AMS Operations Committee
Minutes of the May 27th, 2020 Meeting | Zoom

Attendance
Present: Sylvester Mensah Jr. (AMS VP Admin), Ben Du, Katherine Feng, Alex Arbelaez, Lawrence Liu, Daniel Martin

Regrets: None (Ryan Wong, resigned)

Call to Order
Moved by: Alex, Seconded by: Lawrence
The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

Land Acknowledgement
We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. It is important to recognize that learning, teaching, and discussion has happened long before our time here and that we are very privileged to be on these territories that are not our own.

Approval of the Agenda
Moved by: Katherine, Seconded by: Lawrence
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is adopted as presented.

1. Committee Updates
   a. Resignation of Ryan Wong from the Operations Committee

2. Appointment of Vice Chair
   Katherine Feng was appointed Vice-Chair by unanimous decision

3. VP Administration Updates
   Overview of VP goals for the year (Sylvester): providing clubs with operational support (event planning, marketing, membership growth etc.) to make sure they’re sustainable, creation of a Permanent Art Collection database on the AMS website, executive orientations will be online and different times to accommodate people in different time zones

4. Discussion about Club Membership Fee

   Ben: Will clubs meet in person? If not, membership fees may not be reflective of the services clubs provide
   Katherine: How will clubs operate without the collection of membership fees?
Sly: Clubs may potentially get funding from the Club Benefit Fund (typically used to fund events)

Daniel, Ben: How will clubs collect fees?
   - Everyone can e-transfer money into the club account

Sylvester: The committee can remind clubs that people may be facing financial difficulty, encourage lowering of fees

Alex: Fees may disincentivize people from joining clubs

Ben: Club executives could potentially make the decision

Katherine: Are clubs likely to reduce/waive fees?

Sylvester: clubs will likely choose to reduce fees rather than waive

Future action decided on by unanimous decision: Notice to be sent out informing clubs to be mindful of people’s financial situations, consider reducing fees, send updated fees. This will be communicated during Executive Orientations next week.

5. Discussion about the name of new Resource Group: The Neurodiverse and Disabled Alliance

Sylvester: would be good to hear RGAC’s reasoning in choosing the name

Alex: federal government uses the term “people with disabilities”

Ben: Quoting the federal government “The word 'disabled' is an adjective, not a noun. People are not conditions. It is therefore preferable not to use the term 'the disabled' but rather 'people with disabilities'”

More about it here:

Recommendation for renaming (Daniel): The Neurodiverse and Disabled Community Alliance

Next meeting: invite RGAC representative to explain the intention behind the name and considerations they may have had

6. COVID-19 & AMS Operations

1. Gradual Nest Reopening

Sylvester: The Nest is currently open but not at full capacity. COVID-19 operations of Nest planned until the end of the summer: increased signage, max 2 people in the elevator, all club facilities closed due to inadequate custodial staff, no room bookings available

2. Safety Measures
See above
Ben: Is hand sanitizer available and are doors propped open?
Sylvester: Yes and only the Blue Chip exit door is propped open. The main Nest doors are not propped open, mainly to not encourage more people to enter the Nest

3. Room Bookings
Sylvester: how do we adjust the room booking system appropriately in the fall? Would sending out a survey to clubs asking what their expectations are be useful?
   - Katherine: Survey useful as long as enough information is given to club executives to make decisions

4. Adjusting for the fall semester
Sylvester: in the fall, limit room bookings to events that need to be in person, create a room booking priority system
Task for Admin team (Sylvester) agreed on unanimously: creation of a resource document suggesting how clubs can operate without being in person

7. Any additional items
None

Adjournment
Moved by Lawrence, Seconded by Katherine
The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm