

Alberta Palaeontological Society (APS) Annual Meeting Minutes AGM May 10, 2024

Call to Order

Motion: To call the APS Annual General Meeting to order at: 8:28 PM.

Moved by: Cory Gross, Seconded by: Howard Allen, **Approved/Defeated**

Quorum Call

The membership director provided an updated membership list and the secretary checked off names of Voting Members including those joining on Zoom.

Fifteen percent of the Voting Members or fifteen Voting Members, whichever is smaller, shall constitute a quorum to transact business at the Annual General Meeting.

A total of **24** Voting Members out of **188** Voting Members are present or joined virtually.

Is Quorum achieved?

Yes Proceed.

Meeting proceeded with 24 members as the minimum quorum of 15 members was met. See Appendix for list of voting members.

Non-Voting Members and Guests

Three non-voting guests were present.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the APS Annual General Meeting Agenda as (**presented** / amended).

Moved by: Mona Trick, Seconded by: Dan Quinsey, **Approved/Defeated**

Adoption of Minutes

Motion: To adopt previous AGM Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2023 as (**presented** / amended).

Moved by: Mona Trick, Seconded by: Gilles Fournier, **Approved/Defeated**

Chairperson of the Board Announcement

Each Member 18 years of age or older shall be entitled to one vote. Votes must be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise. With the exception of Special Resolutions, a majority vote shall carry all Motions. The meeting Chairperson shall cast a vote only in the event of a tie.

Voting for the election of the Board shall be done by secret ballot. All other voting shall be done by show of hands, unless a secret ballot is requested by any five Members.

Review of the financial statements and auditor's report.

In accordance with Article 6.7 of the APS Bylaws, the Treasurer shall prepare for submission a statement of the Society's financial position detailing the Revenues, Expenses, and Inventory of the Society.

APS Revenues and Expenses for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Revenues: 13,449.55
 Expenses: 10,042.73
 Net: 3,406.82

APS Revenue & Expenses for 2023 For January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Revenues		Expenses	
US\$ Exchange	0.00	Bulletin Printing	220.61
2023 Single + Family Memberships	2375.00	Bulletin Postage	135.29
2024 Single + Family Memberships	930.00	Meeting Speaker expenses	319.68
Bank interest + GICs cashed	216.87	Membership expenses	204.60
2015 T-shirts (member + non-member)	185.00	Field Trip Expenses	600.00
Book: Common Vert Fossils (mem+non)	3845.00	Symposium Workshop	0.00
Book: Hope Johnson (mem + non)	605.15	Symposium Speaker	2239.34
Handling fees: Book Common Vert Fossil	528.00	Symposium Abstract Printing	248.31
Handling fee: Book Hope Johnson + Tshir	34.00	Book: Common Vert Fossils	2556.21
APS Guides (field trip + old abstracts)	6.00	Book: Hope Johnson print	0.00
2023 T-shirts (mem+non-mem)	225.00	Postage: Common Vert Fossils	505.42
Refreshment donations	46.95	Postage: Hope Johnson + Tshirt	31.92
Field trip fees	1470.00	Website domain and hosting fees	797.36
Donations (General to APS)	223.00	Refreshments	23.88
Symposium 2023 Abstract sales	259.00	Bank Charges+GIC purchase	0.00
Symposium Donations	519.00	Postbox rental	382.20
Symposium workshop fees	150.00	Insurance	3350.00
Library income	0.00	Hope Johnson award	0.00
Public Outreach income	15.00	Public Outreach expenses	0.00
Hope Johnson award income	0.00	Library expenses	132.58
		T-shirt purchase	693.00
Subtotal Revenues	11632.97	Subtotal Expenses	12440.40
Plus Revenue Received in 2022 for 2023		Plus Expenses paid in 2022 for 2023	
2023 Membership Fees	355.00	2023 Insurance	0.00
Savings for 2023 Symposium	2590.00	Website for 2023	0.00
Savings for Library	725.25	Minus Expenses paid for 2024	
Savings for Public Outreach	634.23	Website for 2024 and 2025	531.57
Savings for Hope Johnson award	1605.23	2024 Insurance	1675.00
Savings for Insurance	5801.37	PO Box rental	191.10
Savings for T-shirt purchase	980.30		
Subtract Revenue Received in 2023 for 2024			
2024 Memberships Fees	930.00		
Savings for 2024 Symposium	1009.00		
2024 Symposium Workshop Fees	0.00		
Savings for 2024 Library	592.67		
Savings for 2024 Public Outreach	649.23		
Savings for 2024 Hope Johnson Award	1605.23		
Savings for Liability Insurance	5801.37		
Savings for future T-shirts	287.30		
Total Revenues	13449.55	Total Expenses	10042.73
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	3406.82	GICs	16,400.00
Inventory Cost	\$1,105.27	Dec. 31, 2023 Bank Account:	16,186.64
Audited by APS Members (Bylaws):		Values Current to Date:	31-Jan-24
Printed Name: <u>GELLES FOUNDER</u>		Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>24/01/24</u>
Printed Name: <u>ANITA REILANDER</u>		Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>2024/02/23</u>

