



**MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
CANADIAN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NETWORK
Thursday, June 8, 2023
Via webinar with simultaneous translation**

Members present:

Organization	Representative
Alterna Savings	Susan Henry
Assiniboine Credit Union	Brendan Reimer
Business Sisters Consœurs en Affaires	Doren Ashton Wagner
Canadian Worker Co-op Federation	Ashley Igboanugo
CDEC de Québec	Yvon Poirier
City of Abbotsford	Carilynn Siemens
Conseil de la Coopération l'Ontario (CCO)	Micheal Norris
Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers	Rispah Tremblay
Fireweed Food Co-op	Derek Bassey
Green Action Centre Inc.	Josep Seras Gubert
Institute for Community Prosperity	Linh Bui
Institute for Community Prosperity, Mount Royal University	Barb Davies
Manitoba Association of Newcomer Serving Organizations	Vicki Sinclair
Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities	Debby McLeod
Ontario East Economic Development Commission	Jay Amer
Ontario Nonprofit Network	Cathy Taylor and Neemarie Alam
PEI Co-operative Council	David Lobie Daughton
Quint Development Corporation	Len Usiskin
SEED Winnipeg Inc. (Supporting Employment & Economic Development)	Carina Rosales
SETSI	Victor Beausoleil
Toronto Green Community	Paula Messina

Individuals

Barry Colby	
Cate Frieson	
Emily Halldorson	
Gail Henderson	
Heather Simpson	
Jill Lee	
Kreisha Oro	
Michelle Colussi	
Ryan O’Neil Knight	
Ryan Watmough	
Samandar Mahmodi	
Shirley Thompson	

1. Call to Order

Victor Beausoleil, CCEDNet Board President, called the meeting to order at 1pm ET and welcomed participants to CCEDNet’s 24th annual general meeting.

He introduced Ryan O’Neil Knight as Parliamentarian for the AGM.

2. Verification of Quorum

Melissa Lessard, credentials officer, declared that, with the members in attendance, there was a quorum.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Cathy Taylor moved and Len Usiskin seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of the Minutes from June 9, 2022

Ryan O’Neil Knight moved and Carina Rosales seconded the adoption of the Minutes from the June 9, 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Motion carried.

5. 2022 Annual Review

Mike Toye presented highlights from 2022 and responded to questions from the membership. Elizabeth Milan presented on Policy and Government relations. Amanda San Filippo presented on Learning and Innovation. Matthew Thompson presented on Communications. Sarah Leeson-Klym presented on Regional Initiatives.

6. Financial Report

6.1 Treasurer’s Report

Gail Henderson, Treasurer, presented the results of the 2022 audit and responded to questions from the membership.

6.2 Appointment of Auditor

Gail Henderson moved and Kreisha Oro seconded that Groupe RDL be retained as the auditor for the upcoming fiscal period of 2023.

Motion carried.

7. Resolutions

7.1 Report on 2022 AGM Resolutions

There were no resolutions passed in 2022.

7.2 2023 Resolutions

No resolutions were received for 2023. Yvon Poirier gave an update on the Pope revoking the Discovery Theory in accordance with demands from Indigenous people in Canada.

8. Elections

8.1 Report from the Elections Officer

Ryan O’Neil Knight, Elections Officer, presented the results of the call for Board nominations. Four positions on the Board of Directors were ending in 2023. The board approved a call for nominations via email and published on CCEDNet’s website. Four nominations in good standing were received by the deadline. After verification, Victor Beausoleil, Michelle Colussi, Gail Henderson and Ryan Watmough were declared elected by acclamation for three-year terms.

Ryan O’Neil Knight moved and Cate Frieson seconded the ratification of the Elections Officer’s report.

Motion carried.

9. Appreciations

Victor Beausoleil thanked all staff and Board members for their contribution to CCEDNet, and all members for their support. Members were encouraged to get involved at the Board level, the Policy Group or Policy Council, Finance Committee, Governance Committee or roles related to the AGM.

10. Announcements

As Director of the Afro-Caribbean Business Network, Ryan O’Neil Knight is sharing the Black Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Conference this year. An open invitation was extended to anyone who would like to join in Windsor, June 27-29th 2023.

Victor Beausoleil announced that the Sustainable Finance World Forum will be held in Ghana this year and in Windsor next year. An open invitation was extended to join and/or to help plan the forum.

13. Adjournment

David Lobie moved that the Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm Eastern time.