



**Minutes of the Harvard Club of Québec Board of Directors Meeting
Held on 8 Sept 2015 in Montréal**

Present: Marc Novakoff, President, Han-Ru Zhou, Secretary, Mitchell Miller, Vice President Communications, Alexandre Abecassis, Morgan Carter and Joseph Cianflone

Absent: André Picard, Executive Vice President, Marco Cianflone, Treasurer, Marie-Pier St-Hilaire, Louis Philippe Maurice and Cassy Wang

1. Quorum

HR Zhou confirms that there is quorum and that the meeting can proceed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the HCQ Board Meetings held on 16 and 22 June 2015

The Board approved the minutes of the meetings held on 16 and 22 June 2015.

3. Review of Past HCQ Activities

M Carter reported on the Club's Global Networking Night event held on 22 June 2015 at Rosalie.

4. Financial Report

M Novakoff presented the summary of the Club's finances prepared by M Cianflone for the period from 22 June 2015 to 31 August 2015. As of 31 August 2015, the balance in the Club bank account stands at \$3,025.91.

M Novakoff proposed the creation of an ad hoc committee to inquire about the opportunity of incorporating the Club as a not-for-profit organization. The ad hoc committee will be composed of HR Zhou (Chair), A Abecassis, J Cianflone and M Cianflone, and will report its findings to the Board at the next Board meeting.

M Novakoff proposed the creation of a sponsorships committee. The committee will be composed of J Cianflone (Chair), HR Zhou and M Cianflone, and will report to the Board at the next Board meeting. HR Zhou will set up a conference call with Ryan Ford (HAA) to discuss the matter of sponsorships.

5. Report on Club Membership

HR Zhou presented the updated list of Club members and prospective Club members (including prospective members pursuant to s. 1(6) of the Club Constitution).

The Board approved the updated list of Club members and prospective Club members. The Club has currently 202 members.

6. Club Communications

M Miller informed the Board of matters concerning the Club Gmail account.

The Board reviewed the Club's first draft newsletter prepared by C Wang.

7. Club initiatives

M Novakoff will update the Board at the next meeting with more information regarding the Harvard Book Prize.

M Carter reported on the Club's opportunities in community and public service and will update the Board on this matter at the next meeting.

M Novakoff informed the Board of LP Maurice's plan to organize a Club event on social entrepreneurship. M Carter will follow up with LP Maurice on this initiative.

8. Forthcoming Events in 2015

M Novakoff reported on the organization of the Club's joint event series with CIRANO for fall 2015.

M Novakoff informed the Board of the potential forthcoming Club events: an event discussing the federal elections (October), an apple-picking day (October), and a talk by Robert Card, CEO of SNC-Lavalin followed by a dinner (November).

M Novakoff discussed the possibility of organizing joint Club events with Queen's University and Yale University. J Cianflone will follow up with M Cianflone and A Kpiotrowska on the organization of these joint events.

M Novakoff reported on MP St-Hilaire's intent of organizing again the Annual Quebec City Club Dinner at La Citadelle de Québec in February 2016.

9. Forthcoming Events in 2016

The Board reviewed and discussed the following potential Club events in 2016:

- the Global Diplomacy Lab
- a social entrepreneurship event
- a reception at the Israeli Consulate
- an event on the history of the Russian Consulate in Montreal in spring 2016
- an event with Karl Moore
- an event at the Musée d'Art Contemporain (MAC) with Alexandre Taillefer in spring 2016
- a cabane à sucre day in spring 2016
- the annual US Consul reception in May/June 2016
- the Speaker Series For Young Professionals (SSFYP)

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

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

The Board approved the appointment of M Novakoff, A Picard and HR Zhou to the nominating committee.

M Novakoff invited Board members to help seek members interested in joining the Board.

11. Next Board Meeting

The proposed tentative date of the next Board meeting is 17 November (venue tbc).

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There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

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Minutes prepared by Han-Ru Zhou.

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