APS Status on Dec 31, 2023

Money in Chequing:	16,186.64
GICs:	16,400.00
Inventory Cost:	1,105.27
Reserved Funds (\$9,944.80) include:	
2024 Symposium:	1,009.00
Hope Johnson Award:	1,605.23
Public Outreach:	649.23
Library:	592.67
Future T-shirt purchase:	287.30
Future Liability Insurance:	5,801.37

Guide To Common Vertebrate Fossils from the Cretaceous of Alberta Summary to Dec. 31, 2023

Sold:	1392 (126 in 2023)
Donated:	146
Printed:	1554
Net Revenue:	\$7,719.71

Now There Was A Lady! Hope Johnson LL.D. 1916-2010 Summary to Dec. 31, 2023

Sold:	98 (21 in 2023)
Donated:	27
Printed:	130
Net Loss:	\$ 102.12

Thanks go to Gilles Fournier and Anita Reilander for auditing the 2023 APS Treasurer Books and Minutes.

APS Status on April 30, 2024

Money in Chequing:	18521.60
(after deducting cheques and expenses not yet reimbursed)	
GICs:	16,400.00
Inventory Cost:	1,708.14
Reserved Funds (\$13,074.61) include:	
2025 Symposium	2,417.00
Hope Johnson Award:	1,355.23
Public Outreach:	621.04
Library:	592.67
Future T-shirt purchase:	1,287.30
Future Liability Insurance:	6,801.37

Motion: To approve the audited Balance Sheet for 2023 and Statement of the Society's Financial Position detailing the Revenues, Expenses, and Inventory of the Society at December 31, 2023 as presented.

Moved by: Mona Trick, Seconded by: Howard Allen, **Approved/Defeated**

Appointment of 2024 Auditors

Background:

The APS bylaws state:

“The financial accounts and records of the Society shall be audited annually by either a qualified accountant or independently by two Members appointed by the Board at a properly Constituted Board Meeting. A complete and proper audited statement of the standing of the books for the previous year shall be submitted by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.”

Motion: To appoint the following APS members as auditors for the 2024 APS Treasurer Books and Minutes (auditing will be done Jan/Feb 2025):

Matthew Rhodes
Lorraine Stratkotter

Moved by: Mona Trick, Seconded by: Georgia Hoffman, **Approved/Defeated**

Books and Records of the Society

In accordance with Article 8.8 of the APS Bylaws, the Books and Records of the Society are being made available for inspection by any Member of the Society.

Elections

In accordance with Articles 5.7 and 5.8 of the APS Bylaws, Nominations for Officers and Directors, and the offices associated with each such directorship, shall be made by the Past-President. The Past-President shall present a slate of nominees to the Annual General Meeting. Other nominations may be made from the floor during the election at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. All seconded nominations shall be voted upon with those nominated by the Past-President. Voting shall be done by secret ballot in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article 2.2 of the APS Bylaws.

Listed below are the Officer positions up for election:

President	Cory Gross	one year term
Vice President	Emily Bamforth	one year term
Treasurer	Mona Marsovsky	one year term
Secretary	Vaclav Marsovsky	one year term

No directors are up for election. They are in 2nd year of their term.

Listed below are Committees and their appointed Chairpersons.

Fossil Collection	Howard Allen
Library	Georgia Hoffman
Public Outreach	Cory Gross
Social	Virginia Goodman
Symposium	Mona Trick
Website	Eric Campbell
CSPG Paleo Fund	Mona Trick

There were three official calls for nominations before voting began.

Motion: To forgo voting by secret ballot for those positions where one nominee is running and proclaim those Members elected by acclamation.

Moved by: Dan Quinsey, Seconded by: Gilles Fournier, **Approved/Defeated**

Motion: To approve the APS Election results as voted upon / **proclaimed** by the Members present.

Moved by: Howard Allen, Seconded by: Dan Quinsey, **Approved/Defeated**

New Business

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the APS Annual General Meeting at: 8:45 PM.

Moved by: Howard Allen, Seconded by: Georgia Hoffman, **Approved/Defeated**

Minutes

The minutes were recorded by Vaclav Marsovsky.

Cory Gross
President

Vaclav Marsovsky
Secretary

APPENDIX

24 Voting members included in quorum call.

Howard Allen
Emily Bamforth
Gavin Bradley
Wayne Braunberger
Eric Campbell
Jeff Davis
Walter DiMattia
Steven Dixon
Gilles Fournier
Cory Gross
Georgia Hoffman
David Frishman
Henry Komadowski
Gulnara Machitova
Vaclav Marsovsky
Scott Packer
Andrea Poole
Dan Quinsey
Anita Reilander
Jioty Roy
Rosario Sanchez
Lorraine Stratkotter
Mona Trick
Les Wingerter