

SOBGS Annual General Meeting Agenda

May 16, 2023

Zoom, 12:30pm

Elected Representatives Present: Eileen Barac, Sophie Killam, Kathryn Lamoureux, Jorden Maglov, Erin Brownscombe, Jordan VanderBurgt, Matheus Lima, Abbie Bechard, Jessica Sinka, Gabriella Sidhu, Rada Tazhitdinova, Kristina Laus, Kiana Lee, Will Yeung, Katarina Kukulj, Sam Hopkins, Liz Copley, Andrew Beauchamp, Thomas Galfano, Lorena Yeung, Josh Bulfango, Justin To, Le Anh Nguyen

Regrets: Carly Charron, Amalie Hutchinson

Absent: Libesha Anparasan

Non-Elected Society Members Present: Ryley Yost, Cailyn McKay, Brad Bork, Simone Miklosi

Note: Minutes below include updates and discussion that are separate from the AGM reports presented, which can be found under the SOBGS page on the Department of Biology website.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Chair
 - a) No changes to be made to the Constitution, we will only be voting on the budget. Quorum for this meeting is 14.
 - b) We have three new SOBGS members who have taken over the empty roles we previously discussed: Jessica is the P&B research committee rep, Liz is the treasurer, and Le Anh is the new EDI rep.
 - c) There is some general interest in an event to have headshots taken of bio grad students, so I am currently trying to organize that
 - d) No new updates from the department, next meeting is May 18 so updates will be provided in June.
3. Treasurer
 - a) If you are paying for something with SOBGS funds please let Liz know and ask her if you have any questions.
 - b) Motion to approve the budget passes.
4. SOGS Committee
 - a) There are elections for all executive positions of SOGS coming up.
5. PSAC Rep
 - a) There will be an in person social for Biology this summer, organized by the Biology Stewards.

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6. Grad Ed Committee

7. Seminar Committee

- a) Decided that food for seminars will be catered by the Great Hall next year.

8. Undergrad Ed Committee

9. Research Committee

10. Outreach Committee

11. Social Committee

12. Sustainability Committee

13. AAFC Rep

14. EDI Rep

- a) Bake sale coming up in June to help raise funds for the emergency basket located in the women's washroom on the second floor of BGS. Hoping to expand this to the men's washroom as well.

15. BGRF

- a) Have received several donations and sponsorships.
- b) Hoping to secure a keynote speaker by the end of May.

16. Other Business

17. Open Floor

- a) General concerns about spending money on a bus to Grand Bend as an event.
- b) Other suggestions for spending the extra money include establishing a travel award, but then we would have to offer it every year, or bringing in a speaker.
- c) Biology graduate students want more events to be organized, so we will be meeting following the AGM to decide how to proceed and accommodate the most people.