



Saskatchewan's Association of Information Technology Professionals



## **Saskatchewan's Association of Information Technology Professionals Annual General Meeting Minutes September 10, 2013**

### **Greetings from SaskTel**

Derek Risling, CIPS SK President introduces Trevor McDonald, SaskTel's Director IT Infrastructure. Trevor opens the AGM bringing greetings and support for CIPS.

As an IT professional I know we are all in the same situation, the number of IT related projects is alarming we have more work than we know what to do with. IT is the center of the universe which brings significant challenges and opportunities. The challenge we face is the recruitment of IT talent within our aging workforce. It is up to all of us to talk up our profession to get people interested and build up the numbers building up the wave. One of my main missions is to drive automation to take care of mundane repeatable tasks. CIPS plays a major role in recruitment and the work we do with accreditation and building interest with luncheons and building professionalism. The volunteers are making a big difference and your dedication. I would like to say thank you to the past present and current volunteers.

Derek Risling, CIPS President thanks SaskTel for the use of the video conference facilities.

### **1. Confirm Quorum**

In Regina there were 12 certified I.S.P. members and 4 board members in attendance. In Saskatoon there were 6 certified I.S.P. members and 4 board members in attendance. With over 10 certified members and more than 50% of the board present, quorum was declared.

### **2. Call to Order (12:07)**

The meeting was conducted via SaskTel's Teleconference facilities in Saskatoon and Regina. President Derek Risling chaired the meeting.

#### **2.1. Motion: Accept the Agenda**

Moved by Thomas Boxall

Seconded by Jonathon Johnson

None opposed, motion carried.

A recommendation was put forward to take the year out of the title of the agenda.

#### **2.2. Motion: Approve the minutes of the 2012 AGM**

Moved by Shane Ridgway

Seconded by Yashu Bither

None opposed, motion carried.



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### 3. Officer's Report

#### 3.1. President's Report

Good afternoon everyone. Thank you for attending our Annual General Meeting.

My name is Derek Risling, I am the outgoing CIPS president, and it is my pleasure to welcome you all here today.

Over the last year CIPS Saskatchewan has completed a period of fiscal realignment, bringing us into a positive financial situation. The exercise, undertaken by the board, to ensure ongoing fiscal stability for the organization has been accompanied by a series of planning exercises to determine how best to meet our mandate while remaining sustainable into the future. I believe that we are currently in a strong position to once again move forward with new initiatives to promote IT professionalism in our province. I am excited to be moving into this New Year, and to be a part of the next phase in the journey of CIPS Saskatchewan.

Throughout the past year our luncheon program series continued in both Regina and Saskatoon. The CIPS lunch sessions are both a source of professional development, as well as an opportunity to remain in touch with members of our province's IT community.

As always, volunteerism continues to remain a key concern for our organization. Being volunteer driven, we require the continuing donation of time from our members in order to sustain our operations. I would like to encourage anyone who might be interested in serving on the board, participating on a committee, or at a CIPS event to get in touch. There are a variety of opportunities available, spanning a range of time commitments. Participation in the IT professional community in Saskatchewan is a rewarding experience, which provides a number of professional development and networking opportunities.

Before we continue with the AGM, I would like to take a moment to recognize outgoing CIPS Saskatchewan board member, Past President, and Treasurer Dean Hartley. Dean has been involved with CIPS for many years, beginning with the Kamloops chapter before moving to Saskatchewan and continuing his efforts here. Dean has been an enthusiastic and dedicated presence within our organization. On a personal note, it was Dean's support of CIPS which first caused me to take notice, and ultimately join, the organization. Over the past several years Dean has overseen much change in CIPS Saskatchewan, and we are better off for his involvement. Please join with me in thanking Dean for his service, and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

In closing, I'd like to recognize our sponsors. Sponsorship money goes a long ways towards delivering our programs. I wish to thank my fellow board members, who continue to serve, and take on projects as needed; a thank you to the special initiative group headed by Trevor McGugan, who is with us today; and last, but not least, thank you to all of you, the members, who continue to support and show your commitment to CIPS Saskatchewan.



