

Zoomer Views

A summary of the Annual General Meeting

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Part two of the UNB CAMPUS Zoomers Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, November 6. Ten people found time to show up. I would like to tell you that after six hours (that's three hours of discussion this time and three the end of October) that we managed to resolve all of our differences. But, alas, that is not the case.

However, we, the executive, were made painfully aware that there are more things under heaven and earth when it comes to satisfying such a diverse group as ours, than we could ever imagine. Consequently, most of our time was spent in debate, which bordered, at times, on outright hostility and destructive behavior.

Some of the misunderstandings were a direct result of conducting an annual meeting with newly elected executive who have not yet acquired the background and/or skills necessary to answer all the questions asked with any degree of accuracy. I would put myself at the top of this list. Even though I have been active member of CAMPUS for four years, in my posi-

tions as secretary and vice-president I was not always privy to "insider" information. I am discovering, almost daily, the "little deals" that had been made with the former Student Union, Board of Governors and Senate, that effect the overall operation of CAMPUS (for example the appointment of a Mature Student Commissionaire which we officially don't yet...that's another story.) I also lack the tact, or "aggression" (can you believe it), to ask members to please make their comments short and to the point (Come to think of it I did...) And how do you handle rude behavior without falling into it yourself?

Another reason, I believe, that it took so much time and effort to make amendments to the constitution and budget is the fact that the executive member who had the most difficulty with the tentative budget, through no fault of his own, was unable to attend the executive meeting in which the budget was discussed. Plus, accounting procedures is not everyone's major and it seems that accounting terms can be misinterpreted by those of us who do not deal with them everyday.

Nonetheless, we had no other re-

course but to persevere. As people began to leave to write mid-terms or travel home for the weekend, we checked our constitution for some clue as to what to do. Section 6, of the Revised 1991 constitution read: "Amendments to the Constitution shall be made by a majority vote of the members present at a general meeting (in the Fall/Winter terms.)" So that is what we did.

As a result of that decision, the CAMPUS constitution now states that if an executive position has been vacated before the next elections that the executive be authorized to appoint others to fill these positions until the next election occurs." We had hoped we would not have to employ this amendment so soon in the term but our elected Vice-President, Rick Slezack has left the province, so Goldie Pringle, who also ran for the position and is a past-president of CAMPUS, will be appointed this week as the new Vice-President of CAMPUS along with Danny Pitrie as the fourth Director at large the executive, for the most part, have agreed, that our budget should be looked at again in more detail, (and

perhaps published in this esteemed publication or taken to the Board of Governors) along with the distribution of honoraria, and part-time scholarships, as well as a workshop in group dynamics! The one thing we did agree on was that the Annual Meeting is to be held in April, not September, (even if we don't get a Senate seat, which was the reason we put it all off to have a more encompassing election process.)

Do not let me lead you into thinking that CAMPUS is faltering, quite the opposite. We have never been more hopeful. I guess that is part of our quandry right now. What we may be temporarily lacking in skill we make up in dedication and motivation. We have some wonderful ideas on how to better support the part-time and mature students on and off campus this year. So, maybe there won't be so many socials but there will be a brighter future for ZOOMERS at UNB by April of 1993 or my name isn't Patricia Post or Pat Smyth or Patti Post or Patsy or Pat Post-Smyth of Mom or Ms. Post or...

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