

2008 Annual General Meeting Report

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I thought you might appreciate this brief report on what transpired at the 2008 Annual General Meeting and the related National Executive Board meetings held recently in Calgary.

At the AGM, elections took place for some officers and caucus representatives, and you were already informed of the results of those elections. In that regard, one of the issues that has been the subject of some discussion in the past is the electoral process by which the officers and caucus representatives are chosen for the NEB. It was agreed that the matter of electoral reform would be pursued, and to that end I will be providing the NEB with a range of options for consideration. To assist in the process, an electoral reform committee of the NEB has been formed. (A complete list of committees struck following the AGM can be found at the end of this bulletin.) Clearly, any proposed new model for electing representatives will be brought back to the membership for ratification in the appropriate forum and at the appropriate time.

Another matter that has received attention in the recent past was raised from the floor at the AGM, and that is the creation of a Production Coordinators Department and the addition of a representative of that caucus to the NEB. That proposal was approved and, accordingly, the NEB at its meeting the following day appointed Hudson Cooley to the board for a period of one year pending the next round of elections.

In keeping with growing concern about environmental issues, it was proposed and agreed that the NEB establish a national sustainability policy. Further discussion at the ensuing NEB meeting occurred, and it was agreed that a report on the matter would be provided for its consideration at its February 2009 meeting and to the membership at the 2009 AGM.

Those were the major features of the recent meetings in Calgary. Such statutory requirements as the approval of the 2007 audited financial statements and the appointment of auditors for fiscal year 2008 were dealt with at the AGM as routine matters and need not be detailed here. If you have any questions or comments about the Calgary meetings, however, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Brian Anthony
National Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Here is the list of committees mentioned above:

George Chapman, Electoral Reform Committee Chair
Grace Gilroy, RSP Committee Chair
David Mills, Hearings Committee Chair
Darin Wilson, Membership & Training Committee Chair
Jim Donovan, Digital Media Committee Chair
Avi Federgreen, Awards Committee Chair
Byron Martin, Dues Committee Chair
Neill Fearnley, will chair a committee to be tasked with exploring the possibility of the DRCC acting as a kind of entry point to the DGC for directors who aren't yet eligible or who aren't yet DGC members.