

Minutes for NANPS 2025 Annual GM

October 16th, 2025, 6-8pm - online meeting via Zoom

Jenn MacAusland (“Jenn”) welcomed members, and explained the Zoom functions.

Business Basics

- Jenn read the land acknowledgement.
- Quorum was established based on the number of people on the Zoom call. (48 people including Jeffrey Milgram). The 2025 AGM agenda was reviewed.

Moved by Jenn, that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Sarah Gladki. Carried.

- The 2024 AGM meeting minutes were reviewed.

Moved by Jenn, that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Sarah Gladki. Carried.

- Financial Report: Blair Marik, on behalf of the board, introduced our auditor, Jeffrey Milgram. Jeffrey presented the Financial Statements for the year ending Dec 31, 2024.
 - Jeffrey introduced himself and his firm, working mainly with non-profit organizations.
 - Statement of operations - Relatively small budget, as NANPS is mainly a volunteer-run organization; main fundraiser is the plant sale, sales were fairly consistent with prior years pre-COVID
 - Statement of financial position - Overall increase in total assets and net assets and good financial health. Main assets are cash and two properties (no major changes from prior years)

Moved by Blair: to approve the 2024 Financial Statements. Seconded by Sibylle Foppa. Carried

Moved by Blair to approve Jeffrey Milgram as auditor for the upcoming year. Seconded by John Foster. Carried

Year in Review

The Year in Review was presented by Lynn Wu. It included NANPS accomplishments since our last AGM. A few highlights:

- The total membership number is slightly lower compared to post COVID years, but relatively stable overall.
- Blazing Star, e-News, and webinars this year including with celebrity Joey Santore. Webinars, recordings are available on our website and YouTube.
- Successful plant sale at Toronto Botanical Garden.
- Small booth at Christie Pitts - looking to continue to do this next year.
- Many community events were attended by NANPS this year - Seedy Saturday and other events. Great to see community members and NANPS members.

Meet the board:

John thanked the outgoing board members for their contributions and hard work: Blair Marik (Treasurer), Lynn Wu (Secretary), Clement Kent (Vice-President), Kimberly Bell, Elena Koneva, and Anna Monaldi.

Current and continuing board members are John Foster, Sarah Gladki, Jenn MacAusland, and Sibylle Foppa.

Sibylle introduced the below candidates to be voted as new board members by NANPS membership:

- Terrie Miller
- Valerie Groves
- Mark Bekkering
- Jennifer Bellaire
- Anne Boucher
- Nicole Rivers
- Evan Prodromou
- Lesley Wheldrake

Moved by Sibylle, that the new/current board slate be accepted. Seconded by Sarah Gladki. Carried.

Garden Video Contest: Elena presented the contest rules. Highlights of the videos submitted were played from the below 7 video participants.

Novice

- First place (tied):
 - Louie Mangialardi
 - Jennifer Downham
- Second place: Ian Logan and Stacey Hartwell
- Third place: Ashley Mansfield

Experienced

- First place (tied):
 - King family - Fiona, Clyde and Nimkii
 - Sarah Tooker
- Second place: Karen and Zoe Lawrence

Closing remarks: Jenn thanked all attendees.

Moved by Jenn, seconded by Sarah Gladki, that the meeting be adjourned. *Carried*