



## Meeting Minutes – AGM, Nov. 25, 2013

Present:

- Carried out elections of Steering Committee members for London Chapter.
- **Candidates for London CoC Steering Committee for 2013**
- **Roberta Cory**, candidate for the position of **Chapter Chair**:

Roberta joined the CoC in 2001 and was active on the Water Committee of the London Chapter. From 2005 to 2010 she was on the Board of the Victoria, BC Chapter as Membership Chair. She was instrumental in restarting the London Chapter in 2010 and has devoted a large portion of her life since then towards Trade Justice, Water, and Mining Justice issues. Her mission is “to help the Steering Committee and Committee Chairs in their leadership roles and to turn passive membership into engaged active membership.”

- **Rod Morley**, candidate for the position of **Chapter Chair**:

Incumbent Facilitator. Duties entail organizing monthly and executive meetings, being the main media spokesperson for issues that the CoC deal with or have an interest in. Assisting in setting up new subcommittees on topics that are of interest to members in London. Disseminating information from the Council's head office in Ottawa and providing feedback from members.

- **Masoud Karimi**, candidate for the position of **Treasurer**:

Former bookkeeper and Math teacher.

- **Aldous Smith**, candidate for the position of **Secretary**:

Aldous became a Council of Canadians member in 2012. As well as attending rallies, writing letters and helping create advertising and C of C booths for various events, he has worked as the designated printer and editor for the London chapter. He has two Masters degrees from

Western, and he is a published author and literary critic. He says “I wish to take the position as secretary so that I can contribute positively to a re-vitalized, dynamic London C of C chapter”.

- **David Heap**, candidate for the position of **Media Chair**:

Associate professor (French & Linguistics) at Western and father of two, David has served in the past as Peace & Social Justice chair for the London Chapter of the Council of Canadians. He is also active locally with People for Peace London, and the Latin American Canadian Solidarity Association (LACASA), and nationally / internationally with the Canadian Boat to Gaza / Gaza's Ark campaign (endorsed by the Council of Canadians). He has often acted as media spokesperson for different causes, and has published widely on e.g. [rabble.ca](http://rabble.ca), among other places.

- **Geoff Crealock**, candidate for the position of **Membership Chair**:

Geoff has served over the past three years as Membership Chair. He is “willing to continue in the position and also quite willing to give my complete cooperation to anyone who is elected in my stead in taking over Membership responsibilities.”

- **Robert Cory (“Rory”)**, candidate for the position of **Website/Social Media Admin**:

Retired professor at Western. Member since 2001. Webmaster for the Victoria, BC Chapter 2006-2010. Website/Social Media Admin for the London, ON Chapter since 2011.

- **Elected to Steering Committee:**

- **Chair, Roberta Cory**;
- **Website Design and maintenance, Robert Cory**;
- **Membership, Geoff Crealock**; maintain list of all members, old and new
- **Media, David Heap**; write and edit monthly newsletter; liaison with public media
- **Treasurer, Masoud Karimi**; maintain books for chapter finances; signatory for all cheques to be issued by local chapter.
- **Secretary, Aldous Smith**.

- Discussion of new initiatives for 2014

- Bottled-water campaign
- Waste dump on shores of Lake Huron – Kincardine. (Seen as some as economic benefit to area; opposed by many as dangerous source of leaching into Huron.)
- Continued Trade Justice work by Trade Justice London group: CETA still urgent issue; TPP also on agenda for action.
- Bee Initiative – banning of neonicotinoids by City Council

