

ISANS AGM
Minutes of Meeting
June 23, 2021
Online, 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Present: Rosalind Penfound, Catherine Woodman, Alan Blyth, Leo Artalejo, Lilani Kumaranayake, Saeed El-Darahali, Cecil Snow, Daniel Holland, Sonja Erman, Nikhil Punjabi, Rick Power, Carmelle d'Entremont, Bernadette Guirguis, Jennifer Watts

Regrets: David Nurse

Minute Taker: Nabihah Atallah

1. WELCOME

Rosalind Penfound, as Chair, welcomed everyone to the AGM on behalf of the Board of ISANS. Quorum was confirmed and the meeting was called to order. Rosalind explained the procedures and eligibility for voting, and the guidelines for participating in an online AGM.

2. OPENING REMARKS

The Honourable Iain Rankin, Premier of Nova Scotia, spoke via video recording about the partnerships between the Provincial Government and ISANS that helps to settle and integrate newcomers in Nova Scotia.

The Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, Provincial Minister of Immigration and Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie spoke via video recording about ISANS' work in supporting the settlement of refugees and immigrants within Nova Scotia.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM JUNE 15, 2020

UPON MOTION, duly made by Alan Blyth and seconded by Daniel Holland, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of AGM June 15, 2020 be approved.

4. PRESENTATION OF ISANS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR AND MOTION TO APPOINT AUDITOR FOR 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

Lilani Kumaranayake, as Treasurer, presented the Financial Statements for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. She informed everyone that a copy of the report is available for those wishing to have one.

The Chair requested a motion to re-appoint Grant Thornton as ISANS Auditors for 2021–2022 fiscal year.

UPON MOTION, duly made by Lilani Kumaranayake and seconded by Cecil Snow, it was unanimously resolved that Grant Thornton be re-appointed as ISANS Auditors for 2021-2022 fiscal year.

5. MOTION TO ELECT DIRECTORS OF ISANS

Catherine Woodman, Governance Committee chair, presented the nominations for ISANS Directors for 2021-2022. They are as follows:

- Leo Artalejo
- Alan Blyth
- Carmelle d'Entremont
- Sonja Erman
- Elizabeth Eustaquio
- Daniel Holland
- Lilani Kumaranayake
- Anna Marenick
- Amy Parker
- Rosalind Penfound
- Rick Power
- Nikhil Punjabi
- Tabinda Sheikh
- Cecil Snow
- Jennifer Watts
- Chris Xiao
- Abdallah Yousri

UPON MOTION, duly made by Catherine Woodman and seconded by Carmelle d'Entremont, it was unanimously resolved that the nominations for ISANS Directors for 2021-2022 be approved.

6. MOTION TO ELECT OFFICERS OF ISANS

Catharine presented the nominations for the Officers of ISANS Board of Directors as follows:

- Chair – Lilani Kumaranayake
- Vice Chair – Sonja Erman
- Secretary – Alan Blyth
- Treasurer – Cecil Snow
- Past Chair – Rosalind Penfound

UPON MOTION, duly made by Sonja Erman and seconded by Bernadette Guirguis, it was unanimously resolved that the nominations for Officers of ISANS be approved.

7. CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS PORTION OF AGM

UPON MOTION, duly made by Rick Power and seconded by Leo Artalejo, it was unanimously resolved that the ISANS 2021 AGM be concluded.

The Chair welcomed new members to the Board.

- Elizabeth Eustaquio
- Anna Marenick
- Amy Parker
- Tabinda Sheikh
- Chris Xiao

The chair also thanked outgoing members of the Board:

- Saeed El-Darahali
- David Nurse
- Catherine Woodman

This concluded the business portion of the 2021 AGM.

The program content of the AGM included the following:

VIDEO FROM CLIENTS

A video was presented from ISANS clients, Elizabeth Assor Obeng Nkrumah and Bukola Oladimeji, who share their journeys of settlement in NS as internationally educated nurses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

The CEO presented the Chief Executive Officers' report with a presentation highlighting the past year's accomplishments. Jennifer thanked the board, staff, funding partners, volunteers and all that are involved in supporting ISANS.

She spoke about the growth of the organization, and ISANS' essential role to champion a welcome and inclusive province. Jennifer acknowledged the over 300 employees and over 700 volunteers, who work to ensure our immigrant clients have the skills, knowledge and confidence to succeed and stay in Nova Scotia.

PRESENTATION OF ISANS AWARDS

The CEO explained the purpose of the ISANS' Award. The recipient of the 2021 ISANS Award is Craig Bannon. Ritu Ganju, as nominator, thanked Craig for providing support to our organization and the newcomers we serve.

CLOSING REMARKS

Jennifer thanked all for coming, and thanked staff and volunteers of ISANS for their dedication and commitment to the organization.

This concluded the 2021 AGM.

Awaiting Approval