



ST. AUGUSTINE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION Minutes Special General Meeting 001 of the 2020

Date: Saturday 25th July 2020
Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Venue: Zoom (Virtual)

AGENDA

- Welcome Address
- Presentation of Proposed Amendments: Mandisa Regrello, Chair of Constitution Sub-Committee
- Voting on the Amendments and Further Amendments
- Other Business
- Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks

Start: 4:00pm

MINUTES

1. Opening

Ms. Marissa Gowrie, President, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Explained the purpose of the meeting, that is, to vote on amendments of the constitution. It was noted the proposed amendments were circulated via email 3 weeks prior to the meeting. A presentation would be made, followed by polls to allow voting on proposed amendments, further amendments and ratification of the special general meeting. Persons were invited to provide their names, contact information and year attended SAGHS for records.

2. Presentation by Mandisa Regrello, Chair of the Constitution Sub-Committee

Ms. Regrello gave notice to propose further amendments (further to the previously circulated amendments) to the substantive motion to amend the Constitution, aimed at allowing virtual meetings under the Constitution:

- To insert the words “*or, in the case of a virtual meeting pursuant to Clause 10(f), by electronic voting or polling,*” between “ballot” and “if” in Clause 6(f).
- To insert the words “*or, in the case of a virtual meeting held pursuant to Clause 10(f), by electronic voting or polling,*” after the word “hands” in Clause 10(e)(i).
- To insert a new Clause 10(f) as follows:



10 f) Virtual Meetings

(i) If the Executive considers it expedient, any Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting or meeting of the Executive may be held virtually whereby a number of Members, not less than the quorum, who are not invited to be physically present together, are linked together by any technology that allows them to clearly and simultaneously communicate with each other and participate in such meeting, including by electronic voting or polling either directly or by a proxy holder.

(ii) In such event, the notice of such meeting shall include a statement to that effect and shall specify any necessary information as to how to access the virtual meeting including any telephone number, access code or password required.

(iii) A Member shall be conclusively presumed to have been present and to have formed part of the quorum at all times during a virtual meeting until she expressly notifies the Chairman of her intention to leave the meeting.

(iv) In all other respects, the provisions of this Constitution as to Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings or meetings of the Executive shall apply to any virtual meeting under this Clause.

Ms. Regrello asked that the proposed amended constitution that was circulated be further amended and that be part of the substantive motion today. Motion was seconded by Ms. Gowrie. A Poll was taken to pass the motion that further amendments are included in the proposed constitution. All 26 persons (financial members) voted yes to the inclusion of proposed further amendments.

Based on the above proposed further amendments, the following questions were posed for voting with the results as indicated below:

1. Do you agree to amend the proposed Clause 6(f) by inserting the words “**or, in the case of a virtual meeting pursuant to Clause 10(f), by electronic voting or polling,**” between “ballot” and “if”.
Results: 26 persons Voted Yes



2. Do you agree to amend the proposed Clause 10(e)(i) by inserting the words “*or, in the case of a virtual meeting held pursuant to Clause 10(f), by electronic voting or polling*” after the word “hands”.

Results: 26 persons Voted Yes

3. Do you agree to amend the motion to insert in the proposed amended Constitution a new Clause 10(f) as indicated.

Results: 26 persons Voted Yes

The above motions were therefore carried and the substantive motion was then put to the meeting.

Ms. Regrello submitted a short presentation of the proposed amendments which were circulated via email 3 weeks prior to the meeting varied only by the inclusion of the proposed today. *The draft constitution with tracked changes is enclosed to these Minutes for ease of reference.*

The floor was opened for debate. A question was raised whether the proposed amendments include an option for a combined meeting. One of the issues has been that persons abroad cannot physically be present. Ms. Regrello indicated the clause, will allow, if there is a physical meeting, persons from abroad can dial in on the meeting. It is intended to include those persons to call in if there is a physical meeting.

Questions were raised regarding the reduction in the quorum in light of the virtual meetings now available and overall as a figure. Ms. Ramcharitar explained the number 15 was determined based on years of experience attending AGMs and noting this a reasonable amount of persons who will attend such meetings. It was explained there has been great difficulty to meet the 25 person quorum.

After debate, the following poll was posed to the participants:

4. Do you agree to amend the Constitution as proposed?

Results: 26 persons Voted Yes.

In order to pass this motion, 2/3 majority was required. The substantive motion was therefore carried.



3. Other Business

1. AGM 2020

Ms. Gowrie noted now that the constitution has been amended, the Alumnae will assemble for the AGM in August to vote in new executive for upcoming term. Due to pandemic, restrictions it was not possible to have the physical meeting in May as required.

2. Ratification of the Special General Meeting on 25 July 2020

A motion was moved by Ms. Regrello to ratify this meeting was held virtually and constituted properly. The following question was posed to the participants:

“Do you ratify this special general meeting on 25 July 2020 be held as a virtual meeting?”

Results: 26 persons Voted Yes.

3. Ms. Gowrie welcomed two new faces who joined virtually from abroad - Ms. Cynthia Ramdeen and Ms. Shellene Cabada.

4. Vote of Thanks

Gratitude was expressed to the Constitution Sub-Committee who reviewed the constitution and proposed the amendments. Anika Ghent, Lisa Feveck, Patricia Borneo, Mandisa Regrello made up the Sub-committee proposing these amendments. Ms. Baliraj thanked all persons who coordinated the virtual meeting

Ms. Gowrie thanked everyone for attending, persons on executive who worked hard on executive who worked on this initiative.

The meeting formally ended at 5:00pm.



ATTENDANCE LIST (SGM 25 July 2020):

1. Marissa Gowrie
2. Murella Sambucharan
3. Mandisa Regrello
4. Adanna Burris
5. Alyssa Edoe
6. Anica R. Ghent
7. Anjili Seereeram
8. Camille Nicholas-Wright
9. Cynthia Ramdeen (Non-financial)
10. Giselle Siu
11. Kadine Matthew
12. Kathleen Kanhai
13. Kavita Dukharan-Ramkay
14. Lisa Feveck
15. Mala Baliraj
16. Patricia Wright-Alexis
17. Phaedra Mohammed
18. Rookia Nurse
19. Roseanne Balkaransingh
20. Rishma Ramrattan
21. Sara Bernard
22. Sarah Ramcharitar
23. Sasha Shalana Keshwah
24. Sharmila De Gale
25. Shellene Cabada (Non-Financial)
26. Sonja Gibbs
27. Alexandra Ramcharitar