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2021 FSC Annual General Meeting

January 27, 2022

5 pm Eastern Standard Time via ZOOM

Board members in attendance: Melana Roberts, Kristina Craig, Ashley Jean-Marie, Nancy Neamtan, Susanna Klassen, Larry McDermott, Naomi Robert, Vanessa Girard Tremblay and Rob Moquin

Staff: Gisèle Yasmeen, Executive Director + Amelie Levesque-Martel, Susan Alexander, Gustave Le, Juliette Clochard

Decision	Details/Discussion	Agenda
	Welcome by Executive Director, Gisèle Yasmeen and minute of silence to acknowledge discovery of 93 potential burial sites of Indigenous children in Williams Lake	Welcome
	Elder Kenneth Atsenhaienton of Kahnawa:ke provided opening reflections and grounding for the meeting ahead.	Introductory remarks
Call to order at 5:35 pm (EST)	The chair, Melana Roberts, called the meeting to order.	Call to order
Kristina Craig is appointed minute taker	The chair appointed the secretary as the minute taker.	Appointment of Minute Taker
	As per FSC bylaws, official notice of the member's meeting was given on December 16th, 2021 to all eligible members with a reminder sent on January 4th, 2022. Documents including the draft minutes of the	Notice of meeting

	2020 (2021) AGM, the audited financial statements for FY 2020/21 and the proposed slate of new Board of Directors were provided to all members on January 21, 2022	
Quorum established	27 voting members present; quorum is 11.	Establishment of quorum
	Explanation of voting procedure by consensus decision making as per Bylaw 4.21. As the meeting is occurring online, Juliette Clochard presented use and etiquette prior to welcome.	Voting procedure and explanation of consensus
M/S - Rob Moquin/Susanna Klassen; CARRIED	Motion : "BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the draft agenda as proposed."	Adoption of agenda
M/S - Naomi Robert/Eric Chaurette; CARRIED	Motion: "BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of January 2020 Annual General Meeting"	Adoption of 2020 AGM minutes
For information	Melana Roberts provided a verbal report that included an update of the last year and excitement about the year ahead. She spoke about the adoption of the Strategic Plan, a desire to work in ethical space and the adoption of a Basis of Unity document with the People's Food Institute. Melana closed by thanking Executive Director Gisèle Yasmeen for her work with FSC as well as outgoing Board members and the dedicated staff of FSC.	Report from the Chair
For information	Gisèle Yasmeen provided an oral report focused on the achievements of the team in 2021, despite the Covid-19 pandemic, and the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in 2022. Gisèle thanked all those she had collaborated with over the course of her time with FSC.	Report from the Executive Director
M/S - Rob Moquin/Vanessa Girard-Tremblay; CARRIED	Ashley Jean-Marie presented highlights and challenges for the FY ending on August 31, 2021. The following motions were presented: Motion: "BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the audited financial statements for Fiscal Year September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● audited financial statements for FY September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 	Report from the Treasurer

<p>M/S - Mustafa Koh/Eric Chaurette; CARRIED</p> <p>For information only</p>	<p>Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that Christopher Schreindorfer, CPA, CA be appointed the auditor of the Corporation to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of the members or until his successors are appointed.”</p> <p>Review budget for the current year ending August 31, 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projected revenues for this fiscal year of approximately 634K, a significant amount coming from the Sustainable Development Goals project. -Projected expenses of \$639K with salaries being more than half of the expense. A small \$5,000 deficit is planned. - Success in fundraising for the Coalition for Healthy School Food and partnering with the People’s Food Institute was highlighted 	
<p>M/S - Ashley Jean-Marie/Nancy Neamtan; CARRIED</p>	<p>Susanna Klassen and Naomi Robert, co-chairs of the Nominations Committee, provided an overview of the process. Proposed Board slate was presented, see Appendix A</p> <p>Motion :</p> <p>“BE IT RESOLVED that Steve Wilson, Wendie L. Wilson, Nathalie Vengal and Celia Luo be appointed to the board for a term ending in the year 2024-25, that Melana Roberts be re-appointed to the board for a term ending in 2022-23 and that Larry McDermott be re-appointed to the board for a term ending in 2024-25.</p> <p>Melana extended congratulations and thank you’s to outgoing Board members Susanna Klassen and Jess McLaughlin</p>	<p>Election of new Board of Directors</p>
<p>M/S - Susanna Klassen/Larry McDermott; CARRIED: Mtg formally adjourned at 4:45 pm EST</p>	<p>Motion: “BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting is adjourned.”</p>	<p>Adjournment of meeting</p>

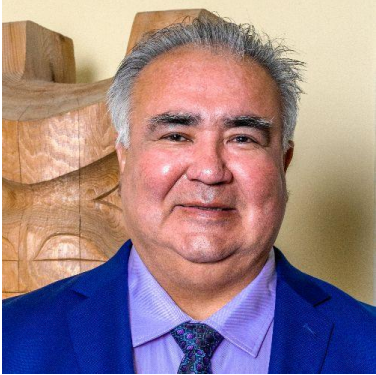

Appendix A

Proposed Board Slate

Thank you to all of you who have participated in the nominations process for the constitution of the new Board of Directors of Food Secure Canada.

