



**CANADIAN REIKI ASSOCIATION**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Bonnie Smith calls the meeting to order at 1:07 PM, EST

**INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD**

Bonnie Smith            President  
Alain Richard           Director and French Website Translator  
Jodie Whitley           Executive Assistant

**ABSENT**

Alice Creighton       Vice- President        (Relocating out of Province)  
Teresa Canoza          Director                (Resigned)

**Motion to continue today's AGM electronically and, if necessary, future AGM's**

Sonya Roy brought the motion to the floor

Niki Klein seconded the motion

Discussion with members on future meetings if held in person to include electronic transmission

Member's vote was 100% to allow the meeting to continue using electronic transmission

**Motion to allow digital voting today and, if necessary, future AGM meetings**

Sonya Roy brought the motion to the floor

Valerie French seconded the motion

No Discussion

Member's vote was 100% to allow digital voting today and future AGM meetings

**Motion to pass the minutes of the 2020 AGM**

Niki Klein brought the motion to the floor

Sonya Roy seconded the motion

No Discussion

Members passed the motion 100%



### **Amendment to a Bylaw Regarding Online Training**

Amend the Bylaw to include CRA registered Students and Practitioners members will not be permitted to teach online Reiki classes

Terri Beauchamp brought the motion to the floor

Madhu Dua seconded the motion

Discussion amongst the members of the pros and cons of online teaching

Members voted 100% and passed the motion into a Bylaw

### **Motion to pass the 2020 Financial**

Sandra Maitland brought the motion to the floor

Kristine Pel seconded the motion

### **Discussion** –

Sonya Roy questioned one item regarding travel expenses in the financial report. The president's statement did not include this in the verbal report, which caused confusion, and the president could not provide a member with an answer at the time.

Passing the 2020 Financial Report will be held over to the 2022 AGM with clarification. After this decision, it was determined the item referred to travel expenses from 1999 for the 2020 AGM was cancelled due to Covid travel restrictions

The Financial Report was not passed and will be held over to the 2022 AGM

### **Motion to Retain Mr. Edward Collis as CGA**

Sandra Lepholtz brought the motion to the floor

Kristen Pel seconded the motion

No Discussion

Members voted 100% - retain Mr. Collis

### **CRA Facebook**

The President discussed the CRA group page on Facebook. There are over one thousand members in the group. Many are not members and not residents of Canada. Please refrain from asking membership or administrative questions. Questions should be directed to [reiki@reiki.ca](mailto:reiki@reiki.ca) Our group is primarily a healing group.



## **Presidents Report – Bonnie Smith**

### Topics Discussed included

She was highlighting the history of the CRA during her tenure as President. Included was the current situation with the ongoing Pandemic. Online training and the legal issues surrounding this form of training and supporting the members of the CRA who are against this style of training. In the report, she reminded the new members of the CRA because of the high standards for membership into the Association. She reminded members that we are a Federal Not for Profit working under by-laws voted on by the membership. The CRA is not owned by one person who can develop new styles of Reiki that can be taught online. She informed the members that we were not alone in refusing to acknowledge online training.

The President listed several groups and associations who do not permit online training. They are

Hiroshi Doi – Gendai

Hyakuten Inamoto - International Jikiden Reiki Association

Nasreen Torbally of Toronto representing the Japan Association

Frans Steine = International House of Reiki

The President briefly discussed the ongoing administrative business of the past year

The cancellation of the Telus phone system to a Zoom format. The CRA retained our 1-800 number saving the CRA approximately \$2,000.00 a year in telephone services.

It was necessary to upgrade the ageing administrative computer and printer and update the programs that will work with the new system

Replaced one computer that crashed and retrieved the documents from the computer

Administrative Assistant Jodie Whitley followed the President's report with updates on her continued work with the ongoing issues and problems she works with daily.

Open Discussion for the Members attending

President allowed the meeting to extend past the time given to end the meeting

Meeting Concluded 3 pm EST