

CIELAP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

145 King Street West
PricewaterHouseCoopers
Toronto, Ontario
Tuesday, November 13, 1999

Minutes

1. Welcome

Dr. David Powell, Chair, welcomed everyone to the AGM. David Powell requested the Chief Guest, Hon. Minister of Environment, Mr. Tony Clement to say a few words. The minister thanked and applauded the work of CIELAP. He felt that CIELAP is an important function for the Minister as well as the Ministry. He emphasized that the next two or three years will witness a substantial progress in terms of improving Ontario's environmental quality. He cautioned against media's tendency to create antagonism between the ministry and NGO's but felt that instead of being adversarial we all can work together and leave behind the legacy for future generations.

Following the Minister's brief speech, there was a question-answer session. The Minister addressed the rumor that there will be further budget cuts. Without divulging any details he assured everyone that we are in for a pleasant surprise.

2. Introductions

After the minister left each guest briefly introduced him/herself.

3. Minutes of last year's AGM

Motion: To adopt the last year's minutes.

Marjorie Lamb moved, Julia Ingmar seconded.

4. Report on past year's activities

Anne Mitchell, Executive Director, CIELAP, talked about last year's activities. She talked about the vision of CIELAP in which basic human rights include the provision of a safe and healthy environment. She highlighted the various projects CIELAP has undertaken in the past year.

She thanked the staff, volunteers, individuals, corporations and organizations for their help and cooperation. The outgoing staff, Greg Jenish, Project officer and Jan Rabantek, were thanked for their contribution.

5. Presentation of Audited financial statements

Bryan Graham, Auditor, PWC, presented the financial statement (*see CIELAP Financial Statement, June 30, 1998*). He commended CIELAP for being well-positioned in terms of internal accounting. During the past year the volume of activity has increased considerably but we are facing a deficit of \$ 43,000. There is a lot of competition in the market for getting funding. He stressed that everyone has to work hard to address the deficit.

6. Appointment of auditors for 1999/2000

PricewaterhouseCoopers were nominated
Teresa moved, Julia Langer seconded

7. Introduction of Board Members

It was proposed that the current board members should continue as board members for the year 1999/2000. CIELAP's nomination to the board: Miscael Gressmann, Don Kerr, Murray Klippenstein, Marjorie Lamb, Julia Langer, Sally Leppard, Doug Macdonald, Cyrus Mavalwala, Farhana Mather, Theresa McClenaghan, David Powell, Peter
Moved by Don Kerr, seconded by Peter Victor.

8. CIELAP's goals and plans for 99/00

Anne talked about the programs of CIELAP and the 5 year and 1 year operating plan.
Mark Winfield briefly talked about the 4 strategic themes CIELAP staff is pursuing:

- Ontario project- Report on 5th common Sense Revolution
- 4th Edition of Environment on Trial
- pollution consumption and Waste
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Jack Gibbons
Romila Verma
Sara Bjorquist

Vote of thanks to the staff of CIELAP from Peter Victor.

CIELAP does not have a Canadian focus, it is more focussed on the problem of Ontario.
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