC) the returning officer for COPE's 2012 AGM.

5. **Balloting Committee:**

**Motion:** It was M/S/C to appoint Ian Mass chair of the balloting committee.

6. **Guest Speaker:** Sister Joey Hartman, spoke on behalf of the VDLC and brought greetings from them. The VDLC has been a part of COPE since 1968, with Frank Kennedy. Provides leadership and a voice against the NPA. A political party which represents the interests of working people. In 1957 Harry Rankin ran for School Board. In 1968 he ran for Council. Rich history, endorsed in every subsequent election – progress has been up and down over 44 years. There were 3 years when we had a majority at Council – 1996, 1999, and 2002. Plus School Board and park Board.

Need to rebuild. Involve community organizations. Wards – 2004 – pay attention to it again.

Joey was thanked for her message of support and encouragement.

7. **Co-Chairs – Report of the Executive**: Presented by Sarena Talbot and Marcus Youssef.

They extended thank you's to the outgoing executive and members not seeking re-election. They extended thank you's to our outgoing elected! The report from the executive included an appreciation of all work done. Used new ways to talk and work together, young people have been involved, the folks that represent the future of the party and will move us forward. We all need to speak to each other.

8. **Fundraising**: David Chudnovsky, fundraiser, gave a pitch for donations. COPE is different from every other party – together we have to support the organization. Advocate for people who are marginalized. We need your donations – please give generously!

9. **Elections**: Sister Joey Hartman took the chair.

a) **Table officer positions**:

- External Chair (2 year)
- Internal Chair (1 year)
- Recording Secretary (2 year)
- Single ballot – Member-at-Large  
(2 X 2 year, 3 X 1 year for total 5 – 2 with most votes will serve 2 years)  
Only 1 ballot per person.

Nominations were opened.

Balloting took place. The meeting continued while ballots were counted.

1. **External Chair** (2 year) – Tim Louis and RJ Aquino were nominated. Both accepted. Their nominators were given 30 seconds to introduce candidates.

10. **Treasurer's Report** (Campaign Report): Nathan Allan reported. Kate Van Meer-Mass was the Assistant, Co-Manager for the Campaign. A surplus of \$2,374.94 was left after the campaign. The election budget was \$341,142.02 in total. The campaign kept building – continued communication. 30,000 identified supporters for COPE – a solid base. A huge thank you was extended to Kate and Nathan for running the campaign.

**Motion**: It was M/S/C to receive the financial report.

11. **Acknowledgement:** We extended appreciation and thanks for being allowed to meet on Coast Salish land.
12. **Moment of Silence:** A moments silence was taken in memory of two, long time, COPE members – Ben Swankey and Bob Rosen. Honor was extended to all departed friends.
13. **Introductions:** Sister Mabel Elmore, MLA was welcomed and thanks for attending the COPE AGM.
14. **Announcements:**
  - a) February 27 – Public Hearing re: Zoning application – Kingsway and Broadway.
  - b) Memorial Concert – Bob Rosen – March 10<sup>th</sup>, proceeds to COPE and Independent Jewish Voices - Gram Partisans performing.
  - c) March 14 – Gram Partisans

**Report of balloting committee:** RJ – 145, Tim – 141, 2 spoiled ballots. RJ was declared elected.

2. **Internal Chair** (1 year) – Nominations were opened. Sarena Talbot and Connie Hubbs were nominated.

Nominations were closed.

Both accepted nomination.

Their nominators spoke for 30 seconds.

The Candidates spoke.

Balloting took place.

15. **New Buisness:**

- a) A motion from the floor was presented.

**Motion:** It was M/S/C RE: Constitution - Part 31, point 10:

Be it resolved that the COPE executive schedule our 2012 general meetings and circulate a schedule to the membership no later than March 31, 2012.

Be it further resolved that the resolution does not limit the power of the executive to hold extra general meetings to deal with “hot issues”.

**Report from balloting committee:** Internal Chair: Talbot - 144, Hubbs – 122, 4 spoiled ballots. Sarena Talbot was declared elected.

3. **Recording Secretary** (2 year) – Nominations were opened. Gretchen Dulmage and Donalda Greenwell-Baker were nominated.

Nominations were closed.

Both accepted nomination.

Their nominators spoke for 30 seconds.

The Candidates spoke.

Balloting took place.

New business continued:

- b) Motion from the floor #2:

**Motion:** It was M/S that the executive review current electoral procedures and bring proposed revisions to a future general meeting for the membership to discuss.

Discussion

**Report from balloting committee:** Recording Secretary: Greenwell-Baker – 133, Dulmage – 105, 2 spoiled ballots.

Donalda Greenwell-Baker was declared elected.

4. **Corresponding Secretary** (1 year) – Nominations were opened. Kim Hearty and Brent Granby were nominated.

Nominations were closed.

Both accepted nomination.

Their nominators spoke for 30 seconds.

The Candidates spoke.

Balloting took place.

New business continued:

**Amendment:** It was M/S/C to include “with a report back to the next COPE general meeting”.

**Main Motion:** The motion carried as amended.

16. **Additional Announcements:**

- a) February 22 – Hastings Park Open House
- b) Save B.C. – Survey
- c) First Call – Young workers – survey - 12-18 years
- d) Urban Affairs – forum for urban issues – SFU, 5 pm Tuesday
- e) Fundraiser – IWD – Sue Hammel – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual kick up your heels – March 8<sup>th</sup>
- f) Co-op Radio.

**Report from balloting committee:** Kim – 122, Brent – 119, 1 spoiled ballot. Kim was declared elected corresponding secretary.

5. **Treasurer** – Nominations were opened for Treasurer. Aaron Eddie and Paul Houle were nominated.

Both accepted nomination.

Their nominators spoke for 30 seconds.

The Candidates spoke.

Balloting took place.

Announcements continued:

- g) Provincial and Federal parties – folks were encouraged to get involved.

6. **Fundraiser** – Nominations were opened. David Chudnovsky and Raymond Tomlin were nominated.

Both accepted nomination.

Their nominators spoke for 30 seconds.

The Candidates spoke.

Balloting took place.

**Report from balloting committee:** Treasurer – Aaron Eddie – 111, Paul Houle - 110. Aaron was declared elected.

7. **Membership Secretary** – Nominations were opened. Kate Van Meer-Mass and Sean Antrim were nominated.

Both accepted nomination.

Their nominators spoke for 30 seconds.

The Candidates spoke.

Balloting took place.

**Report from balloting committee:** Fundraiser – Chudnovsky – 123, Tomlin – 96, 3 spoiled ballots. David Chudnovsky was declared elected.

8. **Members-at-large** – Nominations were opened.

Anita Romaniuk,

Jane Bouey,

Brent Granby,

Richard Marquez,

Tristan Markle,

Wilson Munoz,

Tm Louis,

Alicia Barsallis, and

Ifny Lachance were nominated. Alicia declined the rest accepted nomination.

**Report from balloting committee:** Membership Secretary – Kate – 109, Sean – 97, 2 spoiled ballots. Kate Van Meer-Mass was declared elected.

A huge thank you was extended to the balloting committee and scrutineers for all their work.

**Report from balloting committee:** Members-at-Large:

Lachance – 171 (2 year), Romaniuk – 157 (2 year), Markle -125 (1 year), Marquez – 121 (1 year), Munoz – 110 (1 year), Bouey – 109, Granby – 104, Tim – 100.

**Motion:** It was M/S/C to destroy all of the ballots.

17. **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** It was M/S/C to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