The nominations committee proposed the following slate of new and returning board members, which was approved by the current Board of Directors. Members shall, by ordinary resolution at the January 27th meeting, elect Directors to hold office for terms of three (3) years or less, as proposed by the Board.

Proposed slate of new Directors including two renewals

	<p>Steve Wilson</p> <p>Dux la ha is Steve's Haisla name. He has over 25 years of leadership experience in the environment, elected chief and council roles, business ownership, and band administration.</p> <p>He has a Master's Certificate in Project Management as well as a Master's Degree in Business Administration.</p> <p>His work involves developing strategies for risk management by blending traditional knowledge (TK) and Project Management (PM) through Integrated Project Delivery. He uses collaborative partnerships to create cost-effective and efficient trades and management training for First Nations.</p>
	<p>Wendie L. Wilson</p> <p>Wendie L. Wilson is a mother, educator, artist and writer. Born and raised in Kijipuktuk (Halifax), Wendie is a descendant of African Nova Scotians who have had history in the province for 400+ years. She has a keen interest in documenting the food history of this distinct cultural group and collecting the narratives connected to Canada's oldest Black cuisine. Wendie is dedicated to elevating the profile of the community and sharing their culture with others. Utilizing her Masters in Africentric Leadership has allowed her to view situations through an African-centered lens.</p>

Wendie grew up in one of the largest public housing projects in Nova Scotia and experienced firsthand the effects of food insecurity and how food is directly connected to an innate sense of well-being on multiple levels. Throughout her 20 years as an educator in the public school system, Wendie has witnessed the impact food has on learning. Eliminating both visible and invisible barriers to healthy, fresh and local food through access to community gardens has been her most recent passion.

As a co-founder of the African Nova Scotian Freedom School, she is dedicated to contextualizing the history and culture of African Nova Scotians and making it accessible to those that it impacts, believing that education is the great equalizer. As a member of the Coalition for Healthy School Food Advisory in NS, she is invested in seeing a Canada-wide school food program implemented as a part of the educational path to equality.



Nathalie Vengal

Nathalie is a food security and labour rights activist who works as a National Representative and the Chair of the Young Workers Committee at the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW Canada). In 2016, Nathalie founded the first youth-led food bank in the city of Toronto, which still operates today and is dedicated to serving the Latin community and hundreds of individuals, youth and families from equity-deserving groups. In her spare time, she works diligently with non-profit organizations and the municipal government in Toronto to address food insecurity and food policy.



Jingyi (Celia) Luo

Working on reserve with the Stoney Nakoda people as a community dietitian in Treaty 7 AB, Celia is a relatively new settler learning to be a better guest on this land. Celia's involvement with food started with student hunger awareness on campus in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Mi'kmaki. Along the way, she worked with students, newcomers, and refugees in community gardens, urban agriculture projects, and community kitchens, and advocated for cultural food security through local food policy and food literacy programming. At her current professional level, she walks alongside the community on a food security journey by improving healthy food access, building local food infrastructure, and supporting healthy food skills education. She hopes to follow the pillars of indigenous food sovereignty and to build a healthy, just, and sustainable local food system in a rural Alberta community. She is committed to supporting food justice principles and

	<p>is interested in using her knowledge in food science and health to create spaces and activities which promote a local food landscape that reduces both physical food miles and social distance.</p>
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Re-election of Board Members



Melana Roberts (One year)

Melana Roberts is a federal and municipal food policy strategist and food justice advocate based in Toronto. Committed to building a more equitable food system, Melana brings an anti-racist, intersectional approach to her work and focuses on community driven solutions that democratize food systems governance, prioritizes access and equity, and drives inclusive economic development. Currently undertaking the creation of North America's first municipal Black Food Sovereignty Plan at the City of Toronto, she brings experience in local procurement, student nutrition, urban agriculture and emergency food planning. Melana has worked collaboratively with diverse food actors, volunteering on Boards, Councils, and in international fora. Recently elected as Canada's United Nations Civil Society Delegate for the CPD53, she provided expert advice on global emergency food responses during COVID-19. She has been a member of the Toronto Food Policy Council, is the former Chair of the Toronto Youth Food Policy Council, and serves as Chair of Food Secure Canada. Melana is a founding member of the Black Food Sovereignty Alliance, has participated on the Farmers For Climate Solutions' Task Force, and sits on the Leaders Table of the national Food Communities Network, Canada's first municipal food network. Passionate about building resilient regional food economies, she's a Director at Carrot Cache, a philanthropic foundation supporting food systems in Ontario, and has acted as a Grants Advisor to the Ivey Foundation. In 2020, Melana became an Action Canada Fellow, leading policy research to advance sustainability, equity and diversity in Canada's agricultural workforce, and was named a CBC Next 10 Leader, shaping the future of food in Canada.



Larry McDermott (3-years)

A member of Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation, Larry McDermott served as an Ontario municipal politician for 28 years including as the first national rural chair of FCM.

He is currently Executive Director of Plenty Canada, a non-profit organization devoted to environmental protection and healthy communities, and Co-chair of the Canadian Environmental Network Biodiversity Caucus. He also serves as a commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Continuing Board Members for information



Ashley Jean-Marie

Ashley is the founder of Nestor’s Lab, a management consulting practice. Previously, he was a member of the Canadian foreign service, where he helped manage trade and economic relations between Canada and markets such as Japan and China. He also served as a Canadian diplomat in India and occupied various finance/accounting manager positions at several federal departments. Ashley holds an MBA from the University of Ottawa, a Bachelor of Commerce from HEC Montréal, and passed professional accounting and investment exams including the Canadian Securities Course (CSC). He also holds a Certified International Trade Professional (CITP) designation.



Kristina Craig

As Coordinator of Yukon Anti Poverty Coalition (YAPC) , Kristina works to fulfill the organization's mandate of facilitating the elimination of poverty in Yukon through education, advocacy and action. Areas of interest and knowledge include income assistance, housing and food security.

Kristina’s broad social justice, community animation and northern experiences are assets to the board. Her understanding of strategic planning and her strong environmental commitments and expertise are vital as the FSC Board moves forward in supporting and developing food related policies around these challenges. All these along with Kristina’s non-profit and fundraising experiences are useful as the FSC board builds momentum across the nation and with its counterpart regional networks toward a National Food Policy in Canada.



Ilham Saydna

Born and raised in post-colonial Sudan in Africa, Ilham experienced food insecurity and hunger first hand. Before immigrating to Canada in 1997, Ilham worked in Sudan and Yemen, forming collectives to help women farmers to fight drought, land grab and social injustices. In Canada, Ilham works for Daily Bread Food Bank as a Community Engagement Coordinator to increase community food access and facilitate knowledge generation and sharing. She created support groups for Sudanese refugees arriving in Canada.

Ilham holds a masters degree in Gender and Food Security from York University, Women in Development Diploma and Bachelor in Agricultural Sciences. She is trained in Popular Education approaches & techniques.



Nancy Neamtan

Nancy Neamtan is a Strategic Advisor at TIESS (Territoires innovants en économie sociale et solidaire), a social innovation liaison and transfer centre for the Chantier de l'économie sociale Trust. She was one of the founders of the Chantier de l'économie sociale and its Executive Director from 1996 to 2015. As Executive Director of the Chantier, a non-profit organization representing networks of social enterprises (cooperatives and non-profits), local development organizations and social movements whose mission is the promotion and development of collective entrepreneurship, Nancy helped create new financial tools for collective enterprises (RISQ and the Chantier Trust), co-chaired the Social Economy Community–University Research Partnership from 2001 to 2011, and participated in creating and leading international social and solidarity economy networks.


Nancy is recognized internationally as an expert on the social and solidarity economy, working in collaboration with international organizations such as the International Labour Organization and the OCDE's Forum on social innovation. She is a member of the Board of Directions of RIPESS, the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social and Solidarity Economy. Nancy led the Corporation for Economic and Social Renewal of South-West Montréal (1989-1996) after holding a variety of roles in local development and community organizations. She holds two honorary doctorates and is an Officer of the National Order of Québec.



Naomi Robert

Naomi has a deep appreciation for how food can forge connections between individuals, communities, and land. Her work has allowed her to engage with the food system in several meaningful ways, including organizing food access projects with vulnerable communities in the non-profit sector in Québec, volunteering on organic farms, and coordinating food system research and extension projects as a bridge between academic and community initiatives. She is a settler on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish people (known as Vancouver, BC) and is grateful to live and work on these lands.

In her current professional capacity in BC, she is dedicated to the development of research and extension resources to connect academic and community food systems work, with a focus on local government food and agricultural land policy. Naomi is particularly interested in the overlapping jurisdictions of food policy between local, provincial and

	<p>federal levels, and working across these to drive more just and resilient food systems in Canada. Naomi is a Professional Agrologist with the BC Institute of Agrologists, practicing in research, transfer and application, and a working group member of the Vancouver Food Policy Council.</p> <p>Naomi is looking forward to applying her non-profit, academic and extension food system experiences to the research and advocacy roles at FSC. Naomi brings an understanding of the Canadian food policy landscape, an interest in its divisions across jurisdictions, familiarity with local government planning processes, and experience developing communication tools for disseminating food systems knowledge across diverse audiences.</p>
 A portrait of Rob Moquin, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a pink button-down shirt. He is standing in front of a garden with orange flowers and green foliage.	<p>Rob Moquin</p> <p>Rob is a settler Canadian with Franco-Manitoban and Acadian roots. He was born and raised and currently lives in Winnipeg, in Treaty 1 Territory. Rob has a unique skill set and well-rounded background in the food movement, including experience working in locally-sourced cuisine, community food security programs, non-profit management, food systems research and public policy analysis. In his current role as Policy Director and Acting Executive Director of Food Matters Manitoba, Rob works with local governments, organizations, civil society, and community members to develop and sustain initiatives that enhance food security throughout Manitoba.</p> <p>Rob brings a strong policy lens to Food Secure Canada. For the past decade he has been working on projects that engage multi-sector stakeholders in food systems assessment, planning, and program development, using best available evidence and participatory design. Rob has co-authored community-based municipal and provincial food security strategies, facilitated food asset mapping projects in urban and rural communities, and has been a key informant in the development of food councils in Winnipeg and Brandon. Rob values equity and inclusion, and advocates for decolonizing, anti-oppressive, and body-positive approaches to food security work.</p>



Yasmine Hassen

Yasmine (she/they) is a settler with Afro-Caribbean ancestry on her mother's side and Ethiopian ancestry on her father's side, who lives as an uninvited guest on traditional territories of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and The Wendat Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Yasmine stands in solitary with Wet'suwet'en land defenders and water protectors. Yasmine is a community organizer, rooted in decolonial approaches in bridging the gaps and finding the intersections between diaspora(s), personhood, anti-racism, feminism, Indigenous sovereignty, and climate justice. At the root of their justice work is Indigenous and Black food sovereignty and political education. They enjoy gardening and it is something that they hold close to their heart, due to their ancestral roots within it. They believe food growth is something that many Black and Indigenous folx embody through their ancestral knowledge. With this personal education on growing food and the community care that comes with it, they hope to be able to continue to learn from and pass on this knowledge so that BIPOC folx can continue to reclaim our food sources and therefore start to regain our sovereignty. Beyond that, she tried to hold a practice of reflection, ecologies of care, and a love-ethic.



Vanessa Girard Tremblay

Vanessa is currently co-director at Carrefour Alimentaire Centre-Sud in Montreal where, alongside her passionate team, she works to increase accessibility to fresh, healthy and local food for all through several innovative programs. She has a degree in international relations and international law, as well as a certificate in feminist studies, but currently, all of her energy is focused on the right to food. From facilitation of cooking workshops, the establishment of a food bank based on choice and the dignity of its members, to the development of a pay-what-you-can fruit and vegetable market, Vanessa's experience on the ground has allowed her to understand the power of food and the links it can create. Today, she is particularly interested in building inclusive and horizontal work spaces where everyone can thrive while also respecting their limits.



Cyra Yunkws

Living as a settler in the traditional territories of the Sinixt, Ktunaxa, Syilx, and Secwepemc (also known as the Kootenays), Cyra and her

family are immersed in growing as much food as possible. Her love of food and respect for the cultural significance of sharing food stems from her Gitksan husband's culture in northern BC and the back-to-the-land approach of her own parents. This was followed by an apprenticeship on two organic farms on Vancouver Island, and a stint managing a communal garden in the Kootenays. Both grounded her experience quite literally in the soil.

Cyra sees the impact that policy has, and is deeply driven to improve the lives of future generations by rethinking the policies of today. She sees a need to ground food policies in the reality of growing food, the complexities of soil and ecosystems health. To this work, she brings her experience in governance, non-profits, organic farming, community-organizing and a commitment to collaboration.