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WHAT NEXT?

Annual General Meeting

Project Development Summit

2010

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Friday, May 14, 2010

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Liu Institute for Global Issues at UBC
6476 NW Marine Drive, Vancouver

Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. If you have any trouble finding us, please call Sarah at (250) 813-1015, or Ashley at (604) 862-3940.

Project Development Summit

Saturday, May 15, 2010

9:00am - 5:00pm

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6476 NW Marine Drive

Sunday, May 16, 2010

10:00am - 2:00pm

International House at UBC
1783 West Mall, Vancouver

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All agenda items will be preceded by a discussion during which amendments may be proposed. Nominations for the board of directors may be made during the meeting.

Agenda

A1: Welcome and overview of 2009. Presentation of annual report.

A2: Election of directors.

A3: Approve project partners (Common Energy, UBC Sustainability Office, Sierra Youth Coalition).

A4: Vote on proposed bylaws.

A5: Discussion of draft 2010/2011 budget.

To be eligible to vote at the AGM, your student group must complete the enclosed membership form. Membership forms will be accepted on the day of the meeting.

If you are unable to attend but would like to vote at the AGM, you may designate someone in your student group to act as your proxy and vote on your behalf. Each proxy must present the enclosed authorization form bearing your signature at the meeting. One person may act as a proxy for many provided they can present authorization for each.

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Agenda Item 2: Board Candidates

We are seeking one or two additional candidates for the board of directors. If you are interested, please submit a 200 word bio to sarah@campusclimatenetwork.org. We will also accept nominations at the annual general meeting in which case please come prepared to talk a little bit about yourself.

Emily Gibson

My name is Emily Gibson and I am 22 years old, born and raised in the Lower Mainland, BC. I completed my Bachelor of Arts with distinction in Political Science and Environmental Studies from the University of Victoria in 2009. I am passionate about community development and environmental sustainability and hope to find a career that melds both of my interests. My dedication to environmental sustainability was cemented in 2008 when I volunteered at the Permaculture Institute of El Salvador for the summer. There I assisted the Executive Director in creating a four year rights-based approach to food security for subsistence farmers. I experienced first hand the severe and devastating effects of climate change on the livelihoods of subsistence farmers.

I have also volunteered with other non-governmental organizations. I was the President of the UVic Chapter of Engineers Without Borders for a year and a half, a Communications Volunteer with the Sierra Club of BC for four months, and a Mentor for two high schools in Surrey with the High School Climate Challenge for eight months. Currently I am an Outreach Representative with BC Hydro where I promote energy conservation at community events, retailers, businesses, and schools. I would like to work with goBeyond because I value your methodology of combining education on the big picture of climate change and our ecological footprint with practical steps that will reduce our footprint.

Maggie Baynham

Maggie Baynham is a graduate student in Urban Planning at UBC and a founding member of the goBEYOND Project. She believes that colleges and universities can be innovators of sustainability solutions and that these solutions can be developed through hands-on learning in the classroom of every discipline. Maggie has been involved in supporting youth-driven sustainability and climate initiatives on campuses for six years: she started off by volunteering for local student organizations on her campus and then worked as the BC Coordinator for Sierra Youth Coalition's Sustainable Campuses Project. She was the first Project Manager for goBEYOND and has enjoyed continued involvement through the Steering Committee where she is able to offer experience and institutional memory. Maggie hopes to continue on as a director for 1 year as goBEYOND matures and help to foster new leadership and energy within the organization.

Celine Trojand

Celine grew up in BC's northern energy corridor, in Dawson Creek BC. She has a degree in Anthropology from UBC Okanagan where she was active on campus as a mentor and chair of the Anthropology Course Union. While she was chair she spearheaded the creation of an annual field school scholarship, created the course union website and worked closely with faculty and

administration to develop programs and field schools for excellence in the Anthropology department. After returning from teaching French in Japan in 2009, Celine realized her goals of studying interaction of humans with their environment and enrolled in The University of Victoria's Restoration of Natural Systems Diploma Program. Celine currently works for the Dogwood Initiative, an environmental and social justice non-profit as their Victoria Organizer. Her current work focuses on engaging communities and empowering individuals to exercise control of their land and resources. Celine is extremely dedicated to linking culture, social justice, and ecology in the public consciousness. She loves university and draws inspiration from the possibilities of organizing the student body and facing the challenges of working within the context of the university.

Spencer Rasmussen

Spencer Rasmussen has been goBEYOND's longest running employee. Spencer has spent two years as UBC coordinator of this fantastic project, helping build Common Energy UBC from an organization of 4 people to 20. He even remembers when goBEYOND was called Get Evolved. Last summer, Spencer organized the 2009 goBEYOND Youth Action Gathering, and this summer he will be working on program development. Through it all he has learned a thing or two about what works and what does not in student organizing. In his spare time, Spencer studies political science and economics and also serves on UBC's Senate. Spencer believes passionately in the role that universities can play in addressing climate change and he is ready to bring that passion to the goBeyond's board of directors.

