



Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Territorial Acknowledgement and Introductions
4. Membership Ordinary Resolution
5. Approval of the AGM minutes of December 10, 2020
6. Auditor/Treasurer Report
 - a) Adoption of the Audited Financial statements for 2020-2021
 - b) Appointment of an Auditor for 2021-2022
7. President's Report and PPP Staff Reports
8. Election of the Board of Directors
9. Other business
10. Adjournment

Pacific Peoples' Partnership acknowledges the Lekwungen Speaking peoples now known as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations for allowing us to live, work and play on their traditional territories. Also special thanks to PPP Board Members, Staff and Volunteers who help to make events like this happen!

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In Attendance: Muavae Va'a, Lorna Eastman, Art Holbrook, Tierra Madani, Sean Burns, Jeff Corntassel, Todd Biderman, Catherine Sparks, Rachel Wang, Alison Gardner, David Williams, Rachel Levee, David Webster, Larry Colero, Eugene Lee, Barbara Liotskos, and Steve Smith. PPP Staff: Jaimie Sumner, April Ingham, Agnieszka Zuchora and Peter Boldt.

1. Call to order and Opening Protocol – Muavae (Mua) Va'a, President

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Sean Burns, seconded by Jeff Corntassel, all in favour.

3. Introductions to Board and Staff

4. Membership Ordinary Resolution - not required.

5. Approval of the AGM minutes of December 10, 2019

Moved by Sean, seconded by Tierra, all in favour.

6. Auditor/Treasurer Report

a) Adoption of the Audited Financial statements for 2019-2020

Moved by Art, seconded by Mua, all in favour.

b) Appointment of an Auditor for 2020-2021

Moved by *Sean*, seconded by *Lorna* and all in favour of the reappointment of *Pewarchuk CPA Inc* as the auditor for 2020-2021.

7. President's Report and PPP Staff Reports

President's Report – Muavae (Mua) Va'a – acknowledged the challenges of 2020, Measles in Samoa, Covid19 issues, building of solid relationships with non-profits in South Pacific, proud to be a part of a small organization with a big heart. Acknowledged April and staff for getting the work done and supporting PPP while honouring and respecting Covid guidelines. Deep in our hearts we managed to find a way to reach out and encourage each other. Proud of the ability of PPP to reach out and find ways to connect to North and South Pacific Indigenous People. Mua acknowledged and honoured Peter Gardiner and his surviving spouse Alison Gardiner. Peter helped PPP through a strategic planning process in 2015 to bring core funding to PPP, including a vision to open a PPP office in the South Pacific. Peter's contributions to international education, and to the South Pacific are deeply appreciated and we will continue to honour his contribution through striving

to continue to work towards his dream for a PPP office in the South Pacific and to honour his mentorship to us all.

April gave the Executive Director report, including the response to the Samoa measles outbreak, \$2,500 raised to support families and to purchase a washing machine and dryer for a local hospital as an example of meaningful engagement in the South Pacific. She included a brief overview of PPP 45th anniversary plans, including securing \$50k USD for a South Pacific listening and learning tour to inform our new 5-year strategic plan, and that a 5 member committee had been struck to support this work and included trusted professionals representative of all three regions of the South Pacific. Ruby was instrumental in assisting a non-profit back home in Tonga in a Canadian funded project to address domestic violence. The project was transformational, and 11 people travelled to remote communities and provided workshops for women, men and children in the communities on reducing domestic violence and keeping communities safe. We continued to work with Help Resources in PNG in the area of informal market worker's rights. The annual One Wave Gathering in Victoria was successful in engaging hearts and minds in our work. We continue to work with youth, and with support from Mua and Rachel Wang along with partners at BEHR we produced a four-day summit focused on Indigenous environmental education. The CAYAK program was a successful pre-school nature-based program created by our partner Ilsaak Olam and made possible in part through PPP's support, the project will be going into Phase 2 funded by TD Friends of the Environment. Local and internationally our work with CIRCLE and local partners on RedTide, a planned summit for 100 Indigenous youth world-wide had to be postponed due to COVID. In terms of solidarity work, Mua and his family took a stand on the legislature for West Papua. Jeff and Sunshine produced a statement in support of the W'etsuwet'n and Black Lives Matter. April sat on the Canada Council for International Council's Board and became their co-chair. She continues to sit on the Indigenous Led Funds working group with International Funders for Indigenous Peoples.

Mua thanked April and welcomed everyone to please feel free to connect with April and bring your thoughts, ideas and recommendations forward.

8. Election of the Board of Directors 2020-2021

Each year ideally 6 positions on the PPP Board of Directors will be up for renewal or election for a two-year term. The following list summarizes current directors and provides a potential slate for our voting member's consideration.

