

MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DISASTER RECOVERY INFORMATION EXCHANGE – CENTRAL REGION

CANADINNS CLUB REGENT HOTEL, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

OCTOBER 9, 2009

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Brock Holowachuk, President. It was determined that quorum requirements had been met.

Minutes of the 2008 AGM were reviewed. Mr. Holowachuk moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Paul Anderson. Motion was passed.

President's Report

Mr. Holowachuk thanked the DRIE Central membership for their continuing support of the organization, and his two years as President. Mr. Holowachuk highlighted the improvement of DRIE Central's relationship with Disaster Recovery Institute Canada as a feature and highlight of the 2008-2009 year, along with a greater emphasis on expanding DRIE Central's outreach to the broader business and government community. A particular highlight in this regard was the development of a pandemic preparedness program in conjunction with the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of DRIE Central's financial position. He noted that there has been a decrease in revenue as a result of declining sponsorship revenue, and this may be an indication of the general economic downturn. While DRIE Central remains fiscally viable, consideration may be required to an increase in membership fees in the future.

Mr. Holowachuk moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Joe Krupnik. Motion passed.

Mr. Holowachuk indicated his view that consideration should be given to an increase to general membership fees in the coming year, as DRIE Central membership rates have remained static at the rate established when DRIE Central was formed in 1998.

Mr. Holowachuk presented information on DRIE Central membership for 2008-2009, which is generally at a stable level around 50 members. He explained that part of the objective with the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce pandemic information session was to determine if there was a broader audience for DRIE Central; the level membership numbers would therefore suggest that DRIE Central is an organization of greater value for dedicated emergency management and business continuity professionals. He added his opinion that there remains value in continuing to develop a place for DRIE Central as a resource to professionals and organizations involved with emergency and business continuity planning as a secondary consideration of their business.

Elections

Mr. Holowachuk welcomed the DRIE Central membership for their support in his role as President in the last two years, and indicated the following have indicated their willingness to stand for election for 2009-10: President: Joe Krupnik; Vice President: Jeff Franz-Lien; Treasurer: Paul Anderson; Programs: Paul Robinson; Membership: Gary Brown; Education and Outreach: Bob Christmas; Website: Heather Sorko; Secretary, Past President: Brock Holowachuk.

Mr. Holowachuk opened the floor to further nominations. Hearing none, Mr. Holowachuk asked for a motion to vote on the Executive as presented. Motion was made by Brian Kayes, seconded by Kristina Gordon. Motion passed.

Mr. Krupnik thanked the DRIE Central membership for their support.

Mr. Krupnik called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Holowachuk and seconded by Heather Sorko. Motion passed, and the Annual General Meeting was adjourned.