

**Proposed Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
Canadian Committee for the IUCN  
Canadian Museum of Nature, Barrick Salon, 240 McLeod Street, Ottawa  
19 January 2016  
9:00 – 14:15**

**Participants**

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Rick Bates (chair)       | Elena Kreuzberg        |
| Meg Beckel               | Marilyn Light          |
| Jim Beckett              | Nik Lopoukhine         |
| Anne Breau               | Ariane Marin-Perreault |
| Carolina Caceres         | James McCuaig          |
| Ashley Campbell          | Kevin McNamee          |
| Dawn Carr                | David McNicoll         |
| John Cheechoo            | Don Mitton             |
| Marcia Colquhoun         | Luba Mycio-Mommers     |
| Robert Comeau            | Patrick Nadeau         |
| Peter Croal              | Dominique Potvin       |
| Elyse Curley             | Risa Smith             |
| Shailyn Drukis           | Brian Roberts          |
| Carolyn Farquhar         | Scott Slocombe         |
| Eleanor Fast (recording) | Laura Smallwood        |
| Sishir Gautam            | Kelly Torck            |
| Susan Goods              | Henk van der Molen     |
| Mark Graham              | Norm White             |
| George Greene            | Tomasz Wiercioch       |
| Patrick Henry            | Mike Wong              |
| Karen Keenleyside        |                        |

**1. Welcome**

CC IUCN President Rick Bates opened the meeting at 9am and welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Marcia Colquhoun, Deputy Director, Strategic Policy Branch, Global Affairs Canada gave a presentation on the international 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on financing for development. A question and discussion period followed.

**3. Inspiring a New Generation #NatureForAll**

Karen Keenleyside, Parks Canada gave an update on progress of the Inspiring a New Generation initiative. Inspiring a New Generation was a theme at the World Parks Congress in 2014 and Karen described a growing movement that will be featured at the 2016 World Conservation Congress in Hawaii in September 2016 with a #NatureForAll pavilion. A question and discussion period followed.

4. **Climate Change discussion**

Mike Wong, Executive Director, Parks Canada, introduced the topic of COP21. Robert Comeau, who had participated in COP21 in Paris as a Youth Delegate, spoke about his personal experience. Robert particularly reflected on climate change through his viewpoint as an Inuk youth.

5. **World Conservation Congress (WCC)**

Rick Bates invited people present to identify whether their organization will be going to the World Conservation Congress and what they will be involved in there.

- Canadian Wildlife Federation – Marine and Polar
- Students Alliance – Youth Engagement Program
- Parks Canada - #NatureForAll pavilion, marine, motions (as state member)
- Elyse Curley - #NatureForAll, Youth Ambassador Program
- Environment Canada – part of Canadian delegation, NAWMP
- Pew Charitable Trust – Northern Conservation in Quebec
- Canadian Parks Council - #NatureForAll, Canadian delegate event
- Fur Institute of Canada – may attend for a motion
- ITK – resolution, workshop on trophy hunting
- Nature Canada – may go under the theme of Connecting people to nature
- Museum of Nature - #NatureForAll, Arctic theme, importance of taxonomy

6. **Governance, and the WCC**

George Greene, Regional Councillor mentioned that Feb 12<sup>th</sup> is deadline for nominations for Regional Councillor and for motions for the World Conservation Congress. George is at the end of his term as Regional Councillor and said that Rick Bates has been nominated as his successor as a Regional Councillor for North America and the Caribbean, other candidates will be nominated from the US and the Caribbean. George said that the electronic voting changes for the IUCN had been a success.

George also presented the draft program for the WCC for September 1-10<sup>th</sup> 2016.

7. **Motions for the WCC**

Brian Roberts, CC-IUCN Board Member, and George Greene, Regional Councillor, described the motions process for the IUCN.

**CCIUCN AGM Business Meeting**

8. **President's report**

Rick Bates, CCIUCN President, presented the President's report.

- Internationally CCIUCN members have been involved in UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in COP21 Climate Change agreement.
- Nationally, CCIUCN members have been involved in #NatureForAll, preparation for World Congress.

- In fall 2015, Inger Anderson, Director General of IUCN, visited Ottawa and several CCIUCN members attended meetings with her.
- In fall 2015 the Regional Forum included many members around the country via video conference, 25 members participated remotely. Provided input into the IUCN 2017-2020 program.
- New membership categories introduced – youth and student
- Increased membership rates for the first time in 20 years
- Yammer discussion forum introduced in 2013.
- Three events included remote participation
- The year ahead includes the WCC, the new IUCN program of work, a new Canadian government and commitments, a new Regional Councillor.

#### **9. Report from the Nominating Committee**

Dominique Potvin, CCIUCN Board Member, presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Board is 6-10 members, 2 year terms, renewable three consecutive terms.

- 3 people are mid-term: Carolina Caceres, Brian Roberts, Eleanor Fast
  - 1 person has completed a term and is not standing for re-election: Peter Croal
  - 2 people are retiring mid-term: Rachel Léger, Dominique Potvin
  - 1 person has completed 3 consecutive terms: Rick Bates
  - 3 people standing for re-election to the board: Shailyn Drukis, Elyse Curley, Mike Wong
  - 4 people standing for election: Dawn Carr, Scott Slocombe, Don Mitton, Meg Beckel.
- The new Board candidates all introduced themselves.

The new slate of Board Members was voted on and approved as presented: Drukis, Curley, Wong, Carr, Slocombe, Mitton, Beckel, Caceres, Fast, Roberts.

#### **10. IUCN Council Report**

George Greene, IUCN Regional Councillor reported on Council priorities including governance reform, WCC, and elections. He reported that Council is interested in developing policy on biodiversity offsets, “go/no go” for extraction, and natural capital.

#### **11. Treasurer’s Report**

Brian Roberts, CCIUCN Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s report. Expenditures were higher than revenues in 2015. A \$15,000 GIC will not be renewed for 2016 so that funds are available for World Congress initiatives. Aim is to have a balanced budget in 2016. Roberts moved Treasurer’s report, Caceres seconded, approved.

#### **12. Wrap up and Adjourn**

Rick Bates adjourned the meeting at 2:05pm.