Note that due to Covid-19 we have not been able to recruit new members to the Board. But in accordance to our Bylaw 5.b we can operate with a minimum of 5 Board Members and maximum of 12. The proposed slate below is for 9 positions, 4 of which are up for re-election. 2 two year-terms are available, and a one year-term is available. *Potential directors may be proposed by those present and eligible to vote at our AGM. However, the candidate must be a member in good standing.*

2020 – 2021 Board of Directors / Nomination Slate

Currently Serving Year Two of a Two-Year Term: Muavae Va’a (President), Rachel Wang, Art Holbrook (Signing Authority), Sunshine Dylan Waisman, Tierra Madani.

Potential Slate of Directors to Re-elect / Elect for a Two-Year Term: Sean Burns (Treasurer, Signing Authority), Lorna Eastman (Vice President / Acting Secretary), Ruby Kafalava, and Carol Mayer

Motion to re-elect Sean Burns, Lorna Eastman, Carol Mayer and Ruby Kafalava for another two-year term. Moved by Art, seconded by Tierra and all in favour

Mua thanked retiring board members, Jeff Corntassel, David Williams and Rachel Levee, with a request they stay close and strong with the PPP family. Jeff thanked Mua and will continue to work with PPP in a future gathering when it is safe to do so.

9. **Other Business** – There were 2 draws and a virtual presentation from Dr. David Webster on Canada and Indonesia relations, plus a special guest presentation from Yan Christian Warinussy, a human rights lawyer and longtime PPP partner based in Manokwari, West Papua.

10. **Adjournment** – Mua moved to adjourn.

Special Thanks to Dr. Jeff Corntassel and CIRCLE (Centre for Indigenous Research and Community-Led Engagement) for hosting our Virtual AGM, to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations for welcoming us to their Lekwungen Territories and to all our Board Members and Volunteers who help to make events like this happen!

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Pacific Peoples' Partnership Board of Directors / Nomination Slate December 6, 2021

Currently Serving Year Two of a Two-Year Term:

Sean Burns (Treasurer, Signing Authority)	Lorna Eastman (Vice President)
Ruby Kafalava	Carol Mayer

Potential Slate of Directors to Re-elect / Elect for a Two-Year Term:

Muavae Va'a (President)	Penina Fairbairn
Tierra Madani (Secretary)	Sabina Singh
Art Holbrook (Signing Authority)	Lesley Bennett

Potential Slate of Directors to Re-elect / Elect for a One-Year Term:

Rachel Wang
1 vacant one-year term

2021-2022 Candidate Biographies

Re-election, 2-year term:

Muavae Va'a – President



Originally from Samoa, Mua has lived in Canada since 1991. He is married to an Indigenous woman and is the proud father of three children. Mua has worked primarily with Youth With a Mission, a non-profit organization focused on Indigenous communities on Vancouver Island, and now works as a Youth Coordinator for a local First Nations community. This has allowed him to connect with many youth in public schools, as well as in First Nations communities across the Saanich Peninsula.

Mua is highly involved in many areas of South Pacific and Indigenous life. He is active in the local Pacific Islander community, specifically with community gatherings, Pearls of the South Pacific dance group and rugby.

Arthur Holbrook



Now retired, Art spent most of his life as a photographer and filmmaker. As a filmmaker, he worked with a number of voluntary organizations in several countries in Africa, as well as Pakistan, Egypt, the Philippines and Canada. In East Africa he was involved in filming “Mama June,” a film about a Canadian teacher who contracted AIDS and returned to Tanzania to work with AIDS organizations there as well as a series of short videos on AIDS projects in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. The film was nominated for a Juno Award.

Art initiated and co-produced the film “Killer Whale and Crocodile” about an arts exchange between an Iatmul carver from Papua New Guinea and a Coast Salish carver. He has also worked on training manuals, educational kits and study guides and taught a photography course as well as a seminar on photographic technique. In the voluntary sector, Art was a member of the board of the Victoria AIDS Resource and Community Services Society for many years and served as chairman of the board for most of those years. In the last few years, while living in Ottawa, Art volunteered at a local food bank. In retirement, Art recently completed a book titled “Adherents of the Higher Law” about the efforts of the members of a small college community in Ohio in the battle to end slavery in the United States.

Tierra Madani – Secretary



Originally from the island of Molokai in Hawaii, Tierra lives and breathes aloha in all that she does. She travelled to BC right out of high school in 2008 and successfully completed a Bachelor of Commerce in Human Resources from the UBC Sauder School of Business as well as a Tourism Management Diploma from Capilano University.

Seeking a similar island culture like her Hawaiian roots, Tierra moved to Victoria from Vancouver in 2014 and has since earned her place within the HR community and within the Tourism/Hospitality industry. She recently was awarded the 2018 HR Rising Star Award presented by CPHR BC & Yukon and was also recognized by HR Director Canada as one of the 2019 Top 20 HR Rising Stars. Tierra currently works as the HR Manager at Vancouver Island Brewing.

Tierra is very passionate about her upbringing in Hawaii and about sharing that aloha with all those around her. She is a Polynesian dancer with the Pearls of the South Pacific dance group in Victoria. She has also been involved in supporting several local indigenous events and loves to volunteer her time where she can!