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Agenda Item 3: Project Partners

Following is a short summary of each of goBeyond's three proposed project partners. If approved, one representative from each partner, together with the board of directors, will comprise goBeyond's steering committee responsible for strategic planning and budget allocation.

UBC Sustainability Office

The UBC Sustainability Office is a founding partner of the goBeyond Campus Climate Network and continues to provide valuable support to our work. goBeyond and the UBC Sustainability Office propose to renew their partnership until January 2012 wherein the UBC SO will receive, administer and manage grant funds larger than \$2000 unless otherwise decided by the goBeyond steering committee. The updated memorandum of understanding is available upon request.

Sierra Youth Coalition

The Sierra Youth Coalition is an organization run by youth for youth, serving as the youth arm of the Sierra Club of Canada. Their mission is to empower young people to become active community leaders who contribute to making Canada a better society. SYC has historically had a BC Regional Coordinator in the province, dedicating 50% of their hours to goBEYOND. Although there are currently no SYC staff in BC, funding has been applied for to re-instate this position and further support goBEYOND. In addition, SYC reserves space at all BC Sustainable Campuses conferences for goBEYOND related programming and trainings.

Common Energy

Common Energy is a student run network that develops relationships between students, staff, faculty, and regional partners at universities and colleges to move these institutions beyond climate neutral. Common Energy is active on the UBC and UVIC campuses. Common Energy has developed extensive knowledge and resources on climate solutions in many areas, collaborative planning processes, and in youth leadership and skill development, greatly informing goBEYOND's programming.

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Agenda Item 4: Summary of Proposed Bylaws

The purposes of the society are:

- a) To engage with and support post secondary institutions in creating solutions to climate change
- b) To connect post-secondary institutions and foster information sharing about climate change solutions and sustainability
- c) To create and support collective province-wide greenhouse gas reduction programs for higher education stakeholders
- d) To educate, inspire, engage and support post secondary students and student groups taking climate action on their campuses and in their communities
- e) To fund-raise to further the purposes of the society

Following is a summary of the main features of the proposed bylaws. A full copy of the proposed bylaws is available upon request.

Membership

The members of the society are campus student groups plus any individuals not associated with student groups upon acceptance by the steering committee.

For the purpose of voting at member meetings, each student group has one collective vote on a decision.

Individual members, such as alumni, the steering committee and working groups, will be considered one special group with one collective vote.

Individual ballots are cast within each group. The majority vote constitutes the group's single vote on a decision.

All decisions must be approved by no less than 75% of the votes (super-majority).

The society will provide notice of the decisions to be made no less than 30 days before the meeting and will hold at least 2 conference calls to answer questions and consider amendments to the motions.

People who are not able to attend a member meeting in person can authorize, in writing, someone to negotiate and vote on their behalf (a proxy).

If an individual is not happy with the vote made by their proxy they have 7 days from day they receive the minutes of the meeting to formally object. If the number of objections is equal to 25% or more of the total individual votes on a decision, then the decision is invalidated.

Governance

Most decisions are made by the steering committee which is composed of the directors of the society, one representative from each project partner, and core staff.

Project partners are designated by the members.

The board of directors reserves the right to remove project partners and designate core staff. These bylaws must be reviewed no later than 24 months after the first AGM.

Question 1

It has been proposed that groups could have 1 vote for every 25 members to a maximum of 4 votes in order to add some proportionality and to encourage groups to grow. This idea has garnered some support from the steering committee but the primary challenge is thinking through how we would determine the size of a group because, in practice, student groups tend to be fluid. A group could have a very large mailing list but a smaller number of people who regularly attend meetings. Which number do we use to determine votes and how do we verify the numbers? This becomes especially problematic when proxies are used to vote. We need your feedback on this particular clause.

Question 2

Should the super-majority requirement also apply to the election of directors? If so, it could require multiple rounds of voting at the AGM (e.g. Round 1 only 1 candidate A reaches the 75% threshold. Candidate A is now elected and a second round of voting happens in which only candidate B reaches the threshold. Etc until all spots are filled.)

goBeyond Proxy Authorization Form

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint another member of the society as proxy to attend and vote in his or her place. The following proxy authorization must be presented to the society at the beginning of the meeting. This form authorizes the person named to act as proxy for only the single meeting specified below.

I _____ (name)

of _____ (student group or affiliation),

which is a member of the goBeyond Campus Climate Network,

hereby appoint _____ (name of proxy)

to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the society to be held on

_____ (date of meeting), and any adjournment thereof.

Please select one of the following.

My proxy is authorized to vote as he or she sees fit.

My proxy is instructed to vote as follows (please specify desired vote but keep in mind that resolutions may be amended during the meeting in which case your instructions may become invalid).

Signed: _____

Date: _____