

Commission des
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Senior Liberals'
Commission

Liberal National Biennial Convention

SLC-CAL GM Minutes

Thursday, May 4th. 2023, 3:00 p.m. E.D.T.

(Draft only, pending approval at next General Meeting)

Meeting Type: In Person

Meeting Location: Salon Gatineau, Shaw Centre, Ottawa

Recording Secretary: Iain Munro

Co-Chairs: Hilary Williamson and Jean-Valmond LeBlanc

1. Call to Order

Hilary Williamson called the SLC's 20th Anniversary meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. E.D.T. and, together with Co-Chair Jean-Valmond LeBlanc, welcomed everyone in attendance in person, with a special welcome for those attending virtually. Jean-Valmond made a Land Acknowledgement. The Co-Chairs also thanked the Board members, Section Chairs, and the Senior Reps at the heart of our Commission, for their contribution to the work of the SLC over the past few years.

2. Agenda

MOTION

Moved Linda Schwey, Seconded by Sheila Bryan

That the Meeting Agenda be approved

The Motion is Carried

- ***Prime Minister Justin Trudeau arrived in the hall at this point and gave a brief but rousing address to those assembled, to a standing ovation.***

3. Approval of Past General Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Moved by Gloria Kelly, Seconded by Don Reid

That the draft SLC Minutes of SLC Draft Minutes of the General Meeting in Winnipeg, Thursday, May 26, 2016, the draft SLC Minutes of the SLC General Meeting in Halifax, Thursday, April 19, 2018, and the draft SLC Minutes for the Virtual General Meeting of April 8, 2021, be approved

The Motion is Carried.

4. SLC Charter Changes

MOTION

Moved Sheila Bryan, Seconded by Louis Stringer

That the proposed changes in the SLC Charter be approved.

Discussion: Hilary Williamson presented a comprehensive overview of the proposed Charter changes. The main one proposed moving from a Co-chair model (French and English) to a Chair, Vice-chair model. These changes were recommended after years of consideration, a survey, extensive consultation in Sections, and unanimous SLC Board approval. Hilary explained that, if approved, the change would not take effect until after the next SLC General Meeting. A second change was recommended by LPC Legal to address the situation when Section GMs fail to nominate Officers.

There followed a vigorous discussion on the proposed changes, after which the following amendment to the Motion was presented.

MOTION

Moved by an unidentified member, Seconded by an unidentified member

That the proposed changes in the SLC Charter be referred back to the SLC Governance Committee for further study.

The Motion to Amend is defeated

The original Motion (see above) to approve the Charter changes is Carried.

5. Co-Chairs' Report (to be posted on the SLC Website)

Hilary Williamson and Jean-Valmond LeBlanc presented their Report on the activities and accomplishments of the SLC over the past two years, which included strong election support; successful policy advocacy; doubling our number of Senior Representatives in EDA Boards; a report on "Seniors – Circa 2021 & Beyond"; and our first Commission logo.

MOTION

Moved by Kate Young, Seconded by Fred French

That the Report of the Co-Chairs be adopted.

The Motion is Carried.

6. Introduction of the New SLC Board

Co-Chair Jean-Valmond LeBlanc introduced the newly acclaimed SLC Executive Board.

7. Guest Speakers

7.1 Darren Fisher M.P., Secretary to the Minister of Seniors

7.2 Kamal Khera, M.P., Minister of Seniors of Canada

7.3 Joanne Thompson, M.P., Seniors' Caucus Chair was also present. Given time constraints, she was kind enough to speak to Senior Liberals in the foyer after the GM. Hilary Williamson thanked the guest speakers, all those in attendance, including the Commissions Coordinator, Anthony Dionne, and then invited everyone to attend our 20th Anniversary reception in the main foyer at 4:30 p.m., following this meeting.

8. MOTION to Adjourn

Moved by May McDiarmid

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m. E.D.T.