

**EPTC/TCEP Annual General Meeting
Ottawa, May 26-29, 2009**

MINUTES

Present at AGM:

Astrida Neimanis
Paul Gyllenhammer
Bryan Smith
David Tabachnick
Matthew King
David Koukal
Paul Fortunato
Ian Gerrie
Chris Drohan
Ami Harbin
Christy Landry
Sarah Clift
Elodie Boubilil
Frederick Bruneault
Christine Daigle
John Duncan

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. CHEERS TO JOHN!

In honour of John Duncan's important contributions to the creation and building of EPTC/TCEP, we all raised a glass in thanks!

3. THANKS

John Duncan: Thanks to Executive Members and others who have made important contributions to the ongoing business of EPTC/TCEP in 2008-2009.

4. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The following amendments were proposed by Member at Large Matthew King:

1. Section V. Insert, at the end of the first sentence: "and a Past-President, if the current President has served as President for two years or less and the most recent former President is willing to serve".

2. Section V. Insert, at the end of the section: "The Past-President shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee, but shall be included in the discussions of the Executive Committee concerning the business of EPTC/TCEP".

3. Insert new Section VI, "Elections", and renumber remaining sections:
"1. If there is only one candidate for any elected position on the Executive Committee, a vote shall be conducted to ratify the candidate's acclamation to the position. The candidate will be considered acclaimed if a majority of members voting vote to ratify. 2. If there is more than one candidate for any elected position on the Executive Committee, elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. 3. If there are more than two candidates for a position, a run-off system shall be employed, with the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes in each round of voting being eliminated from subsequent rounds until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast."

4. Section VI (renumbered VII, pending ratification of amendment #3). Insert 5., renumbering remaining subsection: "The Past-President may advise the other members of the Executive Committee concerning the business of EPTC/TCEP at her/his discretion."

5. Throughout: replace "Annual Business Meeting" with "Annual General Meeting".

6. Section VIII (renumbered IX, pending ratification of amendment #3): replace "general business meeting" with "Annual General Meeting".

Christine Daigle makes a motion to pass all amendments in an omnibus vote.

Paul Gyllenhammer seconds.

The question is called.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

John Duncan provides the AGM with a brief synopsis of the procedure that was undertaken in order to nominate a new president to the AGM. This included various open calls for nominations, specific inquiries with people who had shown longstanding interest and involvement in EPTC, and, once all interested parties had been identified, extensive discussion and voting within the Executive. Following this, John informs the AGM that the Executive would like to recommend the nomination of David

Tabachnick to the position of President, noting that others are still welcome to nominate other candidates.

John Duncan calls for other candidate nominations. No other candidates are nominated.

Paul Gyllenhammer nominates David Tabachnick for the position of President.

Matthew King seconds.

David Tabachnick accepts the nomination and makes a few words on his own behalf, then leaves the room for a vote.

John Duncan calls the question.

David Tabachnick is acclaimed.

6. OTHER ELECTIONS

TREASURER

Martine Beland (in absentia) sends word to the meeting that she would like to run for a second term as Treasurer (the practical details of continuity in this position are also reported to the AGM, i.e. problems with changing bank signing authority).

Call for nominations. No other nominations.

Christine Daigle moves that Martine Beland be acclaimed to the position of Treasurer.

Astrida Neimanis seconds.

The question is called.

Martine Beland is acclaimed.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Paul Gyllenhammer's term is up and informs the AGM that while he would be willing to run again, he will not if there are others who are interested.

Astrida Neimanis notes that it is unofficial policy to include a graduate student member on the Executive, which is not currently the case.

Call for nominations.

Christy Landry nominates Ami Harbin to position of Member at Large.

David Koukal seconds.

The question is called.

Ami Harbin is acclaimed.

Astrida Neimanis's term is up, and informs the AGM that she would like to run again.

Call for nominations.

Astrida Neimanis nominates herself to position of Member at Large.

David Koukal seconds.

The question is called.

Astrida Neimanis is acclaimed.

No other Executive Officer positions are up for (re-)election, nor are there any other changes in Offices.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Christine Daigle makes two announcements: First, she send word on behalf of the Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA) that there is a desire for closer cooperation with EPTC/TCEP, and informs the AGM that CPA will be sending EPTC an official letter to this effect. CPA will also include a link to EPTC/TCEP on their website. Brief discussion.
- b) Second, the North American Sartre Society (NASS) has extended their CFP deadline to June 30, so members are encouraged to make submissions.
- c) PHAENEX: David Tabachnick reminds the AGM that the CFP for the next open issue closes on October 1. He is the guest lead editor of this issue. All EPTC/TCEP members are encouraged to submit papers.

[NOTE: PHAENEX business was not on the agenda of the AGM, but it should be recorded in the official minutes that the Chair of PhaenEx, as of May 2009, is Astrida Neimanis, following Paul Gyllenhammer's three year term in the position.]

- d) Astrida Neimanis makes it known how members can continue to become involved in EPTC/TCEP:
 - Organizing panels
 - Suggesting/organizing alternative fora within the annual meeting
 - Organizing roundtables or joint sessions with other societies
 - Social convening! (i.e. organizing social events for members during the annual meeting)
 - Helping out on Website tasks (do we need a bulletin board? Updated links? Other things?)
 - Becoming involved in PhaenEx as a copywriter, etc
 - Continuing to be a reviewer for conference papers/PhaenEx

8. ADJOURNMENT

John Duncan calls for the meeting to be adjourned.

David Koukal seconds.

Meeting adjourned.