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**BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN
INDIGENOUS & SETTLER
WORLDVIEWS**



Carolinian Canada Coalition

Annual General Meeting Agenda

Thursday September 15, 2022 Virtual via Zoom
Register at caroliniancanada.ca

12:45 pm Join the Discussion
MC: Andre Vashist

Opening Remarks
Introduction to Ethical Space
Traditional Opening with Emmaline Beauchamp

Bridging the Gap Between Indigenous & Settler Worldviews

Bridging the Gap between Indigenous knowledge and understandings, and current colonial approaches in relation to how we live and work on the land means engaging in respectful, informed discussion on perspectives and worldviews. Sharing knowledge is fundamental to understanding how to build relationships with all living beings to create sustainable and equitable practices rooted in reciprocity.

Panel Moderator: Dharshi Lacey

Panelists: Sam Whiteye, Larry McDermott, Marianne Griffith, Stefan Weber

Meet the Speakers

<https://caroliniancanada.ca/forum/2022/agm-speakers>

This event launches the seven-part series Seeding Relationships to Heal the Land that creates the platform for Indigenous-led grassroots changemakers to share the importance of their work with the broader community.

3 pm Break (5 minutes)

3:05 Announcement

The Long Point Conservation Impact Bond (LCIB Phase 2) is ready to launch with a network of partners including accelerators, investors, habitat growers, Indigenous-led projects and researchers. Listen to the stories of how this group of leaders envisions and acts for healthy landscapes for a healthy future. Short-listed for the International Finance for the Future Award, the Deshkan Ziibi Conservation Impact Bond (Phase 1) model and Leadership team is the first of its kind to connect Indigenous, conservation and finance goals to address the major challenges of our times for biodiversity and climate resilience.

3:15 pm Business Agenda

1. Welcome

Vice-Chair Mari Veliz

2. Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the 2021 Carolinian Canada Coalition Annual General Meeting be approved.

3. Chair's Report

4. Treasurer's Report - Chris Turner (2021-2022 Financial Audit)

Motion: To accept the 2021-2022 year-end financial statements.

Note: Financial statements will be shared on screen and summarized in the annual report.

Members may request on-line access.

5. Appointment of Auditor

Motion: That the following auditor be appointed for the 2022-2023 fiscal year:

Tom Moore, CPA, CA, LPA, BA – Partner, Baker Tilly Sarnia LLP Chartered
Professional Accountants
1350 L'Heritage Drive, Sarnia, ON N7S 6H8

6. Recognition of outgoing and continuing directors

Thanks to all Directors for their immense contributions.

Continuing

Officers: Dawn Bazely (Chair), Mari Veliz (Vice-Chair) (Conservation Ontario), Chris Turner (Treasurer),

Directors: Chris Hummel, Kristen Bernard (Nature Conservancy of Canada), Krysten Richardson (Long Point Basin Land Trust), Brandon Doxator

Outgoing: Alistair MacKenzie (Ontario Parks), Don Pearson, Owen Williams (Ontario Invasive Plant Council)

7. Election

Election Slate

Second term: Dr. Michael John

First term: Andrea Klymko (Forests Ontario)

Motion: that the election slate of nominees be elected to the Carolinian Canada Coalition Board of Directors

8. Annual Report 2022 – Big Picture Update

Annual report link: <https://caroliniancanada.ca/annual-report>

Big Picture Update to be presented by Executive Director, Michelle Kanter

Motion: that the Carolinian Canada Coalition Annual Report 2022 be accepted.

