



HARVARD CLUB
of QUEBEC

**Minutes of the Harvard Club of Québec Board of Directors Meeting
Held on 18 November 2015 in Montréal**

Present: Marc Novakoff, President, André Picard, Executive Vice President, Han-Ru Zhou, Secretary, Marco Cianflone, Treasurer, Mitchell Miller, Vice President Communications, Alexandre Abecassis, Morgan Carter, Joseph Cianflone and Cassy Wang
Absent: Marie-Pier St-Hilaire and Louis Philippe Maurice

1. Quorum

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of the HCQ Board Meeting held on 8 September 2015

The Board approved the minutes of the meetings held on 8 September 2015.

3. Review of Past HCQ Activities

M Novakoff reported on the event “Rebalancing Society” with Prof Henry Mintzberg (McGill), held at the offices of CIRANO on 24 September 2015.

M Cianflone and J Cianflone reported on the joint HCQ/HBS Club of Montreal talk “Quiet Leaders: Introverts in the Executive Suite” with Prof Karl Moore (McGill), held at the MAA Club on 21 October 2015.

A Picard reported on the talk “Is Canada a Has-Been Whose Best Days Are Behind It?” with Madelaine Drohan (The Economist), held at the offices of TELUS on 29 October 2015.

4. Financial and Treasury

M Cianflone presented the Club’s Interim Financial Statements for the period from 22 June 2015 to 18 November 2015. As of 18 November 2015, the balance in the Club bank account stands at \$3,446.91.

M Cianflone will speak to the Bank of Montreal on the possibility of cancelling the bank fees charged to the Club.

M Novakoff proposed that the Club accept the (student) Harvard Canadian Club request for a contribution in the amount of \$200 in order to help fund this year’s activities of the Harvard

Canadian Club. The Board agreed to the proposition. M Miller and M Carter proposed to extend an invitation to Club members to make a contribution to the Harvard Canadian Club. M Miller and M Cianflone will coordinate the operation.

M Novakoff informed the Board that members of other Canadian Harvard Clubs are seeking to increase the *David Johnston Fund Financial Aid Fund for Harvard Students from Canada* so that full scholarships to Harvard College can be offered.

5. Incorporation of the Club

HR Zhou reported on his inquiries regarding the incorporation of the Club as a not-for-profit corporation.

The Board recommended that the Club move forward with the incorporation of the Club.

6. Report on Club Membership

HR Zhou presented the updated list of Club members and prospective Club members (including a prospective member 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 204 members.

7. Club Communications

M Miller informed the Board of matters concerning the Club website.

C Wang presented the Club's revised first draft newsletter.

C Wang reported on the Club Facebook page, which now has 99 members, and on the Club's new LinkedIn page.

8. Club Initiatives

M Novakoff reported on the Club members' participation to the Harvard Book Prize.

M Carter reported on the Club's involvement in community and public service.

9. Forthcoming Events

The Board reviewed and discussed the following Club events in 2015:

- The Harvard-Yale Game which will be aired at the MVP Bar Sportif on 21 November 2015
- a talk by Robert Card, CEO of SNC-Lavalin followed by a dinner in December

- an investment panel organized by the London Business School Club of Montreal with M Novakoff on 15 December

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

- the Global Diplomacy Lab
- a social entrepreneurship event
- the 4th joint HCQ/CIRANO event
- the Global Networking Night on 12 January 2016
- the reception with the Israeli Consul at the offices of Faskens Martineau in February 2016
- the Annual Quebec City Club Dinner at La Citadelle de Québec in February 2016
- an event on the history of the Russian Consulate in Montreal in spring 2016
- 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)

J Cianflone informed the Board that he is organizing a lunch meeting with other Montreal Alumni clubs on 25 November.

M Cianflone will follow up with the other university clubs on plans to organize joint events.

10. Nominating Committee (Art. VIII Section 1 of the HCQ Constitution)

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

11. Next Board Meeting

The proposed date of the next Board meeting is 12 January 2016, 5pm (venue tbc).

12. Varia

M Novakoff invited the Board members to register for the next HAA Leadership Conference in February 2016.

M Novakoff informed the Board of Harvard President Drew Faust's visit to Toronto on 12 April 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

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Minutes prepared by Han-Ru Zhou.

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