



**MINUTES OF THE  
DELEGATES' MEETING**  
DATE: February 25, 2015  
OWN, 115 The Esplanade

**Board of Directors in Attendance:**

Interim President : Maureen Walsh - 15 Scadding  
Treasurer: Debra Corey - 230 King St. E.  
Director at Lge: Steve Lowden - London on the  
Esplanade

**Voting Delegates in Attendance:**

Rhonda Parto - Caroline Court  
Anna Sennikov - Cathedral Court  
Jacquie Jensen - Cathedral Court  
Catherine Limbertie - 1 Church St.  
Wally Simpson - Crombie Park  
Doug Maybank - Crombie Park  
Cherril Baker - David B. Archer  
Margaret McQuade - David B. Archer  
Lois Thomson - David B. Archer  
Colin Randall-Smith - Old York Place II  
David Crawford - 135 George St. S  
Isorine Marc - Harmony B Co-op  
Joanne Woodward - 71 Front St. E  
Maureen Browne - London on the Esplanade  
Andrea Vechter - Market Square  
Del Brown - Marketview Housing Co-op  
David Telewiak - Marketview Housing Co-op

**Associate Members & Guests**

Stig Harvor  
Delce Gomez - St. Lawrence Library  
Dianne Wintermute - ARCH  
Nabila Khan - ARCH  
Scott Murray - ARCH  
Janet Walters - Toronto 1st Post Office  
Ken White - New Visions  
Mary Henkelman - Regent Park  
Sharon McMillan  
Dennis Hanagan - The Bulletin  
Mitzi & Bob Tubby  
Tom Davidson - Councillor McConnell's Office

**Board of Directors Regrets:**

Dwight Peters: Director at Lge.  
Jacquie Williams: Secretary

Louise Amm - OWN  
Connie Yang - OWN  
Olga Kremko - OWN  
Dan O'Leary - 15 Scadding Ave.  
Suzanne Kavanagh - St. Lawrence on the Park  
Mary McDonald - 25 The Esplanade  
Gabriele Franke - 176 The Esplanade  
Don James - 222 The Esplanade  
Sheila Peart - 222 The Esplanade  
Lorrie Naylor - The Victoria  
Faith Sawyers - Windmill Line  
Sian Ferguson - Woodsworth Co-op  
Ronny Yaron - Woodsworth Co-op  
Yanina Jezek - Woodsworth Co-op

**Regrets:**

Joyce Arnold - 135 George St. S.  
Sonya Secker - Market Square  
John Stewart - Market Square  
Marion Lewis - PAL

**1. Registration**

**2. Opening Of Meeting**

### **2.1 Opening Remarks**

Maureen Walsh (Interim President) stated that she would be chairing the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **2.2 Approval of Agenda**

It was resolved to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** David Crawford  
**SECONDED BY:** Faith Sawyer

### **2.3 Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2015**

Maureen reported that approval for the minutes for November 2014 and January 2015 would be deferred until April.

### **3. Board Report:**

Dwight Peters stepped down as President and will complete the remainder of his term (one year). Stephen Devine has resigned from the Board.

### **4. Committee Updates:**

#### **FORTY-ONE**

Steve Lowden updated the group on the community partnership whose function is to bring arts and culture events to the Esplanade community during the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games in order to create connections and celebrate the Games. The group consists of community groups (Jamii, BIA, SLNA), arts groups (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, Sony Centre, Young People's Theatre, Prologue, CORPUS), community service providers (the Rec Centre, St. Lawrence Public Library) and individual artists. They initially met in June of 2013 and have been meeting regularly to define and implement plans. Forty-one represent the number of countries represented at the Games. There are three different aspects to the project: the creation of a book based on interviews done by Grade 7/8 school children at Market Lane Public School and St. Michael's Catholic School with a representative in one of the 41 countries; a visual art installation based on the stories and a mural which will provide a lasting legacy of the community connections created.

As the SLNA is a partner in this project, the following motion was presented:

"Be it resolved that the SLNA release \$1,500 from reserves to support "FORTY-ONE" an arts/culture community partnership in support of the 2015 Panam and Parapan Am Games."

**MOVED BY:** Suzanne Kavanagh  
**SECONDED BY:** Cherril Baker

All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

#### **Marathon Committee**

Steve Lowden told the group that the Board had concerns about the level of effort and commitment needed to continue the role of project leadership on the Scotiabank Waterfront Toronto Marathon's neighbourhood cheering section which the SLNA has undertaken for many years. There has been interest by another community group and so the Board is recommending the following motion:

"Be it resolved that the SLNA not act as project leader for the Scotiabank Waterfront Toronto Marathon cheering section in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood."