Seeking re-election, 1-year term

Rachel Wang



Rachel is second generation Chinese Canadian and currently living in Tkaronto on the land of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant.

Rachel received her Bachelor of Science from Queen’s University and Master of Marine Management from Dalhousie University. In the decade following, she worked in oceans conservation with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in Canada, Solomon Islands and Fiji. Her experiences in rights-based fisheries management and climate change risk mitigation in the South Pacific led her to the Pacific Peoples’ Partnership community.

Currently, Rachel is Executive Director of the Bike Brigade – a non-profit organization managing 800+ volunteer cyclists delivering food and other essential supplies during COVID-19. She is also the Founder of Evoke Creatives – a social enterprise with a mission to bring more racialized youth to the frontlines of the environment movement through the arts. With a lens on racial equity and environmental conservation, Rachel continually seeks to understand collaborative survival as a way to transform life beyond capitalism and industrialism. She aims to support PPP in leveraging the power of the arts and culture to elevate Pacific peoples as leaders of this transformation.

Seeking nomination, 2-year term

Penina Fairbairn



I am writing to express my interest to be a part of the Board Membership for the Pacific People Partnership (PPP). As an experienced Operations Specialist who possesses extensive knowledge, strong leadership skills and superb relation management abilities, I feel I would be an ideal candidate.

I am a result-oriented individual with good progressive Leadership experience. My Leadership skills strongly emphasize teamwork.

I am currently working for the A&W Canada as an Operations Specialist for over 5 years. My roles are Overseeing the entire Operations, how the Climate are handled in the workplace as well as the safety of our employees and our customers. I work closely with the Chief Operations Officer, Director of Operations, Area Managers and Managers.

I am effective communicator and enjoy working with people. Have the superior organizational skills needed to coordinate the activities of a large number of employees. My experience combined with my personal characteristics make me an ideal candidate for your Non-Profit Organization.

In my role as an Operations Specialist, I proved to be an efficient, enthusiastic, and strong Leader. My value was demonstrated after training the entire team in Penticton and on the island. Between the year 2011 and 2017, I've been nominated 5 times for Best Operated and Sales Award in Canada.

Sabina Singh



I am very honoured to be asked to apply to be a Board Member with your organization. In my research on George Manuel and global indigenous movements I am impressed by the vision and accomplishments of PPP. I am excited to see that you want to help develop the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN and incorporate them into the work of making connections across the Pacific. I believe my skills will be an asset to your organization because I have been working, teaching, reading, and writing on development issues for the past 25 years.

Of what is left in the world, 80% of biodiverse areas are in indigenous territory. Not surprisingly, industrial, commercial and state interests will have to learn from indigenous traditional knowledge if they want any hope of surviving. The PPP offers hope to connect people and add to the resilience of human life. It provides the possibility that without or with state/government connections, people can unite and protect each other as we face climate change together. As a political scientist I am very aware of how

limited states can be in either protecting the environment or indigenous people. It is why I consider Dr. Rudolph Rysler who wrote *Modern States and Indigenous Nations* and who started the Chief George Manuel library at the Centre for World Indigenous Studies, my intellectual mentor www.cwis.org. Indigenous people and ways of life, I hope, will lead the way into the future.

It has been a long time, since my children were born, that I worked directly and full-time in the non-profit sector. In the late 1990s, I ran an organization to support sex-trade workers in Kamloops and a women's emergency shelter. Later, as a single parent, I could not teach, do my PhD, raise my children and volunteer. I did not actively start volunteering again until my two children graduated high school. Since then, I have volunteered with, the Federal NDP, the provincial NDP, the MS Society, the MS Warriors Dragonboat team, Khalsa Aid, The Red Cedar Café, the Congress of Nations and States and Fateh Care.

I have the time to volunteer as a Board Member for the PPP now and I would love to be part of your organization.

Lesley Bennett



Lesley is a program manager and community development practitioner specialising in the design and delivery of targeted multi-sectoral programs in remote communities. With over 15 years in grassroots community development in rural Papua New Guinea. Lesley shares her experiences from her most recent role as manager of a 9 - year capacity building program targeting women in remote mining communities who overcome insurmountable challenges to acquire, share and transfer skills and knowledge and who use the skills to improve their own lives and transform communities.

Extending to include women and communities from the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, the successes of the program are replicated in other regions of the world including Romania, Uganda, Tanzania and Poland.

In 2017 Lesley represented her electorate as one of very few women who stood for the PNG national general elections. Lesley has represented PNG advocating for equal opportunities for women at various global events in Nairobi Kenya, Vancouver Canada, Washington DC, Honiara Solomon Islands, Suva Fiji and Australia. She currently resides in Brisbane Australia and continues to advocate for equal opportunities for women, youth and communities in remote PNG communities.

Seeking nomination, 1-year term

One Vacant 1-year term