

MINUTES
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held, May 21, 2020, commencing at 5:45p.m. via video conference electronic meeting.

Present: R. Griesmayer, M. Donachie, L. Henderson, M. Spencer Golovchenko, M. Tovey (Chair), J. O'Neil, T. Regnier, R. Koudys, M. Majumdar, T. Wittmann, B. Keim, N. Michienzi, B. Ardiel

Regrets: L. Dent, Heritage Planner

Guests: G. Maltman, Curator, Banting House National Historic Site (guest speaker); K. Gonyou, Heritage Planner

COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

KOUDYS AND SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO

That the agenda **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

2. M. Tovey – Remarks from the Chair

He welcomed everyone to the meeting and complimented all of the staff team for their contributions to the AGM and the annual report. I want to express that it has been awesome to work with Eldon House and great to participate on the board for 6 years. Effective today, the Chair is departing his role as a director but is happy to be continuing his involvement through the new membership program.

3. T. Wittmann – Remarks from the Curator/Director

The Curator/Director gave some brief remarks reflecting on last year at Eldon House and also presenting the 2019 annual report. Momentum has continued to build this year, so that we are able to engage with new audiences and enjoy the sites and stories of Eldon House, while preserving the collection for future generations. Our new volunteers, staff, and new board members have contributed to our growing organization. Once again, our thanks go to the Museum Coordinator who the great aesthetics of our digital annual report, with hard copies available soon to everyone. She highlighted the by the numbers section 12,290 visitors and being open 270 days during the year and new Visitor Statistics area. Gratitude was expressed to the staff and volunteers, City of London Municipal Facilities Division, Corporate Security, Heritage Planners and Culture Office for their contributions to the operation and maintenance of Eldon House. She also thanked the Eldon House board members for the leadership and commitment to this organization. A special thank you was expressed to M. Tovey for his stalwart efforts on behalf of Eldon House.

KOUDYS AND GRIESMAYER

That the 2019 annual report and update from the Curator/Director **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

4. B. Keim – **Financial Report**

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER

That the verbal report on the 2019 Financial Report **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

FORMAL APPROVALS – CONSENT ITEMS

5. **Items pertaining to electronic Board Meetings and electronic participation.**

O’NEIL AND DONACHIE

Part I: Action the City Liaison to request the following changes to the Eldon House By-Law in the appropriate manner and at the appropriate time. Electronic attendance by Directors may include either attendance by phone or by videoconference. Electronic Board meetings and AGMs will include the capability for public participation.

That the following actions **BE TAKEN** on behalf of the Eldon House board:

- (a) Board Meetings may be conducted electronically if needed.
- (b) Eldon House Directors may attend in-person Board Meetings electronically if needed.
- (c) Annual General Meetings may be conducted electronically if needed.
- (d) A still-serving former Chair may sit on the Executive in the role of Past Chair, as a means of mentoring new officers.

CARRIED

6. **2019 Annual General Meeting minutes**

That the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting **BE ACCEPTED**, with addition of O’Neil and Griesmayer being recorded as mover and seconder for item #8.

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER

CARRIED

7. **Formal approval of audit from KPMG**

O’NEIL AND DONACHIE

That the 2019 draft audited Financial Statements prepared by KPMG **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

8. Formal approval of KPMG as the auditors

O'NEIL AND KOUDYS

That KPMG **BE APPROVED** as auditors for the upcoming year.

CARRIED

9. M. Spencer Golovchenko - Approval of slate for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer positions

HENDERSON AND KOUDYS

That the executive roles changes occur for the incoming term: M. Donachie, R. Griesmayer and J. O'Neil fulfil the roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, respectively; with T. Regnier returning as Secretary **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

10. M. Donachie gave a formal thank you to M. Tovey to recognize his role on the board. He provided quite a contribution to Eldon House and the board during his six years, especially his measured approach as Chair to board meetings, committee involvement and talent as actor to bring Wenman Wynniatt (the Eldon House ghost) to life.

GUEST SPEAKER

11. **Guest Speaker – G. Maltman**, Museum Curator, Banting House National Historic Site
G. Maltman discussed the delayed plans for their 100th anniversary due to the shutdown due to Covid-19. Plans include hopefully a play that can take place in their board room in the fall, plus other events outdoors on the grounds. He commented on Banting House appearing in the video 'Alone Together' highlighting ways to explore London. He provided a heartfelt review of the dire nature of diabetes and its death sentence prior to the discovery of insulin by Dr. Banting and his team. The idea is documented as coming to him while living in London and working at Western University. The legacy of the discovery is expressed through the tributes and appreciation by those who have or had diabetes, their relatives, friends, and others impacted. This was shown to Dr. Banting through notes, letters and by continued visits to Banting House National Historic Site.

M. Tovey expressed our gratitude to G. Maltman for his presentation and being with us during this challenging Covid-19 environment.

12. Adjournment

KOUDYS

That the AGM **BE ADJOURNED** at 6:52 PM.

CARRIED