

DOWNTOWN ITHACA ALLIANCE
2021 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

MINUTES

May 3, 2021

6:00 pm

Zoom call

1. With a quorum deemed present, DIA Board President John Guttridge welcomed attendees.
2. DIA Board Secretary Brett Bossard presented the minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting. These minutes were approved by a show of hands.
3. The 2020 financial report was presented by DIA Board Treasurer Megan Vidler. Using slides and documents, Megan reviewed the audited year-end balance sheet & profit and loss statements. These reports were also approved by members in attendance. During this presentation, Megan also called attention to a copy of a conflict of interest summary for board of directors and an attendance report.
4. There were no communications from other entities.
5. John Guttridge presided over the election of 2021 Board of Directors, starting with an introduction of candidates.

For Class A, there were 4 available seats and 4 candidates running to fill these seats:

Elsa Hyde
Emily Petrina
Teri Tarshus
Bryan Warren

Each candidate gave a brief statement to the attendees.

For Class B, there were 2 available seats and 3 candidates running for these seats:

Adrina Graham
Jan Norman
Wendy Skinner

Each candidate gave a brief statement to the attendees.

John also introduced the proposed change to the bylaws- an amendment to use ranked choice voting for annual meeting board elections. He read the proposed change, noting that voting involving more than two candidates would be conducted using ranked-choice voting.

Results for the election were presented following the report to the membership (below).

6. Executive Director Gary Ferguson provided a report to the membership, outlining the activities undertaken in 2020/2021 and looking ahead to 2022.

7. Election results were presented by Tom Knipe, City of Ithaca Economic Development Director and DIA Board member.

Elected for Class A three-year terms were:

- Elsa Hyde
- Emily Petrina
- Teri Tarshus
- Bryan Warren

Elected for Class B three-year terms were:

- Adrina Graham
- Jan Norman

The proposed by-law amendment pertaining to ranked choice voting also passed.

8. The meeting was adjourned by John Guttridge at 7:50 pm