



Draft Minutes
140th Annual General Meeting of the RSC
November 20, 2021
10h00 – 11h30
Held Virtually Via Zoom

1. Opening

As President, J. McNeil called the meeting to order, declared quorum, welcomed members, and offered a land acknowledgement.

J. McNeil noted that this has been a challenging year for all RSC members, and he expressed his regret that the meeting could not be held in person for the second year in a row.

This year's achievements have been grounded in objectives outlined in 2018-2022 strategic plan. At the national level J. McNeil highlighted the ongoing work of the RSC Task Force on COVID 19, chaired by Dr. Tom Marrie, as well as an in-depth study of membership by the Committee on Membership chaired by Marie D'lorio whose report has been submitted to Council. In addition, the RSC's partnerships with The Globe and Mail, with Canadian Science Publishing and with Let's Talk Science are advancing strategic objectives related to raising awareness of climate change and other urgent issues.

Internationally, and under the leadership of RSC International Secretary Paul Young, the RSC has continued to emphasize engagement with the G7 and G20 Science academies, as well as bilateral collaborations such as a Joint Academy Day with the Austrian Academy of Science.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION (J. McNeil / S. Embleton)

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2020 Annual Business Meeting

MOTION (J. McNeil / S. Embleton)

That the minutes of the 2020 Annual Business Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED



4. Election of the Board of Directors

S. Embleton reviewed the context and process toward presenting a slate of Board Directors for the coming year.

MOTION (J. McNeil / S. Embleton)

That the Board of Directors be ratified as presented.

CARRIED

5. Appointment of the Auditors

MOTION (J. McNeil / S. Embleton)

That Deloitte & Touche LLP serve as the auditing firm for the coming year.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

S. Embleton noted that in keeping with the Strategic Plan's priority of ensuring continual focus on best practices in governance and management, in early 2021 the Governance and Ethics Committee of the Board of Directors struck a subcommittee to analyze the RSC by-laws. In the summer of 2021, the subcommittee presented proposed amendments to the Governance and Ethics Committee, which endorsed the recommendations. In August, the Governance and Ethics Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the proposed amendments be endorsed by the Board, reviewed by legal counsel, and drawn to the attention of Members. Legal Counsel was sought and received, and the proposed amendments were posted online 30 days in advance of this meeting of the members as required by law.

MOTION (J. McNeil / S. Embleton)

That the membership endorses the proposed by-law amendments as posted on the RSC website on October 20, 2021

CARRIED



7. Minute of Silence for Deceased Members

8. Recognition of outgoing officers

J. McNeil acknowledged outgoing Members of Council S. Embleton, C. Gaffield, G. Jarema, M. Heller, S. Cooke, C. Sheppard and thanked them for their support in advancing the work of the RSC. J. McNeil then congratulated those who have been newly elected as successors in these positions. J. McNeil also noted his thanks for the many individuals who served on the various committees of the Royal Society of Canada as well as the members of the Task Force on COVID-19. He closed in acknowledging the Walter House staff for their hard work over the year.

9. Adjournment

MOTION (J. McNeil / S. Embleton)

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED