



**Notice of the Second
Annual General Meeting of Members**

Sunday, 29 April 2012

Your participation is important!



Dear Members:

We invite you to attend the second Annual General Meeting of Members of **OUTSPORT TORONTO**, which will be held at Fuzion Resto-lounge and Garden in Toronto at 4:00pm on Sunday, 29 April 2012. We and our colleagues on the board of directors look forward to meeting you, presenting our view of **OUTSPORT TORONTO**'s activities for 2011, and outlining our plans for the future. We hope you can join us!

Please take the time to read this document and the Annual Report for 2011. This circular contains important information about the Annual General Meeting and the business to be conducted, voting, and the nominated directors.

OUTSPORT TORONTO's Annual General Meeting is open to all, although only nominees of member organisations may vote. We ask all member organisations to ensure their appointed nominee is represented at the Annual General Meeting. It is important that your organisation's membership be represented in the voting.

Sincerely,

Shawn D. Sheridan
Chair of the Board

Ken Meiklejohn
Vice Chair of the Board

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Agenda

You are invited to the second Annual General Meeting of Members of **OUTSPORT TORONTO**.

When: Sunday, 29 April 2012, 4:00pm local time.

Where: Fuzion Resto-lounge and Garden, 580 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario.

Our meeting will cover:

Year in Review: We will cover **OUTSPORT TORONTO**'s performance for the 2011 year, including reviewing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011.

Looking forward: We will review the results of the Town Hall held in January of 2012, and we will also present our plans for 2012 and beyond.

Directors: Nominees will elect directors to our board. In the **Nominees for Election as Directors** section on page 3, you will find information about each nominated director, including their background and experience, and committee work. All directors are elected for a term of one year.

Other business: If other items of business are properly brought before the meeting, or after any adjournment, you can vote as you see fit. We are not aware of any other items of business to be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

On Behalf of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MGunter".

Mac Gunter
Secretary Treasurer

Voting

Who Can Vote?

One Vote per Member

Each member organisation has a single vote. A member organisation is one that has submitted an application or reapplication form for membership for the 2012 year to the directors of **OUTSPORT TORONTO**, and that application for membership has been accepted by a majority vote of the directors at a directors' meeting.

Voting by Nominees

As part of the application or reapplication process, organisations are to appoint a nominee who is named on the application form. The nominee votes on behalf of the member organisation. Only nominees on record at the time of the Annual General Meeting of organisations whose membership has been accepted by the board in advance of the Annual General Meeting may vote.

Voting Process

Voting is done in person at the Annual General Meeting. Voting by proxy is not permitted per the bylaws of **OUTSPORT TORONTO**.

Voting will be done by a show of hands. Should there be a tie vote, the chair has a casting (second) vote, in addition to the vote to which he may be entitled as a nominee.

Business of the Meeting

Year in Review and Financial Statements


2011 was **OUTSPORT TORONTO**'s second year of operation. An annual report will be published in advance of the Annual General Meeting, and will contain a review of the year as well as the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011. Highlights from the annual report will be covered, and questions from the floor will be entertained.


Looking Forward

In late January of 2012, **OUTSPORT TORONTO** held a Town Hall meeting of its members to provide guidance and direction to **OUTSPORT TORONTO**. The results of that workshop will be presented, along with objectives and plans for 2012 and beyond. Again, questions from the floor will also be entertained following this portion of the meeting.



Nominees for Election as Directors


Following is information about the nominated directors, including their background, experience, and committee work.

Nominee and Board Position	Background	Committees
 <p>Stephanie Bell Director, Fundraising and Development Pink Turf Soccer League</p>	<p>Sport has played an integral role in Stephanie's life for as long as she can remember. Growing up outside of Ottawa, she got her start in sports playing competitive soccer. In high school, she discovered Taekwon-do, the 'art of hand and foot'. She has spent more than a decade practicing and studying Taekwon-do and holds a second degree black belt. She feels passionate about the inclusion of women in martial arts and encourages everyone to look to these arts in their pursuit of a holistic approach to health and wellbeing, fitness, and personal development. Despite her passion for this sport and art, she as faced challenges in a community dominated by the heterosexual male. When she came out, she felt uncomfortable disclosing her sexuality in the Taekwon-do world. When she moved to Toronto in 2009, she sought solace in the vibrant queer sporting world. Stephanie has been an enthusiastic member of Toronto's Pink Turf Soccer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fundraising and Development (chair)

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	<p>League since 2010.</p> <p>Stephanie is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health degree with a specialization in Health Promotion. Her academic interests relate to queer women’s health. After working in laboratory science for several years, she now works at the Ontario HIV Treatment Network where she supports community-based organizations in building their research capacity. In this position, she plays an important role in helping these organizations develop the skills to write grants and obtain funding to carry out research.</p> <p>Stephanie believes that sport can play an instrumental role in the development, healthy socialization, and cohesiveness of Toronto’s queer community. As OUTSPORT TORONTO’s Director of Fundraising and Development, she strives to ensure that the importance of the organisation’s objectives is recognised by funders and that it has the means and sustainability to meet the needs of its members.</p>	
 <p>Julian DiBattista Director, Community Outreach Independent</p> <hr/> <p>History</p> <p>2011 – Director,</p>	<p>Julian DiBattista’s involvement in sport started at an early age when he began officiating elementary school basketball games as a volunteer. Following this, he received his certification to formally officiate both football and basketball, and has been blowing the whistle at various levels over the past ten years. Julian progressed to officiating basketball games at the high school and community college level, and working football games at the provincial and national levels. Julian has called several provincial and national championships, most notably the 2011 Canadian Junior Football League national championship – the Canadian Bowl – as the field judge.</p> <p>In addition to his work on the field, Julian has ex-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Community Outreach (chair) ■ Pride / Sport-Zone (chair) ■ Fundraising and Development ■ TDSB Futures 2012 Workshop

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<p>Community Outreach</p>	<p>tensive experience organising and administering recreational sport, working for the Wilfrid Laurier Department of Athletics and Recreation while completing his degree. Moving up the ranks, Julian started as an intramural basketball referee, was then given the responsibility of convening the basketball leagues for two years, and ultimately, during his final year at Laurier, was tasked with overseeing the entire intramural program. Julian received his Bachelors of Business Administration degree with a focus on insurance and risk management in 2009.</p> <p>Using the skills learned through his studies, Julian has been very involved on the administrative side of officiating, sitting on the board of his local association and working on provincial and national committees to help strengthen the business practices employed by officiating associations. He is certified to train and develop football officials and help them progress through the certification program. In addition to his amateur football responsibilities, Julian works as a member of the statistics crew for the Canadian Football League.</p> <p>Julian is also politically active. Currently he is a member of both his federal and provincial riding associations' board, holding senior positions as a member of the executive.</p> <p>Julian joined the board of OUTSPORT TORONTO in January of 2012 in the role of Director of Community Outreach.</p>	

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 <p>Mac Gunter Secretary Treasurer Nominee for ROTC</p> <hr/> <p>History</p> <p>2011 – Secretary Treasurer 2010 – Secretary Treasurer</p>	<p>Mac Gunter helped to found OUTSPORT TORONTO and is honored to be a member of its Board, having served as Secretary Treasurer over the past two years. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario’s School of Business in 1970 and the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto in 1974. He retired from teaching with the Toronto District School Board in 2003. Mac has been a fitness enthusiast since joining his first health club in 1970. He has been a volunteer fitness instructor at Metro Central YMCA since 1993, currently in the area of yoga. He is Treasurer of ROTC Toronto, a performance precision color guard, and has been on its Board of Directors and marched with the corps since its founding in 1995. He is the outgoing President of the Village Pool League and has been on its Board of Directors and played in the league since 2007.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Games (chair) ■ Finance ■ Fundraising and Development ■ TDSB Futures 2012 Workshop
 <p>David Langan Director, no portfolio President, Out and Out</p> <hr/> <p>History</p> <p>2011 – Director, Marketing and Communications 2010 – Director,</p>	<p>David began his sports journey in Richmond, BC with soccer (or football if you prefer) at the young age of five. After a short period David discovered a love of gymnastics and spent from age six to 14 training competitively with the floor being his strongest apparatus. During that time he also dabbled in judo and karate. Soon enough adult life took over and sports took a back seat.</p> <p>After coming out David found his way into the Vancouver gay community through sports. First with bowling, then softball (WESA) and dance sport (Not So Strictly Ballroom). Upon arriving in Toronto David participated in LGBT Latin dance classes through the U of T and Joy of Dance, played in the Cabbagetown Softball League, and enjoyed the variety of activities provided through Out and Out like in-line skating and Jamboree (during which he discovered a love of volleyball). David was elected to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marketing and Communications

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<p>Marketing and Communications</p>	<p>the Out and Out steering committee in November 2010. He became Out and Out's President in January of 2012.</p> <p>David is energised by the opportunities that exist in Toronto – including bringing his sales and marketing background to the table to help OUTSPORT TORONTO facilitate its member-driven mandate. David is a strong proponent of community and looks forward to helping the amateur LGBT Sport community in the GTA grow through the application of strategic marketing.</p>	
 <p>Ken Meiklejohn Vice Chair Member, Toronto Gay Football League</p> <hr/> <p>History</p> <p>2011 – Vice Chair 2010 – Vice Chair</p>	<p>Ken Meiklejohn is the Research and Special Projects Officer for Strategic Initiatives in the Office of the Vice-President, Research at the University of Toronto. After pursuing his doctoral studies at the University of Toronto, Ken worked in the private sector in a variety of roles specializing in strategy development and implementation. In 2008, Ken was hired by the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto to assist in the implementation of its strategic plan and has been at U of T ever since. An avid sports and fitness enthusiast since childhood, Ken served as the U of T Graduate Students' Union representative on the Council of Athletics and Recreation. He loves outdoor activities, especially hiking, kayaking, skiing, and mountain biking, and actively participates in community sport through the Toronto Gay Football League. Ken is also a certified personal trainer and strength coach and enjoys helping others achieve their fitness and sports performance goals. Ken believes in the ability of sport to foster comradeship, inclusivity, physical fitness, and a healthy way of living for its participants, and in the power of sport to break down barriers and forge strong, lasting ties between diverse individuals and communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive ■ Finance ■ Board Development ■ Advocacy (chair) ■ TDSB Futures 2012 Workshop ■ Scrum

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 <p>James Scott Director, Membership and Member Services Nominee for Toronto Gay Football League</p> <hr/> <p>History</p> <p>2010 – Director, Membership and Member Services</p>	<p>Joining the Cabbagetown Group Softball League introduced James to Toronto’s best kept secret — a thriving, inclusive, and healthy community of LGBT-friendly athletes. Through friends he made on his softball team, he was introduced to the gay curling league, and has since joined the Toronto Gay Hockey Association. He became involved in an informal football “pick-up” game in 2009, and then with a team of committed volunteers, took up the task of establishing the Toronto Gay Football League. As assistant commissioner, he saw the league launch in 2010 with over 75 players and five teams, grow to over 100 players in 2011, and is looking forward to starting year three with upwards of 100 players.</p> <p>James has a great appreciation for the power of sport to create a community of inclusiveness and healthy living. He is thrilled to be a part of the OUTSPORT TORONTO board, as Director of Membership and Member Services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Membership and Member Services (chair) ■ Games ■ Pride / Sport-Zone ■ Scrum (chair) ■ TDSB Futures 2012 Workshop (chair)
 <p>Shawn Sheridan Chair Nominee for Crag Crux Climbers</p> <hr/> <p>History</p>	<p>Shawn has been involved in sport in various capacities for more than 25 years. He spent over 15 years actively involved in aquatics including as a National Lifeguard Service examiner, 11 years as an avid rock climber, seven years as a horseman, is a sailor, cross-county skis, and has dabbled in running, squash, and other sports activities. The representative of Crag Crux Climbers, he was involved in the formation of OUTSPORT TORONTO as a member of the governance committee starting in 2009, and became OUTSPORT TORONTO’s first Chair in June of 2010.</p> <p>Outside of sport, Shawn has held a number of ex-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive (Chair) ■ Finance ■ Fundraising and Development ■ Advocacy ■ Board Development (chair) ■ TDSB Futures 2012 Workshop ■ Scrum

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2011 – Chair 2010 – Chair	ecutive-level positions with national and international financial services firms, has worked in a variety of other industries including consumer packaged goods, retail, insurance, and financial audit during his 25-year career, runs his own web delivery and information technology company, and is currently Vice President of Information Technology and Delivery for NetDexterity.	

Motion: To acclaim the following individuals to the cited board positions:

1. Shawn Sheridan as Chair
2. Ken Meiklejohn as Vice Chair
3. Mac Gunter as Secretary Treasurer
4. Stephanie Bell as Director
5. Julian DiBattista as Director
6. David Langan as Director
7. James Scott as Director

Schedule A: Detailed Agenda

1. Call to order
2. **Motion:** To accept of the minutes of the first Annual General Meeting of **OUTSPORT TORONTO** of 27 March 2011.
3. Presentations by the directors:
 - a. Year in Review – Chair, Shawn D. Sheridan
 - b. Financial Statements – Secretary Treasurer, Mac Gunter
 - c. Looking forward – Vice Chair, Ken Meiklejohn, and Director, Membership and Member Services, James Scott
4. Election of Directors – Chair, Shawn D. Sheridan
 - a. **Motion:** To acclaim the following individuals to the cited board positions:
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 - iii. Mac Gunter as Secretary Treasurer
 - iv. Stephanie Bell as Director
 - v. Julian DiBattista as Director
 - vi. David Langan as Director
 - vii. James Scott as Director
5. Other business
6. Adjournment
 - a. **Motion:** To adjourn this Second Annual General Meeting of Members.

OUTSPORT TORONTO gratefully thanks its host for its second Annual General Meeting,
Fuzion Resto-lounge and Garden.

