

# Minutes of the Harvard Club of Québec Board of Directors Meeting Held on 20 February 2014 in Montréal

Present: André Du Sault, President, Marc Novakoff, Executive Vice President, Han-Ru Zhou, Secretary, Lionel Alcoloumbre, Treasurer, Louis Philippe Maurice, Vice President Communications, Morgan Carter and Mitchell Miller.<sup>1</sup>

Absent: Marie-Pier St-Hilaire and Danielle Viens

#### 1. Quorum

H-R Zhou declares that there is quorum and that the meeting can proceed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the HCQ Board Meetings held on 16 October and 27 November 2013

The Board approved the Minutes of the Board meetings held on 16 October and 27 November 2013.

### 3. Review of Past HCQ Activities since October 2013

A Du Sault reported on the joint HCQ-Oxford & Cambridge Society of Montreal event held at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts with Curator Hilliard Goldfarb on 13 November 2013.

M Novakoff reported on the HBS Club of Montreal's IBM 2013 C-Suite Study held at the Caisse de dépot et placement du Québec on 28 November 2013

M Miller reported on the HCQ's Global Networking Night held at Kafein Café-Bar on 13 January 2014 and on the joint HCQ-McGill Young Alumni Cocktail held at Newtown on 22 January 2014.

M Miller will prepare for the next Board meeting a strategic plan summary on the publicity of the existence and the activities of the Club.

L Alcoloumbre reported on the HAA Leadership Conference held at Cambridge on 14 February 2014. The Conference was also attended by A Du Sault.

A Du Sault stated that the critical mass for a Harvard Club is 1200-1300 members.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> M Novakoff joined the meeting during the discussion of item 3 of the meeting.

## 4. Upcoming Events

A Du Sault and M Novakoff informed the Board on the upcoming Club events.

The next Brown Series will will be held on 27 February at the Montreal offices of Telus and feature a panel on Europe. 23 persons are currently registered for this event.

There will be a cocktail at the Château Frontenac in Quebec City on April 1, 2014. This cocktail is organized by the Collège François-de-Laval. There are currently 55 Harvard Alumni members based in Québec City.

The Speakers Series for Young Professionals will host Stephen Jarilowsky on April 16, 2014. The event sold out within three days of its announcement.

The HBS Club of Montreal is working on a series of upcoming events, including its annual fall event with Jonathan Goodman, Founder and former CEO of Paladin Labs.

A Du Sault is currently working on a cocktail event with the American Consul in Montreal.

The Board members discussed a list of potential recurring annual Club events, including the Global Networking Night and a possible annual cocktail with the American Consul. It was suggested that the Club should also establish a signature event, e.g. the Sugar Shack in the Old Port or an annual event on the theme of politics in association with MIT/Princeton.

### 5. Communications and Club Website

LP Maurice will inquire Uur Tunc's interest in becoming more involved with the Club.

LP Maurice will update the list of Club members emails using the official HCQ members list circulated to the Board members before each Board meeting.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

L Alcoloubre presented the Club's Interim Financial Statements for the period from 16 June 2013 to 31 January 2014. As of 31 January 2014, the balance in the Club bank account stands at \$1809.90.

#### 7. Report on Club Membership

H-R Zhou presented the Club's official list of members. The list has been compiled from the replies made by those Harvard Alumni members who wished to be register with the Club and/or to be added to the Club mailing list. The membership eligibility of every person was verified using the 2013 Quebec Harvard Alumni List provided by the HAA or using the HAA online Directory or by a person from the HAA.

8. Creation and Appointment of a Nominating Committee (Art. X Section 1 of the HCQ Constitution)

A Du Sault proposed the appointment of a nominating committee to conduct a search of candidates interested to stand for election to the next HCQ Board of Directors and to prepare a list of nominations.

The Board approved the appointment of A Du Sault, M Novakoff and H-R Zhou to the nominating committee.

A Du Sault invited Board members to help seek members interested in joining the Board.

### 9. Varia

L Alcoloumbre discussed the following subjects: (i) the idea of introducing Club membership fees for next year, (ii) outreach to Harvard Alumni, Fellows and students from Québec, and (iii) the proposition that the HCQ retains the services of an external auditor to audit (on a pro bono basis) the Club's treasury.

The Board agreed to add those three items to the agenda of the next Board meeting for further discussions.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

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Minutes prepared by Han-Ru Zhou, HCQ Secretary.

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