

LGBT YOUTHLINE – 2024 Annual General Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Virtual Meeting

6:00pm – 8:00pm EST

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Chairs: Rohan Kulkarni- Treasurer, Board of Directors & Jerico Espinas, Co-Chair, Board of Directors

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Determination of quorum
3. Approval of agenda & Approval of minutes from AGM 2023 – *see Minutes in appendix*
4. Keynote: A Journey Through YouthLine's Past, Present, and Future with YouthLine Alumni Caleb Wesley
5. Financial update (Explained by Svetlana Rafailova, Auditor from Clarkson Rouble LL)
6. Approval of auditor for 2024-2025: Clarkson Rouble LL
7. Ratification of 5 new board members:
 - a. Board members renewing terms
 - Jerico Espinas
 - Karel Peters
 - Benjamin Gillis-Kent
 - b. Slate of 5 recommended board candidates for vacant seats
 - Keziah Oduro
 - Reneyah Brown
 - Pri Sharma
 - Austen Koecher
 - Melissa Liu
8. Outgoing board members
 - Vincent So
 - Kimber Kunimoto

- Mariana Cortes
- Tamara Sylvester

9. Catching up with YouthLine- Highlights from Our Annual Report
10. Adjournment (end of meeting)

Appendix: Minutes from AGM 2023

LGBT YOUTHLINE – 2023 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Virtual Meeting

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting Chairs:** Jerico & Tamara
- **Meeting Commenced:** 6:35pm, Sept 27th, 2023

- Keynote speaker: RJ Jones
 - RJ Jones is Saulteaux–Cree, originally from Treaty 1 territory in Saskatchewan and is living on Algonquin Territory in Ottawa. He is a Two Spirit, Non-Binary, and Queer multimedia artist and educator. RJ is an experienced facilitator and has been invited to give workshops and keynotes across Canada. RJ's passion for learning, 2SLGBTQIA+ advocacy, and sexual health have been foundational in seeking ways to build partnerships and bridges between 2SLGBTQIA+ organizations and Indigenous organizations.

- Determination of quorum
 - *Determination of quorum: quorum has been met with a total of 15 voting members present*
 - *Breakdown of present voting members: 14 voting members present in person, 1 by proxy*

- Approval of agenda
 - *Motion to approve the meeting agenda:*
 - *Moved: Jerico Espinas Second: Nathan Gibson*
 - *Result: 11 Yes, 1 abstain*

- Approval of minutes from AGM 2022 – *see Minutes in appendix*
 - *Motion to approve the minutes from last year's Annual General Meeting, as presented in the package:*

- *Moved: Jerico Espinas Second: Nathan Gibson*
- *Result: 7 Yes, 4 Abstain*

- Financial update (Explained by Auditor from Clarkson Rouble LL) – see *Audit document*
 - *Explanation of YL financial situation from the auditor:*
 - *Thanks to Tyler for support during the audit process*
 - *Income statement*
 - *Assets this year are lower than last year, largely due to decrease in the deferred revenue*
 - *Significant decrease in donations, mainly due to large donation received from TD Bank last year*
 - *Balance sheet*
 - *Overall, everything went well this year*

 - *Motion to approve the financial statements for 2022-2023, as presented in the package and explained by YL's auditor*
 - *Moved: Nathan Gibson Second Vincent So*
 - *Result: 85% Yes, 15% Abstain*
 - *Passed*

- Approval of auditor for 2022-2023: Clarkson Rouble LL
 - *Motion to approve Clarkson Rouble LL as YL's auditor for the current fiscal year*
 - *Moved: Vincent So Second Nathan Gibson*
 - *Result: 75% Yes, 25% Abstain*
 - *Passed*

- Ratification of existing and new board members:
- *The board notes that four current board members will be renewing their positions on the board:*
 - *Jerico Espinas, for a second term*
 - *Karel Peters, for a second term*

