Draft Minutes
143rd Annual General Meeting of the RSC
November 9, 2024
Held in-Person in Vancouver, BC, and Virtually

1. Call to Order (A.-G. Gagnon)

The meeting was called to order by President Alain Gagnon, who welcomed all members and guests. He began with a territorial acknowledgment, recognizing the lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations on which Simon Fraser University is situated. Professor Gagnon noted that the meeting was being held in hybrid format, with members participating both in-person and virtually.

Professor Gagnon opened the session by celebrating the achievements of the past year, including:

- The successful induction ceremony for new Fellows held the previous day.
- The Inaugural Indigenous Engagement Summit, a symposium on community-centered climate innovation, and a high school-led summit on climate and community engagement.

He acknowledged Darren Gilmour for his leadership and organizational contributions throughout the year.

Professor Gagnon also congratulated the 48 new College members and 93 new Fellows inducted into the RSC, and thanked the Board of Directors, the Council, and the Walter House team for their commitment and work.

He encouraged members to participate actively in the Society's ongoing initiatives and to make use of **Walter House** for RSC-related events.

The Chair reviewed the Society's Strategic Plan, structured around three central pillars:

1. Inclusive Excellence
2. Independent Expertise
3. International Engagement

Members were reminded that the draft agenda, minutes, and financial statements had been posted on the RSC website since October. The Chair explained the procedure for motions, noting that any member could move or second a motion provided they identified themselves.

2. Approval of the Agenda (A.-G. Gagnon)

MOTION (Sheila Embleton / Chad Gaffield)
That the agenda of the 2024 AGM be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting (A.-G. Gagnon)

MOTION (Chad Gaffield / Barb Neis)
That the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting be approved as posted online.
CARRIED

4. Election of the Board of Directors (A.-G. Gagnon)

The election of Board Directors was conducted with the sole adjustment being the arrival of College President Audrey Moores as a Vice-President of the RSC.

MOTION (Sheila Embleton / Vijaya Raghavan)
That the following persons serve as members of the Board of Directors from November 9, 2024, to November 15, 2025, and that Alain G Gagnon serve as the Chair of the Board of Directors: Alain-G. Gagnon, Barb Neis, Ed McCauley, Audrey Moores, Gary Libben, Michel L. Tremblay, Phillip Crawley, Ralph Nilson, Sheila Embleton, Jennifer Brennan.
CARRIED

Outgoing College President Frank Deer was thanked for his outstanding service, particularly in advancing inclusive excellence and organizing the Trilateral Summit connecting researchers in New Zealand, Australia, and Canada.

5. Appointment of the Auditors (A.-G. Gagnon)

MOTION (S. Embleton / P. Crawley)
That Deloitte serve as the auditing firm for the coming year.
CARRIED

6. Minute of Silence for Deceased Members (G. Libben)

G. Libben read aloud the names of members of the RSC whose death has been drawn to the attention of the RSC. A minute of silence was observed.

7. Other Business (A.-G. Gagnon)

No further business was drawn to the attention of the assembly.

8. Adjournment (A.-G. Gagnon)

MOTION (Barbara Neis / Chad Gaffield)
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED