

# Nexus Meeting Minutes

Oct 30, 2023

**Present:** Celina Lessard - President, Keith Johnson - Vice President, Sam Ryder - Secretary  
Treasurer

**Absent with Regrets:**

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**Guests:** Greg Pratt

1. Call to order: 12:32PM

2. Agenda additions

N/A

3. Approve previous meeting minutes

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Unanimous Approval

4. Cheque Approvals and E-transfer amount approvals

Celina hasn't been able to approve the cheques and E-transfers for this period. All cheques and E-transfers for this period will be addressed at the next board meeting.

5. Referendum Results

The proposed referendum was not approved. The referendum got 48% of the needed 51% of the vote. In order to pass, the referendum would've needed 18 more student votes.

6. Post-Referendum CCSS Discussions

There is no mandatory waiting period between referendum proposals. Greg has spoken to the CCSS and been advised against re-trying in the upcoming April vote, and instead waiting until the October vote next year. Greg agrees with this on the basis that asking for two referendums in such a short period of time would look bad to students.

Currently Nexus Newspaper is projected to end the year with a \$15,000 loss. Nexus ended last year with a similar deficit. This loss can be covered by Nexus' savings, but if this trend continues Nexus will run out of money in the next few years.

Michelle at the CCSS has offered to propose to the CCSS board that they give Nexus a one time payment amounting to what would've been brought in by the referendum (roughly \$15,000

to \$20,000) in exchange for publishing a series of sponsored articles. The articles wouldn't feature any political content and would focus on Camosun health and wellness issues. The Nexus Newspaper board will have a more in-depth discussion on the topic if the CCSS board agrees with Michelle's proposal.

Greg is planning to propose several cost-cutting measures that would be implemented in April of this year, should we be able to get the money from the CCSS. These measures include:

- Not replacing our current staff writer for a year following their departure.
- Cutting back student editor hours from 14 hours to 10 hours a week.
- Going down to one print issue per month year round.\*
- Lowering the quantity of issues printed per printing.\*\*
- Using cheaper paper and newsprint.\*\*

\*Because the separation agreement with the CCSS requires Nexus to publish 18 issues per calendar year, in order to decrease printings to one issue per month we'd have to discuss the change with them beforehand.

\*\*These measures are being implemented on a trial basis for the upcoming issue.

Greg will send a more detailed email on these cost saving measures to the board. These changes will be formally voted on at later meetings.

#### 7. Christmas Party Location

Aramark (the college's contracted food services company) has agreed to host the Nexus Newspaper Christmas Party in exchange for two full page color advertisements. This plan is currently awaiting Camosun College's approval.

Greg left the meeting.

#### 8. New Board Member Plan

Celina has received no responses from Greg's email blasts to volunteers and will send out another email blast. Sam suggested putting an advertisement in the Nexus paper to attract board members, Celina will follow-up on this with Greg.

#### 9. Adjourn: 12:58PM