

Subject: Annual AGM - September 15, 2020

Dear Bell Pensioners' Group member,

As you may imagine, this pandemic situation has caused some disruption in the operation of our Group over the last few months. All of our Annual General Meetings (AGM) usually held in May and June had to be cancelled. Consequently, our Governance Committee researched our By-Laws, as well as the federal Act governing the Canadian Not-For-Profit (NFP) organizations, in order to decide what needed to be done under those circumstances.

For any national NFP organization, an AGM has to be held within six (6) months after the end of the fiscal year, which means June 30th in our case. So, our first step was to request an extension from Corporations Canada, which was granted. Given the extension, and given that meetings of large groups are not likely to be allowed before year end, our Board decided at our June meeting that a special virtual national AGM needed to be organized to meet our legal requirements.

This letter is to inform our entire membership about this special AGM now planned for **September 15, 2020**. The AGM steps are summarized below:

- The duration of this AGM will be around 60 minutes and focus primarily on four elements:
 - Acknowledgement of the reception of our 2019 Financial Statements, already approved by our Board
 - Nomination of our Auditors for 2020
 - Election of our 2020-2021 Board of Directors
 - Adoption of an amendment to our By-laws to allow virtual meetings in the future if need be
- This will be done using the Zoom video conferencing technology
- There will be two sessions : one in English (starting at 1:30 PM) and one in French (starting at 3:00 PM)
- Given the number of participants expected at these virtual sessions, only the speakers will be visible. However, all participants will be invited to ask questions or request clarification prior to the session. The Zoom technology provides both a texting capability and a question and answer feature that can be used during the call.
- An electronic voting capability will be available if required, in accordance with the legal requirements of such a vote

Our Financial Statements have already been posted on our website and any additional information will continue to be provided on our website well in advance of September 16.

We ask that any member interested in participating send an RSVP by email to their Chapter Chair or delegate (see below) by August 14 at the latest. The Zoom link will follow to those that have RSVP'd.

Rest assured that the entire BPG volunteer team would rather meet with our members at a face-to-face meeting. Hopefully the pandemic will be history allowing us to regroup again in the Spring of 2021 and revive our celebrations for the 25th Anniversary!

Best regards,



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