9. Adjournment

Motion: That the Carolinian Canada 2022 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Closing Remarks

Traditional Closing with Emmaline Beauchamp

CCC Virtual Voting Protocol

1. **Only members can vote** and comment officially.
 - a. Others may observe or participate in the chat.
2. **Identification** - All members should have a clear name on screen or state their name when responding.
 - a. Group member representatives should also list or state their group affiliations.
3. **To move or second a motion**, please put up your hand (virtual preferred).
4. **To comment** after the motion is called, put up your hand and the chair will call on you to speak.
5. **To vote** you will see a poll on screen. Please respond within 20 sec.
6. **If you are on the phone**, you may voice your vote, comment or other response as needed.
7. **Comments in the chat** will be taken as informal and may not be responded to.
8. **The meeting is facilitated as ethical space.** All participants are expected to make every effort to create safe space and support the guidelines provided.

Carolinian Canada's Commitment to Creating Ethical and Safe Spaces

Carolinian Canada Coalition is committed to creating ethical and safe spaces to welcome and ensure the safety of all people in our community. It is important to expand ethical and safe spaces in the sector of conservation to foster community bonds and networks, and to strengthen our work together.

Ethical spaces are places of inclusivity, respect, and trust – spaces where community comes together, and where different knowledge systems can thrive and interact. These spaces are especially important in conservation given the important history of Indigenous land stewardship in Canada and the intertwined relationships between Indigenous cultures and the natural world. To create ethical and safe spaces, we must collaborate by listening, learning, and engaging in dialogue with one another to identify shared best practices and goals for conservation.

In our spaces, we prioritize the celebration of Indigenous accomplishments while also acknowledging barriers that exist, systemic and otherwise. We commit to going beyond acknowledgement to work together and take action against these barriers to create systemic change. We will maintain the focus of our conversations on creating better, positive ways forward together. Carolinian Canada is committed to being accountable to the communities we engage with.

We acknowledge the differences in how people understand ethical space, so we outline below what it means for our community and how we expect everyone to contribute. We welcome you to commit to creating ethical and safe spaces with us, and we ask our community members to read, agree to, and demonstrate the following expectations in our spaces.

Our Expectations for Safe and Ethical Spaces

- 1) Listen to different perspectives and accept different knowledge systems. No one knowledge system is placed above the other. All ways of knowing are treated with equal respect and validity.
- 2) Be open to understanding one another and listen to problems with the goal of understanding where the perspective is coming from.
- 3) Be considerate, patient, and thoughtful when engaging with others.
- 4) Speak up right away when faced with harmful comments or forms of harassment and address them. All forms of microaggressions, overt and covert, are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. This includes comments, questions, jokes, tones, etc. that are harmful or inappropriate.
- 5) Acknowledge and encourage diversity of peoples and cultures.
- 6) Acknowledge challenges and discomfort when approaching differences in language, values, lifestyles, and positions. Be open to challenging your own views and accepting others.
- 7) Be open to dialogue. Don't assume things about others; ask questions and learn in respectful ways.
- 8) Respect the confidentiality and comfort levels of others when it comes to sharing information, names, camera or audio, etc.
- 9) Ensure space is created for others to speak and share, especially diverse voices.

For more information about ethical spaces, we encourage you to check out the following resources:

- 1) Video by the Conservation through Reconciliation Partnership (CRP): [What is Ethical Space?](#)
- 2) Video by Willie Ermine: [What is Ethical Space?](#)
- 3) Research paper by Willie Ermine: [The Ethical Space of Engagement](#)
Ermine, W. (2007). The Ethical Space of Engagement. *Indigenous Law Journal*, 6(1), pp. 193-203.
<https://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/ilj/article/view/27669/20400>

Carolinian Canada Coalition
Annual General Business Meeting 2021

MINUTES

Thursday July 22, 2021

Attendance: 12 members

Including Directors: Maria Ramirez Giraldo, Michael John, Nicole Baldwin, Kristyn Richardson, Brandon Doxtater, Owen Williams, Marie Veliz, Dawn Bazely

Staff: Michelle Kanter, Tristan Bentley, Andre Vashist, Melanie Issett, Sarah Winterton

1/ Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the 2020 Carolinian Canada Coalition Annual General Meeting be approved.

