



**2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Bernard Betel Centre**  
**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**  
**VIA Zoom or Call-In**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER- Welcome and Greetings**

Marcus Staviss (Meeting Chair) called the meeting to order. The Meeting Chair acknowledged that quorum has been met and that due to the pandemic it has continued to be a difficult 18 months.

Board, staff, guests and Centre Members were welcomed to the Centre's second AGM via Zoom.

All were thanked for attending the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Michael Hiley, Partner, BDO Canada LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants was introduced. The Meeting Chair introduced himself as Chair and President of the Board of Directors.

He thanked the Centre's funders and donors including Ontario Health Central, United Way Greater Toronto, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, City of Toronto and Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility.

The Meeting Chair acknowledged that some of our membership would like to see the Centre reopen for programming and that we have been collecting members' views through our recent online survey and consulting with Toronto Public Health, Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health and our funders and have decided that the Centre other than Chiropody and our Meals on Wheels program will remain closed for the health and safety of our staff and membership. He went on to say that we are in the middle of renovating our kitchen and bathroom and look forward to welcoming our membership back when the renovation is complete and the public health situation allows. The Meeting Chair went on to provide the Land Acknowledgement and stated there were 52 people in attendance for the meeting.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**Motion #1**

B. Baker moved to approve the September 14, 2021 draft Annual General Meeting agenda, seconded by S. Argintaru.

**Carried**

**3.0 APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES of September 22, 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING**

**Motion #2**

S. Jacobs moved to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2020 Annual General and Special Meeting seconded by R. Zener.

**Carried**

**4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Staviss provided an overview of the past year plus and the numerous accomplishments made by staff, volunteers and the Board of Directors in light of the pandemic. He remarked on the physical evidence of how we have responded to the needs of members and the community during the pandemic, including the ongoing operation of the auditorium into an assembly hub for meals on wheels and the addition of a temporary refrigeration unit in the lobby; and the progress made in our kitchen and bathroom renovations. He shared accomplishments including our roster of online recreation programs, our continued efforts on our vastly expanded Meals on Wheels program to help isolated seniors, our reopening of our Chiropody Services, our outreach via virtual/phone visits and some outdoor offerings over the summer.

He recognized the Board members who left the Board prior to the AGM, M. Zinberg and C. Muskat and he welcomed the new Board members who have joined to fill mid-term vacancies and to be elected at this AGM, B. Walman, J. Gilbert and D. Glasser.

He informed the membership that the Board has decided to put accreditation on hold due to the pandemic, but that the Board committees have been busy fulfilling their mandates. Board committee accomplishments include: further succession planning for the Executive Director and Board positions, self-assessment work and Board education to improve our performance; learning about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; the launch of the first Betel Spotlight! fundraising event; and planning to maintain financial stability and appropriate budgeting during the uncertainties of the pandemic. He reported that the Board has struck a Strategic Planning Task Force to develop a new longer-term strategy for the organization that reflects what the future will hold as we work our way through the pandemic and beyond.

As we begin thinking about what a reopening will entail, the members' views are very important. The overwhelming majority of members who responded to the recent survey say they support vaccination requirements for when the building reopens, and the Ontario Government also has recently put in place some expectations for vaccinations at healthcare facilities, as well as at events. The Return to Work Program and Plan Committee were thanked for the difficult and complex efforts and due diligence in planning for the eventual reopening.

The Board members, the Executive Director and the staff were thanked for their leadership, dedication and efforts.

## **5.0 TREASURER’S REPORT- Resolutions**

### **5.1 Presentation of 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements**

I. Kravitz Treasurer, tabled the Financial Statements, *Notes to the Financial Statements* and Auditor’s Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021 and moved the resolution to accept the said Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021. I. Kravitz acknowledged and thanked our Auditors, Michael Hiley and Owais Tabish from BDO.

Resolved that the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2021 which were approved by the Finance Committee and the Bernard Betel Centre Board of Directors and submitted by Notice to the Annual General Meeting be accepted by the Membership.

#### **Motion #3**

I. Kravitz, Treasurer moved that the Audited Financial Statements for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 be accepted, seconded by M. Zweig

**Carried**

### **5.2 Appointment of Auditors**

#### **Motion #4**

I. Kravitz, Treasurer moved the resolution to appoint BDO Canada LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants as Auditors of the Bernard Betel Centre for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 at a fee fixed by the Board of Directors.

Resolved that BDO Canada LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants be appointed as the Auditors of the Bernard Betel Centre for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, at a fee to be approved by the Board. Seconded by I. Skapinker  
**Carried**

## **6.0 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SLATE OF BOARD MEMBERS**

M. Staviss, Chair reported on the proposed slate, indicating that up to two (2) Centre Members nominated by Centre Members and elected by the Members of the Corporation Members’ Council, are according to the Corporation’s By-Laws *voting ex-officio Directors*. H. Aharoni and V. Margulis (Members’ Council) and the Immediate Past Board Chair, B. Baker are considered *ex-officio* Directors and shall hold office until their successors are elected. M. Staviss indicated that the remaining Board members have agreed to return to the Board. He stated that there are eight board members standing for election by the membership: H. Aharoni, J. Gilbert, I. Kravitz, V. Margulis, S. Parker, M. Staviss, R. Zener and M. Zweig. He indicated that some Board members are in the middle of their term that will expire at the 2022 AGM: A. Grief, B. Walman, I. Skapinker, and I. Lefler. There is a mid-

term vacancy that the Board will fill per section 5.11 of the Bernard Betel Centre Bylaws. D. Glasser is being recommended to the Board to fill this vacancy until the end of the term in 2022.

M. Staviss took the opportunity to thank all Board Members for their years of commitment and service to the Bernard Betel Centre.

**Motion #5**

B. Walman moved that the Membership approve the proposed slate as elected Directors of the Bernard Betel Centre for 2021-2022. Seconded by A. Grief.

**Carried**

**7.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Organizational Highlights 2020-2021**

G. Gould, Executive Director, provided an overview of the organizational highlights of 2020-2021 thanking the Bernard Betel Centre staff and Board of Directors for their strong commitment and dedication.

**STAFF MILESTONE RECOGNITION**

G. Gould, Executive Director, thanked all Bernard Betel Centre staff and acknowledged those staff who reached their 10 and 15 year employment at the Bernard Betel Centre for their commitment and dedication to the Centre.

M. Staviss, Chair also recognized and thanked G. Gould, Executive Director and all the staff of the Bernard Betel Centre for their strong commitment and dedication.

H. Aharoni, Chair Members' Council, thanked G. Gould, Executive Director for her outstanding leadership and dedication throughout her tenure at the Bernard Betel Centre and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. On behalf of the Members' Council and the Board, H. Aharoni presented G. Gould with the Bernard Betel Centre Leadership Award.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #6**

V. Margulis moved that the 2021 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by J. Gilbert

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

**Carried**

Respectfully Submitted:  
I. Skapinker, Secretary  
August 24, 2022