

# Minutes of the Harvard Club of Québec Board of Directors Meeting Held on 4 April 2013 in Montréal

Present: André Du Sault, President, Marc Novakoff, Executive Vice President, Han-Ru Zhou, Secretary, Gabriel Poliquin, Treasurer, Louis Philippe Maurice (via conference call), Vice President Communication, and Morgan Carter (via conference call).

## 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 Meeting held on 6 December 2012

The Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 6 December 2012.

### Action:

- H-R Zhou will send a PDF copy of the Minutes of the December Board Meeting to LP Maurice who will upload it on the HCQ website.

## 3. Approval of the Club's Interim Financial Statements

G Poliquin presented the Club's Interim Financial Statements for the period from 22 August 2012 to 25 March 2013. As of 25 March 2013, the balance in the bank account stands at 611.84\$.

The Board approved the Interim Financial Statements.

### Action:

- H-R Zhou will send a PDF copy of the Interim Financial Statements to LP Maurice who will upload it on the HCQ website.

## 4. Approval of the Club's Expense and Reimbursement Policy

The Board approved the Club's Expense and Reimbursement Policy.

#### Action:

- H-R Zhou will send a PDF copy of the Expense and Reimbursement Policy to LP Maurice who will upload it on the HCQ website.

## 5. Approval of the Club's Official List of Members

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 to

be added to the Club mailing list. The membership eligibility of every person was verified using the 2012 Quebec Harvard Alumni List provided by the HAA or using the HAA online directory or by a person from the HAA.

In order to keep an up-to-date list of Club members, A Du Sault suggested that H-R Zhou should receive a copy of every list of participants at future HCQ events.

The Board approved the Club's official list of members.

# <u>6. Creation and Appointment of a Nominating Committee (Art. X Section 1 of the HCQ Constitution)</u>

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.

## 7. Next Board Meeting

### Agreed:

- that the next Board meeting shall be held on Monday 17 June 2013, 6pm.

# 8. Next Annual General Meeting

### Agreed:

- that the next Annual General meeting will take place on June 25, 2013 (which will be followed with the Global Networking Night).

# 8. Proposed David Johnston Fund Financial Aid Fund for Harvard Students from Canada

A Du Sault informed the Board of an initiative by the Harvard Club of Ottawa ("HUCO") to create a scholarship fund for future Canadian Harvard students in honour of Governor General David Johnston '63. The HUCO has begun soliciting expressions of interest from other Canadian Harvard Clubs in order to help start organizing a fundraising campaign.

The Board generally welcomed the initiative. However, a number of questions were raised. G Poliquin and other Board members expressed concerns at the various legal aspects of the initiative. H-R Zhou asked about the composition of the selection committee and whether Canadian donors would receive a Canadian tax receipt. M Novakoff suggested that more information should be provided regarding the scholarship criteria. M Carter asked whether graduate students would be eligible to apply for the scholarship.

A Du Sault agreed to follow up with Lewis Auerbach.

## 9. Future Club Events (Summer/Fall 2013)

A Du Sault invited the Board members to start thinking about volunteering ideas for the Club's participation to next year's edition of Harvard's Global Month of Service.

The Board discussed the idea of inviting Daniel Brière, a person from Egon Zehnder, Stephen Jarilowsky and Scotty Bowman to speak at the Club's Speakers Series for Young Professionals. The Board also discussed plans to approach Marcel Aubut, the President of the Canadian Olympic Committee, Madelaine Drohan, the Canada correspondent for the Economist, and, finally, a prominent member of the Catholic Church in Québec, for the Club's Brown Bag series.

A Du Sault mentioned that Canadian Ambassador to China Guy St-Jacques will be in Montreal in August. During his visit, the Club could organize a lunch or dinner for Club members interested in meeting Mr St-Jacques. Another similar lunch or dinner could also be organized with the participation of Brian Mulroney who could be invited to discuss current and future challenges for Canada.

The Board considered the idea that Alumni members from other Ivy League schools such as the MIT could be invited to some of the Club events.

A Du Sault also invited the Board members to start thinking about an important Club social event that Alumni members from outside Montreal would be interested in attending.

A Du Sault mentioned about upcoming Club events: an HBS panel on venture capital in Quebec (8 April), a HUCO/HCQ luncheon with the Ambassador of Peru at the Museum of Fine Arts (13 April), and the next Bown Bag on China (23 April).

### 10. Varia

The Board discussed the idea of having important news concerning Club members posted on the Club website and Facebook page.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

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Minutes prepared by Han-Ru Zhou, HCQ Secretary.

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