

# Nexus Meeting Minutes

Sep 17, 2024

**Present:** Mackenzie Robin - President, Sam Ryder - Secretary Treasurer, Jaxson Peterson - Vice President

**Absent with Regrets:**

**Absent without Regrets:** Hanna Shultis - Director at Large

**Guests:** Greg Pratt

1. Call to order

12:02PM

2. Agenda additions

N/A

3. Approve previous meeting minutes

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Hanna Shultis' name was erroneously left off the list of members present/absent on the meeting minutes. Due to her continued absence from board meetings, Greg has emailed her to confirm whether or not she's going to continue to volunteer with the board.

Unanimous Approval.

4. Cheque Approvals and E-transfer amount approvals

Camosun College Bill Payment \$11,546.26

*Camosun College Bill Payment includes three pay periods.*

International Web Express \$755.41

*The number of copies printed for the September issue was increased from 750 to 1,000; to account for copies handed out at Nexus' CamFest table.*

Unanimous Approval.

5. Archiving (physical)

Greg and Max recommend the Lansdowne Campus Library as a location for Nexus' physical archives. Max also recommended that the board identify their preferred archival format (binder, books, loose leaf) for Nexus' physical archive. Sam suggested waiting until the board has received quotes from all potential printers before deciding on a format.

Greg spoke to the Camosun Print Shop for a quote on the cost of binding Nexus' physical archives, and they instead recommended a print shop in Brentwood Bay. Greg is following up

with his predecessor to identify the company or individual who bound several Nexus issues into a book at some point in the early 2000s. If he's able to get their information, he'll reach out to them for a quote as well.

#### 6. Archiving (digital)

A digital archive of Nexus issues going back to 2011 is publicly available on the Nexus website. PDF copies of Nexus issues (dating back to when Nexus first began to digitize) are stored on hard drives. Older issues, stored in Nexus' office space, would need to be scanned to be added to this archive. Greg will start the process of uploading the existing PDFs to a specially designated hard drive, which will be kept off-site.

#### 7. Website Development

Fraiser McCallum has affirmed his commitment to update the Nexus website on a volunteer basis. Priorities include increasing search bar visibility and adding an advanced search function. Max will share Fraiser's contact information with Greg.

#### 8. Referendum Preparations

Max has identified a potential volunteer to manage social media accounts for Nexus and will connect them with Greg. Greg will reach out to the student union to discuss obstacles to serving coffee at referendum campaign tables, and to a joint email campaign. Max has volunteered to make posters to campaign for the referendum, and will present them to the student union for approval.

#### 9. Canadian University Press (CUP) and Qualified Canadian Journalism Organization (QCJO)

Nexus wouldn't be able to get QCJO status without receiving government funding. This eliminates the possibility of preemptively applying for QCJO status, and only accepting funding in the case that Nexus loses the upcoming referendum.

Additionally, Nexus isn't able to establish a charitable foundation to receive funding on Nexus' behalf. Since journalistic organizations can qualify for donee status through a QCJO designation, a foundation receiving funding exclusively on behalf of one such organization wouldn't be able to qualify for charitable donee status. Most private organizations that distribute grant funding require recipients to have donee status.

The board has agreed to revisit the possibility of applying for QCJO status after the referendum. Sam highlighted that the process of getting QCJO status would likely take the better part of a year, should the board decide to apply.

Greg confirmed that Nexus is a member of Canadian University Press. Sam has reached out to BC Community News Media Association, a similar organization, to get more information about membership eligibility and fees.

10.Adjourn

12:48PM