

GN Governance Committee 2015 Annual Report

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The Governance Committee currently includes Hugh Armstrong, Anne Bernhardt, Eileen Cowtan, Dave McKenzie, John Slater and Paul Thibault.

Two meetings were held this year to review existing P&Ps and to develop new ones. The current P&Ps are listed below:

- **Governance and Meetings**
 - Meetings (Approved by Board, 5 November 2013)
 - Storage of Documents and Records (Approved by Board, 5 November 2013)
 - Abuse Harassment and Discrimination (Approved by Board, 3 September 2013)
- **Finances**
 - Banking, Investments and Loans (Approved by Board, 1 September 2015) **
 - Yearly Review (Approved by Board, 1 September 2015) **
- **Committees and External Organizations**
 - General
 - Mandate, Formation and Member Selection (Approved by Board, 4 June 2013)
 - Budget Committee
 - Objectives and Operations (Approved by Board, 1 September 2015) *
 - Communications Committee
 - Objectives and Operations (Approved by Board, 1 September 2015) *
 - Field Trips Committee
 - Objectives and Operations (Approved by Board, 5 November 2013)
 - Fundraising Committee
 - Objectives and Operations (Approved by Board, 1 September 2015) **
 - Governance Committee
 - Objectives and Operations (Approved by Board, 1 September 2015) *
 - Issues Committee
 - Objectives and Operations (Approved by Board, 1 September 2015) *
 - Operations Committee (MHIP)
 - Objectives and Operations (Approved by Board, 1 September 2015) **
 - Terms of Reference (Approved by Board, 2 November 2012)
 - Indoor Program Committee
 - Objectives and Operations (Approved by Board, 4 June 2013)
 - Speaker Compensation (Approved by Board, 4 June 2013)
 - External Organizations
 - Objectives and Operations (Approved by Board, 3 September 2013)

* Revised in 2015

** New in 2015

The above P&Ps are available on the GN website and at the Nature Centre.

In addition to the P&Ps, Eileen Cowtan has prepared a useful spreadsheet that summarizes the requirements for reporting to government agencies.

The Governance Committee interacted with the GN Board and other Committees on a variety of issues. These discussions have suggested the need of additional P&Ps that will be developed in 2016. Existing P&Ps will again be reviewed and amended, as required, based on input from the GN Board and Members.

Respectfully submitted by

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Chair of the Governance Committee