

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of NEI Association Inc. (econext) was held between April 26-30, 2021.

1 Call to Order

During the period of April 26-30, 2021, NEI Association Inc. members were provided materials for review in advance, a forum to ask and have inquiries addressed, and a mechanism to cast their votes electronically.

2 2021 AGM and Industry Awards Presentations

As part of the AGM, an online (live) event was held on Thursday, April 29 between 13h00 and 14h15. NEI Association Inc. Board Chair Ashley Noseworthy welcomed attendees and presented on the organization's activities between April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.

NEI Association Inc.'s Industry Awards were presented next. The winner of the Cleantech Innovation Award was SmartICE. The winner of the Business Excellence Award was Heave Away Waste Management. The winner of the International Business Award was BEHI Engineering and Environment. The winner of the Industry Champion Award was Edmundo Fausto.

Next, NEI Association Inc. CEO Kieran Hanley presented on activities and initiatives planned for 2021-22.

Members were provided an opportunity to ask questions and introduce new business. No questions or new business arose. The event concluded.

3 Approval of 2020 Meeting Minutes

The 2020 meeting minutes were passed by a majority vote.

4 Annual Report

NEI Association Inc.'s 2020-21 *Annual Report* documented activities and highlights from the period April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021. The *Annual Report* also included the organization's Financial Statements for fiscal year November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020.

5 Ratification and Approval of the Actions of the Directors 2020-21

The actions of NEIA's Board of Directors in 2020-21 were ratified and approved by a majority vote.

6 Approval of Financial Statements

The Financial Statements for fiscal year November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020 were approved by a majority vote.

7 Appointment of Auditor

Bussey Porter Hetu was approved as NEI Association Inc.'s auditor for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

8 Election of Directors

There were four (4) director positions available.

Eight (8) candidates were nominated. The following candidates were elected to NEI Association Inc.'s Board of Directors by secret ballot:

- Chad Butler (Growler Energy)
- Nola Sharpe (Mysa)
- Brian Taite (Hatch)
- Alex Templeton (McInnes Cooper)

9 New Business

No new business.

Special Note

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Winter of 2020 delayed the 2020 AGM from March 2020 to August 2020. In re-adjusting AGM timing to the traditional Winter timelines, the Winter 2021 AGM would have no impact on Director terms as those up for election in 2021 were first elected 2019. Thus the Winter 2021 AGM proceeded as per normal. However, Directors elected in August 2020 would have been subject to an unfairly shortened term if an AGM were to take place in Winter 2022. As such, in the interest of stability during a time of disruption, Director terms were slightly extended (versus being truncated), and the next AGM was to be held in March 2023.