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### **3.2. Treasurer's Report**

I, Dean Hartley, present the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2013. These statements have been prepared by Breen & Associates.

- All cheques written from CIPS require two signatures.
- Cheque logs are approved monthly by the board.
- CIPS SK completes an annual review not an audit which is much more thorough.
- Confident the statements sent out today are correct.
- Had a positive financial year with a small profit of 12,887.
- Have almost \$100,000 in the bank and are financially in great shape.

#### **3.2.1.Motion: Accept the Financial Statements**

Moved by Thomas Boxall  
Seconded by Ryan Francis  
None opposed, motion carried.

#### **3.2.2.Motion: Appoint Breen Associates as our designated accountant**

Moved by Yashu Bither  
Seconded by Brenda Byers  
None opposed, motion carried.

## **4. Board Members**

### **4.1. Election of Board Members**

#### **4.1.1.Present names of Nomination**

The call for nominations ended on September 3rd and there were 2 nominations.  
Thomas Boxall for Vice President.  
Shaun Herron for Director.

#### **4.1.2.Call for Nominations from the floor**

There are no nominations from the floor.

#### **4.1.3.Motion: Cease Nominations**

Moved by Fred Buschau  
Seconded by Darrell Getz  
None opposed, motion carried.

#### **4.1.4.Election**

#### **Motion: To Nominate the Members to the Board:**

No additional nominations.  
Moved by Brenda Byers  
Seconded by Fred Buschau  
None opposed, motion carried.



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#### **4.2. Introduction of the Board**

Roundtable introduction of board members in attendance.

Janice Muir, President

Thomas Boxall, Vice-President

Derek Risling, Past President

Bev Gooding, Registrar

Tiffany Simister, Secretary

TBD, Treasurer

Shane Ridgway, Director

Atul Varde, Director

Yashu Bither, Director

Will Craddock, Director

Om Agrawal, Director

Ryan Francis, Director

Shaun Herron, Director

Myrna Williams, Director Public Appointed

#### **4.3. Thank Outgoing Board Members**

Darren Davis

Dean Hartley

### **5. Recognition**

#### **5.1. New I.S.P.'s**

Om Agrawal

Travis Klassen

Trent Lowes

Dawn Thomas

Travis Weber

Ryan Wilson

#### **5.2. New Candidate Members**

Howard Robinson

Justin Stage

Bally Uppal

### **6. Upcoming Program Events**

Starting the planning for the upcoming year.

We have a lot of openings in Saskatoon or Regina for members interested in volunteering on the program committee. There are openings for program heads in both Regina and Saskatoon.



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- October
  - Dwight Kayto, Art of Change, Title: A look at the importance of the Service Lifecycle. Event on October 9<sup>th</sup> to be held in Regina.
- November
  - IT Professionalism week.
- December
  - In partnership with U of R, Computer Science Department a luncheon will be held the first week of December.

## 7. Questions/Discussion Arising from the Floor

7.1. Is the profit listed on the financial statements due to not holding the spring seminar?

- The change is due to the amount of hours we have given Maria and by reducing those hours.

7.2. Brenda is the National Chair and provided an update. CIPS National is not in a healthy financial situation and is digging in to create a financial sustainment plan. Two proposals for funding were submitted to the government for certification and a new career plan. We are hoping to get notification and be awarded that work in November from the government. The assistance for implementation and for making the career path and certification programs and pushing these programs out is where the provinces will be involved. Looking for assistance from the provinces for a half or full time placement of a professional development coordinator around product delivery.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month National has an open call if you are interested in an update. The hope is when the invite goes out to Janice Muir that the invite is extended to the board and all CIPS members.

7.3. Request for an update on the spring seminar.

- The seminar was a big point of discussion at the board retreat in the spring. The first reason was around resourcing and the second was to realign offerings with IT professional week. Wanted a staged approach to offer something during IT professional week and again in 2014.

## 8. Adjournment

**8.1. Motion: To Adjourn the AGM (12:32)**

Moved by Ryan Francis

Seconded by Darrell Getz

None opposed, motion carried.