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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, February 1, 2018
ROOM CC2130

Attendance: Mahmoud Sarouji (EIC), Menna Elnaka (Managing Editor), Vanessa Cesario (Sports and Health Editor), Mahnoor Ayub (Features Editor), Alicia Boatto (News Editor), Olivia Adamczyk (Photo Editor), Peggy Florence Cao (Webmaster), Ayesha Tak (Copy Editor), Mingdi Xie, Si Tong Liu, Charlene Bea, Jessica Cabral, Shiyu Zhang, Adam Sarouji, Ayesha Hassan, Srivindhya Kolluru, Sihan Zheng, Melanie Asselin, Srishti Prashar, Yuchen Liu, Maryam Al-Juboori, Lana Yassine, Maryam Radwan, Oscar Adamczyk, Pawel Migdal, Marie Kristine Villanueva, Melissa Ivette Barrientos/Melissa Barrientos Aragon, Razan Rauniyar, Bismah Khalid, Shah Ihab Javed, Hassan Othman Kitine, Thomas Piekut, Muzzafar Numan Bhatti, Julia Healy, Valene Dalusong, Liezel Anne Gutierrez, Marissa Irene Uli, Jasmine Christine Gervacio Biloki, Shanza Ayub, Sharmeen Abedi, Fatima Munir Alvi, Arash Gholami, Abdulrahman Alsini, Sumaya Abdikarim, Azma Ali, and Niv Turecki

1. Call to order.

Meeting officially called to order at 6:20 p.m., with quorum being reached.

EIC and Managing Editor introduced themselves. EIC reviewed agenda with the members present.

2. Adoption of agenda.

EIC asks if anyone has any issues with agenda.

EIC moves to adopt the agenda as is presented. Seconded by Oscar Adamczyk. Motion carries.

3. Presentation of audited financial statements.

EIC presents auditor, Sam Chou from Fruitman Kates LLP, who will explain to the members over the phone how The Medium spent their finances up until April 30, 2017. Auditor explains their purpose is to check and verify financial statements. Auditor asks audience to turn page to 3. Auditor claims The Medium has a clean audit with a balanced sheet and no issues with management. Auditor states that the biggest expenses for The Medium is payroll for those on

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Editorial Board. Costs went down due to removal of a graphic designer from last year. Overall, most expenses spent on payroll and actual publication of papers and magazines.

A member asked a question to the auditor about what The Medium set the materiality at. The auditor responded at \$5000.

Motion: Be it resolved that the audited financial statements of Medium II Publications for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017 be received as presented.

EIC moves to approve financial statements as presented. Seconded by Vanessa Cesario. A clear majority of members vote yes. Motion passes.

4. Appointment of auditor

Motion: Be it resolved that Medium II Publications appoint Fruitman Kates LLP as auditors for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018.

EIC moves to appoint present auditor, Fruitman Kates LLP, for fiscal year ending April 30, 2018. A clear majority of members vote yes. Motion passes.

A member asked a question about how long the present auditor has been working with The Medium. EIC responds they have been working with The Medium for five to six years. EIC also mentions that they will recommend to the next year EIC to search for a new auditing firm because it is generally good practice to have a fresh set of eyes every few years.

5. Proposed amendments to the constitution.

EIC explains that the term and description of job title Business Manager is outdated and should be replaced with title of Managing Editor. EIC explains that the role of Managing Editor and how similar it is to business manager. A member asked if the role and responsibilities of Business Manager to Managing Editor has changed. EIC answers that the Business Manager was more in charge with accounts, staff management, and money. The roles have changed, and the Managing Editor has significant editorial contributions to The Medium, alongside managing stuff and signing checks.

Motion: Be it resolved that the Constitution and By-Laws of Medium II publications be amended such that the term “Business Manager” be changed to “Managing Editor” in **sections 6**

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(g), 6B (i) (ii) and (iii), and 7. Motion seconded by Ayesha Hassan. A clear majority of members vote yes. Motion Carries

Motion: Be it further resolved that the Constitution and By-laws of Medium II Publications be amended such that the contributions listed in Appendix A be counted towards the criteria for becoming Voting Staff as stipulated in **Section 4b. and 7** of the Constitution.

EIC explains the move to give voting rights to Managing Editor and the Design Editor because they contribute significantly to the editorial process. EIC explains ad manager gets voting rights if there is a tie when doing elections for editorial staff.

EIC moves the motion. Seconded by Olivia Adamczyk. Majority of members vote yes. Motion passes.

6. Other business (announcement of Writing and Photo Contest winners)

The winners and runners-up of the fiction, non-fiction, poetry, portrait, and photojournalism categories were called up, congratulated, and notified where they can pick up their cheques.

Fiction: “Fiction” by Melissa Barrientos (winner), “The Waves” by Sharmeen Abedi (runner-up)

Non-fiction: “Treasure” by Maryam Al-Juboori (winner), “Chocolate” by Zahira Tasabehji (runner-up)

Poetry: “Off To a New Start” by Shifa Siddiqui (winner), “My Mother Taught Me Love” by Avleen Grewal (runner-up)

Photojournalism: “Untitled” by Zaakirah-Karbary (winner), “Untitled” by Halah Butt (runner-up)

Portrait: “Untitled” by Yasmeen Alkoka (winner), “Untitled” by Maryam Radwan (runner-up)

EIC gave closing comments.

7. Adjournment

EIC thanks members for coming to the meeting.

EIC moves to adjourn meeting. A clear majority of members vote yes. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.