

MEETING MINUTES

Annual General Meeting CSI Board of Directors
2024.10.17
Virtual - Zoom
8:01 PM – 9:42 PM

Quorum for this meeting is reached. Confirmed by Cody Sharpe, GetQuorum Meeting Host/Facilitator

Meeting called by:	BOD
Type of Meeting	Annual General Meeting
Call to order	8:01 PM
Attendees	Nelson Chukwuma, President/Chair; Alexandra Oestreicher, Vice President, Hayden Stewart, Associate Vice President, Janie Renwick, Executive Director; Sheena Witzel; Associate Executive Director; Amelia Baty, Board Administrator; Tim Sothern, Auditor; BOD: Vinayak Baiju, Director, Brandi-Rae Tibishkogijig, Director (Indigenous), Shubham Savaliya, Director, Silvanus Fernando, Director, Amandeep Singh Saini, Director, Janelle Gordon, Director, Amal Jeevan, Director, Daniel Olusi, Director, Cody Sharpe, GetQuorum Moderator Virtual Attendees: Conestoga Students Inc Annual Report 2024 Member Attendance Breakdown: 647 proxies, 180 virtual attendees
Regrets	
Adjournment	9:42 PM

AGENDA TOPICS

CALL TO ORDER

PROCEDURAL

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President

Meeting called to order at 8:01 PM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PROCEDURAL

Presenter: Brandi-Rae Tibishkogijig, Director (Indigenous)

We wish to acknowledge the lands where we live, learn, work and organize hold the ancestral connections and stories of Indigenous peoples. As we all know, colonization has orchestrated the displacement of Indigenous peoples from their ancestral lands which has hindered their

ability to be in good relations with the land. Indigenous peoples are actively maintaining and strengthening their relationships with the land, which are grounded in respect, reciprocity, and resiliency.

The land our Brantford, Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge campuses are located on represents the unceded territory of the Neutral, Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee) and Anishinaabe

(Ah-nish-nah-bay) peoples. The land was promised to the Haudenosaunee (Ho-de-no-show-nee) people of Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River, known as the Haldimand Tract. We also wish to acknowledge and recognize the lands our Stratford, Ingersoll, Guelph & our future campus in Milton are located on represent the ancestral and treaty lands of the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-nah-bay) peoples.

Our acknowledgement of the land is our declaration of our collective responsibility to this place and its peoples' history, rights, and presence. We extend our respect, friendship & solidarity to all Indigenous peoples for their past, present & future contributions to this land and our community, and in their past, present and future struggles.

MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

UPDATE

Presenter: Cody Sharpe, GetQuorum Moderator

Instructions for online meeting process, including voting, were provided.

TIME TO ADJOURN

PROCEDURAL

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President

Time to adjourn will be 10:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DECISION

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President

Attachment: AGM-Agenda-2024.10.17

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Forward: Ben Potter
Second: Saranya Chellapann
In Favor: 683
Opposed: 45
Abstain: 9
Motion: Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DECISION

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President
Attachment: AGM-Meeting-Minutes 2023.10.20

Motion to approve the AGM Meeting Minutes 2023.10.20 as presented.

Forward: Maureen Tonwe
Second: Jeremy Petrosky
In Favor: 670
Opposed: 54
Abstain: 9
Motion: Carried

BDO AUDITED FINANCIALS

DECISION

Presenter: Tim Sothern, BDO
Attachment: CSI Consolidated Financial Statements 2024.04.30

- An overview of the audit conducted by BDO was presented.
- Provided a statement of financial position which is a snapshot of the assets and liabilities of CSI and its owned subsidiary CSSI, on April 30, 2024
- Just over #34million in assets
- Approximately \$15.7million in liabilities
- Net assets of \$18.3million
- Everything is consistent; however the numbers are higher due to increased enrolment (increased revenue, increase expenses to service the higher student population)
- CSI is in a solid financial position and the audit went well
- No issues to bring forward to membership with this clean audit

Motion to approve the CSI consolidated financial statements for the year ended 2024.04.30

Forward: Vinayak Baiju
Second: Conner Barnhill
In Favour: 658
Opposed: 50
Abstain: 9
Motion: Carried

BDO AS FINANCIAL AUDITOR

DECISION

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President

Motion to approve BDO as the 2024-2025 Financial Auditor

Forward: Shubham Savaliya
Second: Tochukwu Ozoalor
In Favour: 652
Opposed: 53
Abstain: 17
Motion: Carried

CSI BYLAW AMENDMENTS

DECISION

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President
Attachment: CSI Bylaw Amendments 2024 Rationale

