

Meeting – 19th October 2022

Time – 4:00 PM

Online - Teams

Present:

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| Dawson Thomas | President | Voting Member |
| Jayden Baldonado | Director | Voting Member |
| Karanpreet Singh Gill | Director | Voting Member |
| Anh Nguyen | Director | Voting Member |
| Aaron Ramos | Vice President | Voting Member |
| Oluwatomisin Aroge | Director | Voting Member |
| Rio Valencerina | Manager, Governance & Advocacy | Non-Voting |
| Sunra Sunra | Administrative Coordinator, G&A | Non-Voting |
| Christina Matisons | Board Advisor | Non- Voting |

Regrets:

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| Paul John Martinez | Director | Voting Member |
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Agenda Item

1.0 Call to Order:

D. A. Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

2.0 Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories:

A. Ramos gave the Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Check:

D. A. Thomas reminded the Board to declare any real or perceived conflict of interest. A conflict of interest is defined as any situation where a director could directly benefit or appear to benefit from business conducted by the Board.

4.0 ASEC Membership

D.A. Thomas provided context for the conversation. They addressed the Board mentioned that directors may have questions as to what is going on it's all due to things that have been transpiring, they have been witnessing firsthand. They also clarified that they are not in position to divulge all information due to confidentiality and that it has been an incredibly stressful and hard month for them as a Board of director at ASEC.

D.A Thomas shared with the Board that they were excited to work with ASEC but have chosen to resign. Not just them but the entire Board has resigned due to pressure from membership at ASEC. The EC is not a member of ASEC as an employee now. Jonathan Boldo. They mentioned that working at ASEC had become a toxic – with a hostile and stressful environment. The membership asked for so many things that they as members of the Board, they could not provide, and they felt constantly pushed and so all the members decided that they didn't want to work under ASEC.

J. Baldonado asked who comprises of the membership?

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D. A. Thomas clarified that Saitsa is a member of ASEC, plus 16 other schools.

D.A. Thomas declared that they have called this meeting because there is a question – if Saitsa should remain a part of ASEC, and that even though they are the leader, they cannot decide for the Board and hence they will provide the Board of Directors with the information and then they all can make a collective decision for Saitsa. D.A. Thomas clarified to the Board that as Board they need to provide direction to A. Ramos to notify ASEC about Saitsa voting on (given the 20 business days' notice) whether to remain a part of ASEC anymore.

R. Valencerina clarified for the Board that as per By Laws, the Board must give at least a 20 days' notice before they leave ASEC, that is to say - if tomorrow the notice is sent, 20 business days after that and only then can the Board vote. R. Valencerina also let the Board know that the following Board then gets to deliberate & decide whether we as an organization stay with ASEC or not. Therefore, for this Board the voting can only take place either 16th November/or after at the latest or at the December Board meeting. R. Valencerina also mentioned that for convenience if the Board it can also be pushed to the January Board meeting but D.A Thomas mentioned that will be too late and that they don't wish to delay this decision.

In Camera session at 4.18pm with Board and Board advisor – No staff

J. Baldonado & A. Ramos

Motion approved

Ex camera at 4.54pm

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the board of Directors instructs Aaron Ramos, as voting delegate of Saitsa at ASEC, to provide the ASEC staff and membership with notice of Saitsa's intention to hold an initial vote to leave ASEC, to be completed by November 30, 2022.

J. Baldonado & A. Ramos

Motion approved

K.S. Gill said that the Board should vote on it and instruct A. Ramos to give ASEC notice that we shall vote after 20 business days and that they think that ASEC will add any value in terms of advocacy to Saitsa anymore. J. Baldonado seconded the sentiment said that the successive Board can examine this situation when their time comes but for now, we should vote out of ASEC.

J. Baldonado & A. Ramos

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Motion passes



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D.A Thomas requested A. Ramos to kindly send the letter notifying ASEC about the 20-business days' notice, by tomorrow 5pm at the latest.

5.0 Questions/Adjournment

Adjournment of the meeting at 5.03 pm.