

North Okanagan – Shuswap Federal Green Party Association  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held May 06, 2021**

Meeting commenced at 6:00 PM, online via Zoom, with a welcome and land acknowledgement.

24 members and 2 guests were in attendance so quorum was met.

Our key note speaker was Annamie Paul, Leader of the Green Party of Canada.

She talked about some of the high priority projects she is currently working on.

1. The “TimeTo Run” campaign to attract diverse candidates that share our values. The campaign has been very successful.
2. Shadow Cabinet Recruitment to get new talent. 150+ applications came in.
3. Democracy - Annamie and the Green Party have been using technology to do more events during the pandemic in order to speak to people that are harder to reach and in the past unable to attend in person events.
4. Round Tables - The Greens have been meeting and talking with people whose lives have been impacted by various issues. Experts in the different fields are brought in to provide information on the topics being discussed. For example: mental health issues, aging and long term care, etc.
5. UNDRIP
6. New Climate Targets - the Climate Accountability Act
7. Greens are sharing their platform with as many groups as possible. While the pandemic is on, they are trying to help people that are falling through the cracks.
8. They are helping EDAs across the country to organize and get election ready.
9. Annamie stressed that the Green Party of Canada is a multi leader party and they hold each other up at all times.

Annamie took questions from the floor before departing. She spoke about Greens being leaders and introducing platform planks that are not popular when they are first introduced but soon become mainstream. She discussed the 3 pillars Greens will focus on going forward:

Climate and the Green Recovery,  
Social Safety Net  
Forging a Just Society.

Review of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented moved Korry Zepik seconded Marc Reinarz . Poll #1 was 100% in favour.

Review of Minutes from 2020 AGM:

Motion to approve minutes from 2020 AGM was moved by Marianne Wolters seconded by Pim Van Oeveren. Poll #2 was 100% in favour.

Review of Financial Report:

Motion to approve the 2020 Financial Report as presented moved by Korry Zepik seconded by Marc Reinarz. Poll #3 was 100% in favour.

Motion to appoint auditors Culver and Company for 2021 moved by Angie McLaren seconded by Richard Smiley. Poll #4 was 100% in favour.

### **Board Reports:**

- Heather Clay CEO thanked the retiring board members Daniel Stark and Kevin Babcock. She reviewed our activities and social media strategies throughout 2020-2021.
- Jane Weixl discussed our “Young Greens Youth Summit” held March 6, 2021 with young greens Mackenzie Kerr and Lilah Williamson.
- Angie McLaren discussed the volunteer outreach event that she and Marianne hosted for volunteers. All jobs that are required were listed and clear descriptions of them were discussed with volunteers. We now have volunteer job descriptions in our Board Manual.
- Richard Smiley spoke about our candidate nomination process. We have not yet closed nominations because diversity training is required before the nominations are closed.
- Kevin Babcock spoke to the NDP/Green “One Time Alliance” proposal. He shared the information that came from the OTA group and discussed some of the pros and cons that the Board had gone over. It was decided that we would not support this initiative at this time.

Motion to accept the CEO and board reports moved by Kevin Babcock seconded by Doug Clay. Poll #5 was 100% in favour.

### **Board Elections**

Nominations have been open for two months. Two directors are not returning. The returning and the new board members each spoke for about one minute to outline why they think they are a good fit for the NOSG board. All positions were acclaimed. The board for 2021-2022 is:

CEO: Heather Clay  
Financial Agent: Marianne Wolters  
Board Positions: Jane Weixl  
Angie McLaren  
Richard Smiley  
Sue Vignola  
Janet Parkins

A vacant position remains for a young green member on the board.

New Business: There were no comments from the floor and there was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:47PM

Motion to adjourn meeting moved by Doug Clay seconded by Jane Weixl.

Minutes recorded by Jane Weixl