



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

E-BRIEF – APRIL 2018

The following provides a summary of key outcomes from the April 10th UNA Board Meeting that was held in a closed session. A number of topics were discussed that are in the beginning stages of development, and will be brought forward in subsequent open board sessions once further developed.

Renewed Bylaw Committee – Phase 1, 2018

The discussion was focused on the Terms of Reference for a phased approach to bylaw changes. It was agreed that Phase 1 will focus on necessary amendments to address timing of future Annual General Meetings, and recommendations for further review of the election process. The terms of reference for this committee will be posted to the UNA website once they have been finalized.

Future phases of bylaw amendments will be considered pending the conclusion of phase 1. In the meantime, some of the issues raised at the UNA AGM in January may be addressed via the new UBC/UNA Liaison Committee that has just been created. This committee is an important step in strengthening communication between campus residents, UNA Directors, UBC staff, and UBC Governors to explore issues that matter for campus neighbourhoods.

UBC/UNA Liaison Committee

The UNA Board endorsed the UBC/UNA Liaison Committee and appointed Richard Alexander as the second director on the committee. Appointments are for a one year term. Should a director cease to hold office within that time frame a new appointment will be made by the UNA Board.

This committee met on April 16th and approved its Terms of Reference at the initial meeting. There will be an invitation for expressions of interest in the resident Member at Large position via the Campus resident, UNA e-newsletter, and website in the coming weeks. The board will review applications within the context of agreed upon criteria and make a decision at the June UNA Board meeting.

UNA Strategic Planning process

The executive director has been tasked with presenting options for discussion and decision at the May UNA Board meeting. The materials will be included in the board package posted on the website and discussed in the open part of the meeting.



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Noise issues

This topic was on the agenda of the UBC/UNA Board Quarterly Meeting in April to discuss how to approach this issue in a collaborative, constructive, and timely way.

Thunderbird Stadium Liquor License Application

UBC Athletics is applying for a permanent liquor license for events to replace the event by event process currently in place. There is a process for public consultation to enable residents to provide comments. The UNA will work with UBC Athletics to make residents aware of the consultation and encourage participation.

There is a Committee in place that reviews these events from a risk perspective – both the UNA and the RCMP sit on the committee.

A quick note on the closed meetings. We have identified six this year, but may not need all. They are placeholders to ensure the time is in everyone's calendar if we need them. The number of closed meetings will vary from year to year depending on the need.

The criteria for what is discussed in a closed meeting and what is discussed in an open meeting has not changed. Those criteria are consistent with those of similar organizations. The value of closed meetings is to provide a space to exchange a number of ideas and options on potentially sensitive issues prior to public discussions. It encourages a better idea exchange in a way that doesn't risk adversely affecting external parties.

We remain committed to reporting on decisions made and outlining the issues that were on the table.

Every board meeting also has an in camera section where the board meets without the executive director and/or staff. This is a good governance practice and is fully supported by UNA staff.