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**Food Secure Canada / Réseau pour une alimentation durable  
 Annual General Meeting Minutes    November 4, 2018 2:30 pm EST  
 Location: Concordia University MB Building 1616 Saint-Catherine St W, Montreal,**

Board Members in Attendance: Kristina Craig, Wendy Roscoe, Mary Lou Morgan, Nancy Neamtan, Julie Price, Satya Ramen, Susan Roberts, Ryan Turnbull, Susanna Klassen

Staff: Diana Bronson

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Motion</b>
● <b>Call to order</b>		Called to order 2:43 EST
● <b>Notice of meeting</b>		October 11, 2018
● <b>Note taker</b>		Susan Roberts note taker
● <b>Establishment of quorum</b>		Have quorum of 47.
● <b>Voting procedure and explanation of consensus</b>		You can support, step aside or Block. Three attempts by the chair to reach consensus
● <b>Adoption of Agenda</b>		M/S Eric Charrette Ryan Turnball Carried
● <b>Adoption of Minutes of AGM of 2017</b>		M/S Wendy Roscoe Kristina Craig Carried
● <b>Report from the Chair: Mary Lou Morgan</b>	Mary Lou highlighted FSC accomplishments for this year.	See <a href="#">Chair’s report attached</a> (Appendix 1).
● <b>Report from the ED Diana Bronson</b>	Diana Bronson gave a verbal report.	Diana’s comments reflected her dismay at the boycott of the Assembly’s last day. She included a heartfelt thank you to all the staff who organized the biggest Assembly FSC has ever hosted, with a strong program. Diana reported her pride in the accomplishments of FSC over the past year including the involvement of FSC on

		the development of the National Food Policy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report from the Treasurer Wendy Roscoe</li> </ul>	<p><b>Treasurer's report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of Audited Financial Statements for FY Sept 1 2016 to Aug 31, 2017</li> <li>Review of budget for FY Sept 1, 2018 to Aug 31, 2019</li> <li>Appointment of auditor for Sept 1 2018 to Aug 31 2019</li> </ul>	<p>Auditors report. Everything is fine! Balance sheet shows assets are high but this is because of the Assembly this year. Assets are almost the same as previous balance sheet. Revenue \$715,000 + \$288,000 from 2016 assembly. Profit for assembly was \$84,000 We need more funding to have coverage every year Exp.\$720,000 2017 WE move to accept Financial Statement M/S Mary Lou Morgan. Nancy Neamtan. Carried</p> <p>Year end statement 2018 Income \$633,000 expenses \$344,000... Good difference because we had some grants. Timing of cash inflow was better this year.</p> <p>Year end 2019 we will have Income of \$800,000 expenses \$788,000. Surplus of \$22,000.</p> <p>We move to appoint auditor for period noted M/S Hugo Martell Jen Pfenning Carried</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satya Ramen Nominations Committee Chair - Election of Board members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of new Board of Directors</li> </ul>	<p>A question was raised about inclusion of farm voice on the slate. Satya thanked audience for the question and explained backgrounds of those nominated.</p> <p>Be it Resolved we accept the slate of FSC Board of Directors (<a href="#">see Appendix 2</a>)</p> <p>M/S Anne Marie Aubert / Anna Paskal Carried</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed Bylaw amendment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed Bylaw amendment (to increase maximum number of board members to 15) Satya Ramen</li> </ul>	<p>Outgoing members were thanked for their work: Mary Lou Morgan, Susan Roberts, Paul Taylor, Joseph Leblanc, Joan Brady</p> <p>Be it resolved to increase the maximum number of board members to 15. The board will submit a proposal to change accompanying and necessary By Laws and Articles of Incorporation</p> <p>M/S Susanna Klassen/ Ryan Turnbull Carried</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue raised from the floor</li> </ul>	<p>Samantha Matthew was invited to the front by ML Morgan</p>	<p>Samantha Matthew’s comments included that the structure of the Food System has injustices that we need to address. She said: “There is a tokenizing of Indigenous people and we need to move beyond and stop giving little space. Need to talk more. Thank you!</p> <p>Mustafa Koc responded from the floor and commented that the theme was “Working together” at the very first Assembly. We have to learn to work together and hear each others’ pain and voice. Make circle larger and stronger. Thank you to Samantha!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjournment of meeting</li> </ul>	<p>Adjourned at 3:41</p>	<p>M/S Kristina Craig/Mustafa Koc Carried</p>

## Version française

### Food Secure Canada / Réseau pour une alimentation durable

Procès-verbal, Assemblée générale annuelle 4 novembre 2018 14:30 pm EST

Emplacement : Université Concordia Édifice MB 1616, rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, Montréal,

