

**Arthur General Meeting**

**Saturday January 25, 2020**

**Sadleir House Lecture Hall**

**12:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance:** Lubna Sadek (Co-Editor), Leina Amatsuji-Berry (Co-Editor), Samantha MacAndrew (Chair, OPIRG), Daniel Taro McLaughlin (Staff Collective), Cheyenne Wood (student member, 0653418 ), Robert Gibson (Staff Collective and student member, 0653058 ), Daniel LaPiere (student member, 0565696), Maxine Neihaus (non-member), Ethel Nalule (student member, 0612706), Dante Pettapeice (student member, called in), Myanna Hansen (member), Daniela Leal (student member, 0602883), Gill Holmes (student member, 0545263), Zoe Easton (student member, 0628738), Nick Taylor (student member, 0601994), Leisha Lustic (student member, 0529824), Eliza Rubacha O’Hearn (student member)

**Total attendees: 17**

**Total members voting: 15**

**Agenda**

I. Land Acknowledgement

II. Chairs Remarks

III. Editors Remarks

IV. Nominations of members to the Board of Directors

V. Adjournment

Sam: Calls the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

### **I. Land Acknowledgement:**

Sam: First I'd like to respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg. I offer my gratitude to our First Nations for their care for, and teaching about, our earth and our relations. May we honor those teachings. Today let us also keep in mind the Seven Grandfather Teachings of Love, Truth, Humility, Bravery, Respect, Wisdom, and Honesty as we meet today.

### **II. Chairs remarks:**

- Intros and pronouns, we'll go round the room clockwise introducing our names, if we are a member and how, and pronouns.

- Introductions made.

- This meeting is taking place to nominate members to the Arthur Board of Directors, because as of right now a board does not exist at Arthur as they don't have a quorum for their board, which is at least 4 out of 7 members. Voting a board today will allow Arthur to continue making decisions at the governing level.

### **III. Editors Remarks:**

Thank you all for being here. To clarify, we currently don't have a Board of Directors.

We are here to elect a new board. We elected a board at our last AGM, but two of the directors were not voted in the membership. Members according to our By Laws are

all part time and full time students of Trent University, Staff Collective (making at least 3 submissions per volume), and all past and current Editors of Arthur. We need at least four members to join the board. Non-members can sit on the board, but they first need to be voted into the membership. Today we need members to nominate themselves, or be nominated, to join the board, and we need members to vote yes or no. To be clear, there is no board and we are here today to get a board, so Arthur can continue to make decisions and changes within the organization. There are two types of board members: Directors of the membership, and directors of the staff collective. The former is four members, and the latter is comprised of three. This is to ensure the balance of directors, so that the membership can provide larger input, and to ensure that the number of paid staff members at Arthur are less than non-paid members on the board. If there are any questions let us know.

#### **IV. Nominations of members to the Board of Directors:**

Sam: We will begin nominations. We will compile a list of nominations, you can nominate yourself, then those who are nominated will have a chance to speak to why they are interested. Voting will take place by hands, but you can make a motion to have a paper ballot if you wish.

Maxine: I would like to request to become a member at Arthur.

Leina: We can't process your request at this time.

Lubna: Yes, so as we mentioned we currently don't have a Board of Directors, and in

order to be on the Board and vote people in, you need to be a current member. You can make your request to the new board that is voted in today, but currently there is no board to accept, and act on, your request.

Nomination list:

- Dante pettapiece (self-nominated)
- Nick Taylor (self-nominated)
- Zoe Easton (self-nominated)
- Danny Taro (self-nominated)
- Robert Gibson (self-nominated)

Sam: Now we will go around asking members if they accept their nomination, and if so you will have 1-2 minutes to speak about yourself and why you would like to join Arthur's Board of Directors.

- Dante pettapiece (accepts nomination)
- Nick Taylor (accepts nomination)
- Zoe Easton (accepts nomination)
- Danny Taro (accepts nomination)
- Robert Gibson (accepts nomination)

Sam: Now that everyone has accepted their nomination you have a 1-2 minutes to speak about it, we will go in order of nominations.

Dante pettapiece: I have board experience, and previous managerial jobs that have given me experience. I love the Arthur and want to be a part of it. Don't even need a minute to make my case. I love Arthur and everything it stands for.

Nick Taylor: I've been involved with arthur since second year, big part of my life, I believe in the mandate and value of independent media, and I want to contribute to that in any capacity.

Zoe Easton: I was a previous staff writer and aware of the role and what goes into that, I was involved with Zora and saw the process of production and what the Editors have to go through to produce a paper. I am a coordinator with Trent Centre for Women and Trans People (TCFWTP) so I have experience with organizations and such, and I just think Arthur is great.

Danny Taro: I own a business called Puzz Puzz Puzzles with similar technical work, and I'm the current business manager, I want to make clear that I am currently employed by arthur. I think a problem at Arthur like many groups is the lack of institutional memory, and I'm looking to be on the Board of Arthur for a long term commitment to help with that.

Robert Gibson: I am currently the Local Sub-Editor at Arthur Newspaper. I would like

to see Arthur thrive in an era where freedom of the press is declining, and we have less press in Peterborough. I also have board experience, so I think I would be a good addition to the team.

Sam: Great thank you to everyone. Now we will vote by a show of hands on the nominees that just spoke. We have 15 members today, so there needs to be a minimum of 8 votes to be voted successfully.

Dante - unanimous, passed.

Nick - unanimous, passed.

Zoe - unanimous, passed.

Danny - unanimous, passed.

Robert - unanimous, passed.

Sam: The Board membership can choose their roles at the next meeting. Today was just voting in the members to create a board.

Leina and Lubna: We finally have a board!! Yay!!

#### **V. Adjournment:**

Motioned by Nick, seconder not needed, unanimous. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned 12:40 p.m.