**Culinary Historians of Canada**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Ralph Thornton Centre Saturday, October 21, 2017 10am-1pm**

President Luisa Giacometti welcomed everyone and we opened with the singing of O Canada and an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory as read by Sarah Hood. Members’ packages (copy included) with agendas, minutes and committee reports were circulated to all members present.

**1. Vimy Presentation**

Our meeting began with PowerPoint presentations about wartime cooking on the frontline and Canadian home front given by members Carolyn Crawford, Sherry Murphy, and Luisa Giacometti who represented CHC at the Artois Expo in Arras, France. CHC was invited Education First in April of this year to teach Canadian high school students about WW1.

**2. Annual General Meeting**

**a. Approval of Agenda**

Sarah Hood moved seconded by John Ota to approve the agenda as circulated in the members’ package. Carried.

**b. Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2016**

It was moved by Sherry Murphy and seconded by Mark D’Aguilar to approve the minutes as circulated in the members’ package. Carried.

**c. President’s Report—Luisa Giacometti**

Luisa went over her report submitted in the members’ package and she thanked everyone for their interest and participation in the work and activities of the CHC.

**d. Financial Statements**

Sylvia Lovegren went through the financial statement she prepared and answered questions from our members. She moved, seconded by Mark D’Aguilar that it be resolved, by unanimous consent, that the members waive the requirement of an audit of the financial statements for the next fiscal year, and that the Corporation shall not appoint an auditor, to be effective until the next annual meeting of the members. After some discussion regarding the reason for this motion, namely, that the cost for a full, professional audit has been something that we been unable to afford, the members voted to carry the motion.

As this motion concluded the treasurer’s report, Carolyn Crawford moved seconded by Sarah Hood, to accept financial report as presented. Carried.

**e. Committee Reports**

**Membership Report**

Shirley Farrar, who is stepping off as Membership Co-ordinator, gave her final report as given in the members’ package. This position is currently vacant but she will continue until someone else can be appointed.

**Programme Report**

Sylvia Lovegren and Sarah Hood reported on the programme events of the year and our upcoming events. They told us that “hands-on” events are very popular and will continue next year. They mentioned that they are always looking for people to be on the Programme Committee and that ideas put forth by members are always welcomed. John Ota suggested an event in co-ordination with Ste. Marie-Among-the-Hurons and will assist us with a plan for this.

**Communications Report**

Sarah Hood and Julia Armstrong thanked people who are involved with Facebook etc. We have reached the milestone of 1000 members on Facebook this year. They continue to work on Twitter and Instagram posts to increase our presence there. They asked members to follow and share posts on social media as much as possible. They thanked all contributors to our social media and encouraged continual membership participation. As for our newsletter, Sarah Hood reported that we have a subscription list of 209 of members, 97 media, and 391 other subscribers for a total of 697 recipients. She thanked all the people involved with its production.

Luisa Giacometti read the Education report submitted by Jane Black, the Outreach report submitted by Sydney Oland, and the Publicity report as submitted by Samantha George.

**6. Election of Officers**

Luisa Giacometti thanked Fiona Lucas for helping to create our organization and for her support as Past President.

We had only one change in the executive: Mark D’Aguilar moved, seconded by Inesse Grubbins to re-elect Sylvia for treasurer. Carried.

**2017** **Slate of Officers:**

President: Luisa Giacometti *(until 2018)*

Vice President: Samantha George *(until 2018)*

Secretary: Carolyn Crawford *(until 2018)*

Treasurer: Sylvia Lovegren *(standing for re-election term 2017-2019)*

**Appointment of Committee Chairs and Co-ordinators**

Chair of Membership Committee: *vacant*

Co-Chairs of Programme Committee: Sylvia Lovegren & Sarah Hood

Co-chairs of Communications Committee: Julia Armstrong & Sarah Hood

Chair of Education Committee: Jane Black

Chair of Outreach Committee: *vacant*

Co-ordinator of Publicity: Samantha George

Coordinator of Refreshments: Sherry Murphy, Carolyn Crawford, Mya Sangster

Volunteer Coordinator: *vacant*

The executive members will continue to look for volunteers to fill the vacant positions.

**7. Updates**

Luisa Giacometti talked about the creation of chapters as an issue that we will continue to look into for 2018.

Luisa Giacometti thanked all for coming. Luisa adjourned the meeting and refreshments were enjoyed by all.