Présence des membres du Conseil d'administration : Kristina Craig, Wendy Roscoe, Mary Lou Morgan, Nancy Neamtan, Julie Price, Satya Ramen, Susan Roberts, Ryan Turnbull, Susanna Klassen

Employée présente: Diana Bronson

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Motion</b>
• <b>Ouverture de la séance</b>		Ouverture de la séance à 14:43 EST
• <b>Avis de convocation</b>		11 octobre, 2018
• <b>Preneur de note</b>		Susan Roberts preneuse de note
• <b>Établissement du quorum</b>		Le quorum est constaté à 47 membres.
• <b>Procédure de vote et explication du consensus</b>		Possibilité d'appuyer, de se retirer ou de s'opposer. La présidente effectue trois tentatives pour avoir consensus.
• <b>Adoption de l'ordre du jour</b>		Proposée et appuyée par Eric Charrette Ryan Turnbull Adoptée
• <b>Adoption du procès-verbal de l'AGA de 2017</b>		Proposée et appuyée par Wendy Roscoe Kristina Craig Adoptée
• <b>Rapport de la présidente : Mary Lou Morgan</b>	Mary Lou a souligné les réalisations du RAD pour cette année	Voir le rapport de la présidente en <a href="#">annexe 1</a> (en anglais).
• <b>Rapport de la directrice générale Diana Bronson</b>	Diana Bronson a fait un rapport verbal.	Les commentaires de Diana reflètent sa consternation face au boycott de la dernière journée de l'Assemblée. Elle a inclus un remerciement sincère à tout le personnel qui a organisé la plus grande Assemblée que le RAD ait jamais accueillie, avec un programme solide.

		Diana a fait part de sa fierté à l'égard des réalisations du RAD au cours de la dernière année, y compris la participation du RAD à l'élaboration de la politique alimentaire nationale.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rapport de la trésorière Wendy Roscoe</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rapport de la trésorière</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption des états financiers vérifiés pour l'AF du 1er septembre 2016 au 31 août 2017</li> <li>Examen du budget pour l'AF du 1er septembre 2018 au 31 août 2019</li> <li>Nomination du vérificateur pour la période du 1er septembre 2018 au 31 août 2019</li> </ul>	<p>Rapport des vérificateurs. Tout va très bien ! Le bilan montre que l'actif est élevé, mais c'est à cause de l'Assemblée cette année. L'actif est presque le même que dans le bilan précédent. Revenus 715 000 \$ et plus 288 000 \$ provenant de l'assemblée 2016. Le bénéfice pour l'assemblée était de 84 000 \$. Nous avons besoin de plus de fonds pour avoir une couverture chaque année Dépenses 720 000 \$ en 2017 NOUS procédons à l'adoption des états financiers. Proposée et appuyée par Mary Lou Lou Morgan Nancy Neamtan Adoptée</p> <p>États financiers de fin d'exercice 2018 Revenus 633 000\$, dépenses 344 000\$ Bonne différence parce que nous avons quelques subventions. Le moment des rentrées de fonds a été mieux choisi cette année.</p> <p>Fin d'exercice 2019, nous aurons un revenu de 800 000 \$ et des dépenses de 788 000 \$. Excédent de 22 000 \$.</p> <p>Nous proposons de nommer un vérificateur pour la période indiquée.</p> <p>Proposée et appuyée par Hugo Martell Jen Pfenning Adoptée</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satya Ramen Présidente du Comité des nominations - Élection des membres du Conseil d'administration</li> <li>• Amendement proposé aux règlements administratifs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Élection du nouveau conseil d'administratio n</li> <li>• Satya Ramen - Proposition de modification des statuts (pour porter à 15 le nombre maximum de membres du conseil d'administratio n)</li> </ul>	<p>Une question a été soulevée au sujet de l'inclusion de la voix des agriculteurs sur la liste. Satya remercie l'auditoire de sa question et explique les antécédents des personnes proposées.</p> <p>Il est résolu que nous acceptons la liste des membres du conseil d'administration du RAD (voir annexe 2)</p> <p>Proposée et appuyée par Anne Marie Aubert Anna Paskal Adoptée</p> <p>On remercie les membres sortants pour leur travail : Mary Lou Morgan, Susan Roberts, Paul Taylor, Joseph Leblanc, Joan Brady</p> <p>Qu'il soit résolu d'augmenter le nombre maximum de membres du conseil d'administration à 15. Le conseil d'administration soumettra une proposition de modification des statuts d'accompagnement et des statuts nécessaires.</p> <p>Proposée et appuyée par Susanna Klassen Ryan Turnbull Adoptée</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question soulevée par l'auditoire</li> </ul>	<p>Samantha Matthew a été invitée à venir à l'avant par ML Morgan</p>	<p>Samantha Matthew a notamment déclaré que la structure du système alimentaire comporte des injustices auxquelles nous devons remédier. Elle a dit : "Il y a une symbolisation des peuples autochtones et nous devons aller plus loin et cesser de donner peu de place. D'autres discussions sont nécessaires. Je vous remercie !</p> <p>Mustafa Koc a répondu de l'assemblée et a commenté que le thème était "Travailler ensemble" lors de la toute première</p>

