

RSC College of New Scholars
Annual General Meeting of the Members – Minutes
Date: November 26, 2024

Location: Online (Zoom)

Time called to order: 1:37 p.m. (EST)

Participants:

- Audrey Moores (President)
- Frank Deer (Past President)
- Isabelle Archambault
- Alice Jim
- Asma Sayed
- Benjamin Berger
- Eric Li
- Mohammad-Ali Jenabian
- Nafissa Ismail
- Robert Mizzi

1. Welcome and Introduction of Council Members

Audrey Moores welcomed attendees and noted that the meeting was held online this year. She acknowledged the transition of leadership from Frank Deer, thanked him for his outstanding contributions as President, and noted ongoing initiatives including international representation and Indigenous engagement.

2. Overview of RSC & RSC College Structure

An overview of the RSC and the College's structure was provided. Discussion included the hybrid format of future AGMs, ensuring accessibility for members across Canada and internationally.

3. Portfolio and Activity Updates

- Membership Selection – Updates on selection processes and ongoing challenges of alignment with disciplines.
- Indigenous Engagement and Inclusion – Highlighted the Tri-Academy Indigenous engagement initiative and conference with New Zealand and Australia.

- International – Recognition of the College becoming a voting member of the International Science Council.
- Francophone Portfolio – Updates were provided on outreach and inclusion of francophone scholars.

4. Items for Information/Discussion

- Strategic Plan – Members were invited to review the RSC's 2023–25 Strategic Plan. Discussion emphasized alignment with the College's activities.
- Webinars – Planning for webinars as a tool to increase outreach and engagement. The possibility of forming working groups to support these was raised.
- Facets – Updates shared on contributions to the RSC's journal and opportunities for members to publish or engage.

5. At Risk and Displaced Academics and Artists Program

The program was discussed as an important initiative of the College and the RSC. The goal is to provide support and engagement opportunities for academics and artists who are displaced or at risk globally. Members expressed commitment to contributing to this work.

6. Other Business

Additional items were discussed, including planning for future hybrid AGMs, ways to strengthen College visibility, and opportunities for collaboration across portfolios.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 3:15 p.m. EST.