

**MINUTES**  
**AGM**  
**Democrats Abroad Canada, Vancouver Chapter**  
**Saturday, May 6, 2017**  
**Roundhouse Community Centre**

- Steve Nardi, DACA Chairman, welcomed attendees via telephone and appointed Sean Lauer as Acting Chair.
- Lauer called the meeting to order.
- Appointment of Mike Meneer as Recording Secretary, David Hoyt Moved, Matthew Borghese Second.
- No Minutes from the 2016 AGM were available and members agreed to proceed.
- Maureen Harwood, Past Chair, reported on 2016
  - Last AGM in April 2016 with a tax seminar, 60 people attended
  - July 4 Picnic at Trout Lake
  - July 28 Convention Watch
  - Fall, hosted four debate and election watches...election watch had 700 people
  - U.S. Thanksgiving had 55 people
  - Election for new officers was halted due to communication issue and old board termed out.
  - Thanked the past executive, Nominations Elections Committee (NEC) and membership
- David Hoyt, Treasurers Report, written report submitted.
  - Opening Balance: \$1101
  - Closing Balance: \$1530
- Kate Ellison, Teller of Elections reported the election results:
  - Chair: Susan Brennan
  - Vice Chair: Bob Petrusa
  - Secretary: Lissa Robertson
  - Treasurer: Pat Fournier
  - Development and Community Outreach: David Mivasair
  - Policy Secretary: Tara Ryan
  - Communications Secretary: Julie Boton
- In the absence of the new Chair, Susan Brennan, Vice Chair Bob Petrusa chaired the balance of the meeting. Susan Brennan sends regrets as she is in Idaho taking care of her ill mother.
- New Business
  - Petrusa indicated the immediate next steps will be for the new executive to meet and planning for a July 4 picnic.
  - David Mivasair proposed that people offere suggestions.
  - Lissa Robertson asked if new executive members at-large can be appointed. Mivasair indicated that the by-laws allow for members to contact Chair and nominate themselves with approval of the executive committee.

- Stacy Fish noted that the group should be pushing Democratic Party to take on getting rid of Citizens United and noted that there should be at least three core causes that DAV pushes up to the DNC. She also wants to know the process for identifying good candidates for the mid-terms.
- Julie Boton suggested that mobilizing people across the province to vote and identify issues must be the top priority.
- Sean Lauer suggested that voter identification is a tried and true method and should be started as soon as possible.
- David Hoyt suggested reaching out to the DNC to ask for input on the swing ridings for mid-term elections.
- James (last name unknown) suggested that the next election will come down to healthcare.
- Bob Petrusa thanked Rebecca Burns, DACA Membership Secretary and NEC for their assistance.
- Rebecca Burns spoke and indicated that there are three members of the DACA from Vancouver including herself.
- Michael Johnson resolved a motion of thanks to the previous DAV executive members who previously served. Boghese Second. By acclamations.
- Meeting adjourned by Vice Chair Bob Petrusa.