- *Vincent So, for a second term*
- *Ben Kent, for a second term*

- Approval of Board Member term extension
- *Motion to extend Tamara Sylvester's term until December 31, 2023*
 - *Moved: Nathan Gibson Second Vincent So*
 - *Result: 69% Yes, 23% Abstain, 8% Against*
 - *Passed*

- *The YL board presented a slate of five candidates, recommended to fill 'Youth' positions on the Board of Directors.*
- *Results of balloted vote:*
 - *Motion for Mariana Cortes (Non-Youth Candidate) to become a board member – Result: Approved (YES: __; NO: __; ABSTENTIONS: __)*
 - *Mover: Vincent So, Seconder: Karel Peters*
 - *Motion for Kimber Kunimoto (Non-Youth Candidate) to become a board member – Result: Approved (YES: __; NO: __; ABSTENTIONS: __)*
 - *Mover: Vincent So, Seconder: Karel Peters*
 - *Motion for Nicole Madison (Non-Youth Candidate) to become a board member – Result: Approved (YES: __; NO: __; ABSTENTIONS: __)*
 - *Mover: Vincent So, Seconder: Karel Peters*
 - *Motion for Rohan Kulkarni (Non-Youth Candidate) to become a board member – Result: Approved (YES: __; NO: __; ABSTENTIONS: __)*
 - *Mover: Vincent So, Seconder: Karel Peters*
 - *Motion for Nira Sohi (Youth Candidate) to become a board member – Result: Approved (YES: __; NO: __; ABSTENTIONS: __)*
 - *Mover: Vincent So, Seconder: Karel Peters*

- Outgoing board member recognition

- David Yang
 - Juan Luis-Garrido
 - Natalie Elisha
 - Nathan Gibson
 - Rae Goff
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- Catch up with Youth Line (past year at a glance) & Coming up at Youth Line (what's new)
 - Peer Support Helpline
 - Increase in demand during pandemic with more intense needs from Youth – mental health + isolation and peer/partner/family relationships
 - Ending the phone line in May 2022
 - 4,000+ contacts this year
 - 69 amazing volunteers – 62% BIPCO, 48% Trans, 8% Norther/Rural
 - Very positive user feedback!!!
 - Peer Support Priorities for 2023-2024
 - Strengthening volunteers supports and providing more opportunities for continuous learning and community engagement
 - Collaborating with other orgs for knowledge exchange
 - Broadening the helpline's reach and recruiting a more representative volunteer cohort
 - Furthering accessibility of our resource and referral databases
 - Learning, Grounding, Growing
 - Mental health workshop series for Toronto youth with many volunteers participating as well
 - Online Learning
 - Revamping our training and shift resources with OTF fund
 - Lots of new modules developed for volunteers, staff, and board members – interactive, accessible, includes break reminders and self-care guide

- Also developed: Trans Health for Youth 18 and Under, Safety Planning and Emergency housing, and Supporting 2S Youth Navigating Traditional Spaces
- Youth Organize
 - 31 participants in total!
 - 2 drop in spaces held, 7 active YAC members, 1 workshop completed
- PYAP
 - Changed the staffing structure with two new positions
 - Created some amazing digital media products, videos, podcasts, and presentation
 - Program has sadly come to an end, still working on ways to continue providing support

- Intro to Lauren Pragg (Interim ED)
 - Has been with YouthLine since March 2023
 - Previously worked at YouthLine in 2018-2019
 - Lots of change within the past year – thank you to staff and volunteers for keeping
 - Successful pride campaign due to Board-staff collaboration
 - Future plans to implement strategic planning recommendations and invest in northern, rural, and Indigenous communities
 - Stay tuned for our annual report!

- Adjournment (end of meeting)
- *Motion to adjourn the meeting:*
 - *Moved: Karel Peters Second Nathon Gibson*
 - *Result: Result: 90% Yes, 10% Abstain*
 - *Passed*