		Assemblée. Nous devons apprendre à travailler ensemble et à entendre la douleur et la voix des autres. Faire un cercle de plus en plus grand et plus fort. Merci à Samantha !
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Levée de la séance</li> </ul>	La séance est levée à 15 h 41	Proposée et appuyée par Kristina Craig Mustafa Koc Adoptée

## Appendix 1 - Chair's reflections for New Board on Monday November 4th, 2018

I really enjoyed the last two years on the Board of Food Secure Canada, especially the last year as Chair. I see patterns of growth and struggle being repeated here that I saw in my business life and in my nonprofit work. If I think of FSC as a business, it is one that has not broken even yet. If I think of FSC as a person I would have to say it is in its teenage years on the verge of adulthood.

I thank the staff for being so passionate and committed. They are punching above their weight especially in this year leading up to the Assembly where they are all playing multiple roles. Currently in addition to the role of ED Diana is supervising 16 projects and the Assembly planning. This path is not sustainable, and a rethink of the staffing structure is imperative. The new Strategic plan needs to match what is possible with our financial resources.

FSC needs funding not always tied to taking on new projects. Applications are out to request "no strings attached" funding and in 2019 we should hear that FSC is approved by CRA for a charitable tax number. The People's Food Institute has a goal of raising \$50,000 over the coming year and in the long run will provide a buffer for the organization.

Diana, the first paid director, carried out the strategic plan 2016-2020 as directed. It was exciting to watch Diana speak to and challenge the corporate sector and be asked to participate in the government dialogue to break down silo thinking and merge ideas of health, environment, sustainable agriculture and food justice. We know that the government heard us as we see our words and ideas in the **What We Heard Report** but we don't know where that will land. There is of course the dominant version of food and agriculture as noted in the Barton report, one which is export focused, high on technology and one that promotes the bigger is better mantra. Our version is different. Our vision is still one of food sovereignty.

There are historical tensions in our work which I was very aware of. In the last two years after much angst we accepted money from the corporate sector and we invested heavily in advocacy and policy change work at the federal level. Now in **Vision 20/20: A National conversation about Food Security** we are challenging grass roots organizations across Canada to work together to do together what we cannot do alone. I believe that FSC can work on both ends of this spectrum, at the kitchen table and at the cabinet table.

The question is how can we all help FSC grow its constituency and coordinate a strategy for change? Grassroots groups all over the world are using food as a rallying point for building a better more inclusive society -how can FSC harness this Canadian energy? The Assembly has reminded us that there is lots of energy, new ideas and new voices.

Roger Martin, former Dean of the Rotman School of Management, in the forward to Jack Quarter's book *Social Economy, a Canadian perspective* says, "The social economy has always been with us; for as long as there have been government and for profit businesses there have been people who have sought to advance the broad prosperity of our society from the peripheries of these two behemoths. These people... recognize a pressing social need to work diligently to address it outside of the standard strictures of business and government. They are driven by a recognition that there is some necessary work that government and business are not equipped or inclined to do effectively. The true impact of our sector and its impact on society is largely hidden. It needs to be recognized for its size, its economic importance, its social impact and its unique connection to society."

As a young woman I started working in the food movement in 1972 and feel my role at FSC was a satisfying dénouement. I would like to thank the Board members for their attention, commitment and friendship over the last year. Mary Lou Morgan.



## **Appendix 2 / Annexe 2**

### **Proposed Board Slate 2018-19 / Conseil d'administration proposé 2018-19 New Board Members / Nouveaux membres**

Larry McDermott

Jessica McLaughin

Melana Roberts

Bibiana Virguez

### **Returning Board Members / Membres en cours de mandat**

Kristina Craig

Susanna Klassen

Nancy Neamtan

Julie Price

Satya Ramen

Wendy Roscoe

Ryan Turnbull