

Minutes Annual General Meeting Thursday, June 23rd, 2011

The Annual General Meeting of Digital Nova Scotia was held at 4:00 pm at the Technology Innovation Centre, 1 Research Drive, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on Thursday, June 23, 2011.

Those present were:

Jason Powell – Animax
Mike Shepherd – Dalhousie University
Heather Ritchie- Blackcrow
Malcolm McCall – CIC Ltd.
Steve Carr – Deloitte
Terry Dalton –CIC Ltd.
Michael McConnell – Digital Nova Scotia
John Hamblin – Clarke IT
David T.S. Fraser – McInnes Cooper
John Leahy - Immediac
Ken Lee – Innovacorp
Monica Lachance – RIM
Saeed El Darahali – SimplyCast
Jeff MacArthur – MGI Media
Bob Huggard – Lymbix
Chris Crowell – Opentext

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by CEO Michael McConnell at 4:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved (Terry Dalton), seconded (Monica LaChance) and carried that:

“The Agenda be approved as circulated.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 2010 Digital Nova Scotia AGM held at the Offices of McInnes Cooper on June 17, 2010 were reviewed. It was moved (John Hamblin), seconded (Terry Dalton) and carried that:

“The minutes be approved as circulated”.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Steve Carr presented the Treasurer’s Report for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. The deficit was reduced to -\$8,700 from -\$21,000 in the previous statement.

The conference and golf generated a combined total of \$49,000 in revenue. After expenses of \$32,000, the net proceeds from both events was \$17,000.

After presentation, it was moved (John Leahy), seconded (Terry Dalton) and carried that

“The audited financial statements for the 12-month financial statements for the 12 month period ended March 31, 2011 be accepted.”

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Treasurer Steve Carr noted that the Board recommends to the Annual General Meeting that DNS begin the process of searching for a new auditor. It was moved (John Hamblin) and seconded (John Leahy) and carried that:

“A search be undertaken for a new auditor for the ensuing year”.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

David T.S. Fraser, Secretary of Digital Nova Scotia and Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee report. The following are nominated as Directors for the 2010/2011 year.

Jason Powell	Animax Business Consulting Ltd
John Leahy	ImediaC Worldwide Inc
David T.S. Fraser	McInnes Cooper
Steven Carr	Deloitte & Touche LLP
Ken Lee	Innovacorp
Grant Sullivan	CGI
Michael Sheppard	Dalhousie University
Robert Snell	Intergy
Monica Lachance	Research in Motion Ltd.
Terry Dalton	Canadian Informatics Consultants Ltd.
Heather Ritchie	Blackcrow Productions & Communications

The follow individuals are appointed as Directors (ex-officio).

Michael McConnell CEO Digital Nova Scotia

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Having heard the Nominating Committee's Report, Mike McConnell called for additional nominations.

After the third call, hearing of no further first nominations, it was moved (John Leahy), seconded Monica Lachance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jason Powell, President of Digital Nova Scotia for the 2010/2011 year presented a detailed report. It was moved (Steve Carr), seconded(Terry Dalton) and carried that:

"The President's report be accepted".

Year in Review:

1. 1st Digital Leadership Summit (sponsored by Department Foreign Affairs International Trade) held March 8, 2011 with keynote speakers:
 - Vanessa Alvarez, Forrester Research "Cloud Computing: Trends, Opportunities, The Competitive Landscape"
 - Rick Rasmussen, DFAIT Trade Commissioner in Silicon Valley
2. Annual Dinner held March 8, 2011 attracted 250 guests and 60 students. Keynote was Don Harrison, Deputy General Counsel at Google.
3. Equals6 sponsored Student Tech Lounge at Saint Mary's University. NSBI sponsored a Tech Lounge with special speaker Wayne Gudbranson, President Branham Group. Stewart Mckelvey was a Tech Lounge sponsor in 2011.
4. Digital Nova Scotia was one the industry associations participating in a multi-industry Holiday Networking Event.
5. Techport Jobs was revamped to provide better usability.

Focus in 2011/12 will be:

- Collaboration and Innovation
- Facilitate DNS to become a central contact point
- Motivate members to look out for speakers and events
- Improve Stakeholder relations wth Education institutes
- Secure a F.T. position to engage with students in Digital Industry

- Promote digital opportunities in Nova Scotia
- Partner with agencies and industry to promote members success
- Promote startup and entrepreneurial success and begin working
- Increase advocacy for adoption of technology to increase productivity and competition
- Advocate repatriation of tech workers back to NS
- Finalize a project with ACOA to complete the Asset mapping for Digital Tech Sector to identify a more realistic view of the industry's impact on the NS economy.

Internal Goals:

1. Establish 4 pillars (Services, Infrastructure, Applications, and Content)
2. Implement Leadership Summit suggestions

Fiscal Goals:

1. Provide more value driven activities with stakeholders
2. Provide more stability of service delivery

Organization Goals:

1. Secure a stakeholder/member facing staff to deliver value and drive membership
2. Leverage volunteers from the membership

Communication Goals:

1. Build the industry's brand by communicating relevant information about the industry to the Public.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Sheppard returned from Canadian Association for Computer Science AGM in Calgary and reported that CS enrolments have increased in Canada.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.