

GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose:

The annual general meeting (AGM) is called to provide the membership of the Vancouver Pride Society (VPS) with an update from the Board of Directors and management of the VPS regarding the status of the Society for the last fiscal year. This is achieved through the presentation of financial statements, the annual report and a member's question period. Additionally, the AGM also provides the membership with a vehicle to help propel the VPS forward through the approval of bylaw amendments and the election of the Society's Board of Directors.

Membership:

The Vancouver Pride Society is a member driven organization. While we work to represent the interests of the entire LGBTTQ community, it is our members that lead our organization and that our organization remains accountable to. The membership is responsible for participating at the AGM to endorse or reject the recommendation of the Board of Directors and management of the VPS through their individual vote.

Membership Information is available at: www.vancouverpri.de.ca/membership

Voting at the AGM:

To be eligible to vote at the AGM, members must be in good standing (fees paid) 30 days prior to the meeting. Members are required to check in to the AGM, where they will receive an information package.

Financial Statements:

The Vancouver Pride Society presents financial statements from the previous fiscal year to the membership. Our statements are reviewed annually by an external auditor firm who is appointed annually at the AGM. Financial Statements are audited when a new Treasurer is elected to the Board.

Annual Report:

The Vancouver Pride Society Annual report provides the membership with a snapshot of organizational highlights, challenges and opportunities that came forward from the previous fiscal year.

Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors consists of a maximum of 12 elected officers comprised of four executive positions and up to eight other director positions. The Board of Directors are charged with a fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of the Vancouver Pride Society and its members by ensuring there are adequate safeguards in place to maintain the integrity, accountability and transparency of the Society as a whole. Our Board is governs the affairs of the Society through the approval of the annual budget, approval of policies and procedures and participation and leadership on various committees to ensure that the interests of the membership are maintained. The Board also provides direction to the general manager who implements the goals, along with the staff and volunteers, identified by the Board through the management of the day to day affairs of the Society.

Standing For Election:

As a member driven organization, renewing our Board of Directors with candidates from our membership is a primary focus. Election of officers is defined in our Bylaws.

Executive Positions:

Members wishing to stand for election for an executive position must be nominated by a member in good standing. In addition, to stand as a candidate that member must attend the Nomination Meeting prior to the AGM.

Directors:

Members wishing to stand for election for a director position must also be nominated by a member in good standing. Directors can be nominated from the floor of the AGM, but are also encouraged to attend the Nomination Meeting prior to the AGM.

More information is available: <http://www.vancouverpride.ca/uploads/documents/VPSbylaws10a.pdf>

Bylaw Amendments:

The VPS is governed by Bylaws that can only be amended by the membership of the VPS. These Bylaws exist to provide high level governance strategies and requirements as defined under the Societies Act. In addition, the bylaws provide the Board of Directors with a framework to approve policies and procedures as recommended by management.

More information is available: http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/00_96433