**MOVED BY:** Dan O'Leary  
**SECONDED BY:** Emily Harris

All were in favour except for one opposed and the **motion was CARRIED.**

## **Elections and Nominations Committee**

Mary McDonald, Chair of the Committee, reported that four people so far had agreed to stand in the elections at the Annual General Meeting in March. Given Stephen Devine's resignation, there are now four vacancies on the Board of Directors.

To ensure that as many delegates as possible can vote, the Committee proposed the following motion:

"Be it resolved that the last day for the SLNA to receive the 2015 Membership fees – except for cash payments which can be made until the start of the AGM on 25 March - will be Wednesday, March 18, 2015."

**MOVED BY:** David Crawford

**SECONDED BY:** Faith Sawyers

All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED**.

## **5. Guest Speakers:**

### **I. Ken White from New Visions**

New Visions is a non profit organization that is registered charity. New Visions provides housing, care and support for people with complex physical and development disabilities. They have 15 homes throughout the GTA with 11 in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood. They support 58 people on a full-time 24 hours basis. They also offer respite services so that parents can take a break from caring for their children.

Information regarding New Visions will be made available on the SLNA's website.

### **II. Dianne Wintermute – Lawyer at ARCH**

1.) **ARCH** is a specialty legal clinic focused on defending and advancing the rights of persons with disabilities in Ontario. In addition to providing **summary advice** and **reference** pertaining to legal issues in a wide range of areas, such as **accessibility, discrimination, and abuse of persons with disabilities**, **ARCH** has **priority areas** in which provides legal representation. These areas are attendant **services, education, developmental services, and capacity and guardianship**, and then **access to justice** is an overarching framework under which ARCH operates.

- a. **Inclusiveness – ARCH's** vision promotes a world in which all people with disabilities enjoy **social justice and equal participation**. Thus, ARCH aims to provide its services in a way ensure our work has an **Ontario wide impact** focusing on **identifying and removing systematic barriers**, but we are committed to do this work through a **human rights lens**, which places the client at the centre. Their approach to disability services moves away from **formal mechanisms of determining disability**, such as relying determinations made by a medical practitioner. Instead, **anyone who identifies with having a disability** (and meets the financial requirement) can receive services from ARCH. This is one of the way in which ARCH creates an **inclusive environment** that is aware of the many ways disabilities can be perceived and experienced, and the diverse ways relevant issues can emerge.

### **2.) ARCH's WORK Priorities**

#### **a.) Attendant Services**

- Attendant services are services provided to people with disabilities to **assist with routine activities of daily living** such as dressing and bathing
- ARCH's work in this area addresses situations where people are being **abused** by those who are providing assistance to them, where the contract for the services **removes the rights** of the person with disability
- Activities

- Conduct **law reform**, public and continuing legal **education** and community development projects
- In terms of legal representation, ARCH negotiates with service **providers** and/or Community Care Access Centres (**CCAC**), represents people before the Health Services Appeal and Review **Board and Divisional Court**

**ARCH** does provide representation for individuals. However, their case selection process is more stringent than community clinics. ARCH considers whether there are other legal services available, whether a significant number of people with disabilities would be affected by the outcome of the case, and whether it addresses poverty of persons with disabilities, among the Ontario Disability Support Program, because community clients already provide that service.

Most of the individual client work performed by ARCH is summary advice and referrals. ARCH provides information about the law and about one's right to persons with disabilities no matter their financial situation. If ARCH feels that another clinic, organization, or private bar lawyer would be better suited to handle the case, then they will provide a referral.

- ARCH will provide brief services in certain circumstances. This can include reviewing documents or drafting an application for a client.
- ARCH also intervenes in important cases concerning the rights of persons with disabilities. ARCH has represented organizations as intervenes often at the Supreme Court of Canada and many other levels of court
- ARCH also serves persons with disabilities through Law Reform projects and by giving submissions to government organizations. For example, ARCH provided submissions to the Ontario government about the AODA.
- ARCH also does public legal education events, where they provide information to community organizations and affected organizations about the law and the rights of individuals that must be respected. This includes training for lawyers.

**ARCH's contact information:**

[www.archdisabilitylaw.ca](http://www.archdisabilitylaw.ca)

Tel: 416-482-8255

**6. Community Updates:**

Ronny Yaron talked about exercise programs run by Care First. For further information, contact Linda Kwan at 416-847-0258.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at **8:48** pm. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** Lorrie Naylor

Next meeting: Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at OWN Co-op, 115 The Esplanade

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**Secretary**

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**President**



## LIST OF MOTIONS

Delegates' Meeting: February 25, 2015

### 2.2 Approval of Agenda

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**SECONDED BY:** Faith Sawyers

### 4.1 Financial Support for the FORTY-ONE Project

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**MOVED BY:** Suzanne Kavanagh  
**SECONDED BY:** Debra Corey

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### 4.1 Project Leadership for the Marathon

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**MOVED BY:** Dan O'Leary  
**SECONDED BY:** Emily Harris

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