The following bylaw amendments are proposed:

- Section 9.4 – removal of this section as the only way a member ceases membership is by not being a student any longer. Therefore, this section is unnecessary.
- Section 9.5 – removal of this section as it is in accordance with 9.4. With the removal of 9.4, this section becomes irrelevant.
- Section 10.6 – addition of this section to read: “The Corporation authorizes the use of proxies for its Meetings. The rules for proxies are set out in s. 74 regulation SOR/2011-223 of the Act. A member who chooses to use a proxy, shall send their proxy form by email to the Corporation at least 24 hours before the commencement of the applicable Meeting.” This section clarifies the timing of proxy submissions.
- Section 4.3 Vice President – Suspension of this section as the previous board voted to test a new model for a one-year pilot. This position will be full time during this period and the pilot will end 2025.04.30. At that time the board will decide if they would like to implement the change on a permanent basis.

Motion to approve amendment to Bylaw Number 3, Section 9.4 as presented.

Forward: Brandi-Rae Tibishkogijig
Second: Maureen Tonwe
In Favour: 649
Opposed: 57
Abstain: 13
Motion: Carried

Motion to approve amendment to Bylaw Number 3, Section 9.5 as presented.

Forward: Silvanus Fernando
Second: Tochukwu Ozoalor
In Favour: 655

Opposed: 55
Abstain: 13
Motion: Carried

Motion to approve amendment to Bylaw Number 3, Section 10.6 as presented.

Forward: Damanpreet Kaur
Second: Saranya Chellapann
In Favour: 655
Opposed: 56
Abstain: 7
Motion: Carried

Motion to suspend Bylaw Number 3, Subsections 4.3 (b) until 2025.04.30

Forward: Ashwini Rajendrakumar
Second: Saranya Chellapann
In Favour: 640
Opposed: 62
Abstain: 11
Motion: Carried

ANNUAL REPORT

UPDATE

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President

Attachment: [Conestoga Students Inc Annual Report 2024](#)

The annual report is posted on the CSI website:

- Some highlights include:
 - Employed part time students and paid over \$2million as a living wage employer
 - Almost 60,000 attendees at events
 - Over 253,000 visits to our service hubs
 - 735 supported through academic appeals
 - Over 53,000 shuttle riders
 - 26% turnout for GRT referendum
 - 43 active clubs with over 165 clubs hosted events
 - SNAP program provided emergency funding to 9591 students
 - Supported various events in collaboration with Be Dah Bin Gamik

- Food services and hospitality provided from The Venue, Pita Pit, The Food Truck, Catering, Reuter Market and the new Parkhill Café

MEMBER QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President

- Questions presented through the GetQuorum meeting chat:
 - Q: Why does it seem that satellite campuses don't have the same services?
 - A: CSI continues to work as part of its strategic plan, to standardize services across all campuses. Since the pandemic we have worked to catch up with services at new campuses and this work is ongoing.
 - Q: How will success of the Upass be measured?
 - A: CSI receives data from the college and GRT to determine usage.
 - Q: Is the GRT fee in perpetuity?
 - A: The current contract is for about 2 years and then it will match when UW and Laurier's contracts end. All three can then negotiate together for the best rate.
 - Q: How does CSI ensure students get the right services eg. SNAP Program – how does the approval for this program work?
 - A: This program is constantly evaluated. The Wellness department is looking into ways of assessing dire financial need
 - Q: Tayssa De Lima Freire – the bus stop is just a sign, not a protective shelter. Can a shelter be provided?
 - A: Email csibod or the President to discuss with GRT
 - Q: Laura St Amand – individual health benefits had run out of prescription funding quickly last year. Is there a possibility of getting additional benefits?
 - A: email the CSI President for private discussion
 - Q: Vincent Agboro – how do you access the health benefits?
 - A: This can be found on the Studentcare website. Any service hub can also provide assistance.
 - Q: Crisdel Pilapil – went to the Welcome Centre multiple times regarding filing claims but they said the student is still not registered.
 - A: This would be a one-off situation. Email the CSI President to look into this.

- If members have additional questions, they are encouraged to send them via email to csibod@conestogac.on.ca or to the President nchukwuma@conestogac.on.ca

ADJOURNMENT

PROCEDURAL

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President

Motion to adjourn at 9:42 PM

Forward: Vinayak Baiju
Second: Duncan Clemens
In Favour: 645
Opposed: 58
Abstain: 3
Motion: Carried

Alex Pestreich

Chair/President

Grandee Tyshkegijig

November 12, 2025

Date

November 5, 2025

Secretary

Date