Moved: Maria Ramirez Giraldo

Seconded: Dr. Michael John

2/ Treasurer's Report - Chris Turner (2020-2021 Financial Audit)

Motion: That the year-end financial statements be accepted.

Moved: Dr. Michael John

Seconded: Nicole Baldwin

3/ Appointment of Auditor

Motion: That the recommended auditor, Tom Moore of Baker Tilly, be appointed for the 2021-2022 fiscal year

Tom Moore, CPA, CA, LPA, BA –

Partner Baker Tilly Sarnia LLP Chartered Professional Accountants

1350 L'Heritage Drive,

Sarnia, ON N7S 6H8

Moved: Kristyn Richardson

Seconded: Dr. Michael John

4/ Election

Election Slate

Second term: Maria Ramirez Giraldo (Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association), Kristyn Richardson (Long Point Basin Land Trust)

First term: Brandon Doxtator

Motion: that the election slate of nominees be elected to the Carolinian Canada Coalition Board of Directors

Moved: Mari Veliz

Seconded: Owen Williams

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5/ Annual Report – Big Picture Update by Executive Director Michelle Kanter (Annual Report 2020-2021)

Motion: that the Carolinian Canada Coalition Annual Report 2021 be accepted.

Moved: Dr. Michael John

Seconded: Mari Veliz

6/ Adjournment

Motion: That the Carolinian Canada 2021 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Dr. Michael John

Seconded: Owen Williams

Carolinian Canada Coalition
Board of Directors & Officers
Election Slate for September 15, 2022

Previous Elections July 22, 2021

Directors Quorum 3		Board Groups (5)	Term	Start	End	Officers / notes
ELECTION SLATE						
1	Dr. Michael John Retired Division Head, Medical Microbiology at London Health Sciences Centre		2	2019	2025	Re-elect for term 2
2	Andrea Klymko Restoration Programs Manager	Forests Ontario	1	2022	2025	Appointed May 4 2022
CONTINUING		Thank-you!				
3	Brandon Doxtator Environment and Consultation Coordinator, Oneida Nation of the Thames; Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Youth Council		1	2021	2024	
4	Krysten Richardson Program Manager	Long Point Basin Land Trust (LPBLT)	2	2018	2024	
5	Chris Hummel Environmental Lawyer, Gowling WLG LLP		1	2020	2023	
6	Mari Veliz Healthy Watershed Supervisor, Ausable-Bayfield Conservation Authority (CA)	Conservation Ontario (CO)	2	2017	2023	Vice-Chair
7	Dawn Bazely Professor, York University		3	2014	2023	Chair
8	Chris Turner Director of Finance and Administration, Wilfred Laurier University Students' Union		3	2014	2023	Treasurer
9	Kristen Bernard Program Manager for Southwestern Ontario	Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC)	3	2014	2023	
Outgoing in 2022		Thank-you!				
	<i>Don Pearson</i>		3	2013	2022	<i>Term end</i>
	<i>Owen Williams</i>	<i>Ontario Invasive Plant Council (OIPC)</i>	3	2013	2022	<i>Term end</i>
	<i>Alistair MacKenzie</i>	<i>Ontario Parks</i>	3	2013	2022	<i>Term end</i>
	<i>Vanessa Alsop</i>		1	2020	2022	<i>Resigned from board</i>
	<i>Nicole Baldwin</i>	<i>Forests Ontario</i>	1	2020	2022	<i>Resigned from group</i>
	<i>Maria Ramirez Giraldo</i>	<i>Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA)</i>	2	2018	2022	<i>Resigned from group</i>

CCC Policy: The number of Directors will total up to eighteen (18) and not less than nine (9); The Board shall maintain a balance between Directors serving as individuals and Directors representing a group; Only one representative from a particular Group Member may be elected as a Director; Board Groups agree to support their nominee to participate on the Board of Directors and are formally affiliated with the board. The nominee may be an employee or volunteer who acts as a liaison between Carolinian Canada and their group.