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about our organization

APIRG (The Alberta Public Interest Research Group) is an incredible resource based at the University of Alberta for student- and community-based research, education and social activism. We provide the administrative, informational and technological resources to help students transform social concern into effective action. Through involvement with PIRGs, thousands of Canadian students have learned skills in consensus decision-making, group facilitation, events organizing, media relations, and community-based research. These skills help individuals to act effectively in the public interest.

Our Mandate

APIRG is a student-run, student-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest. APIRG exists to provide students with resources to be active citizens.

Basis of Unity

We believe the way to create positive social change is to provide individuals with the information and tools they need to become active citizens and to participate effectively in their communities.

Statement of Values

APIRG considers an equitable environment to be a part of positive social change. We acknowledge that social change is achievable and see social awareness as a valuable facet of the public interest. We see anti-oppression as a process that acknowledges the existence of systemic oppression (including, but not limited to, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, and ableism). Through practices and policies, we seek to actively identify, challenge and address oppression wherever it exists, in all its various forms, and to actively encourage opportunities for social awareness and change. Further, we recognize and respect that systems of oppression interact in different ways and affect each person differently.

organizational structure

APIRG's organizational structure can be broken into two parts: the paid capacity – APIRG staff – and the volunteer capacity – largely made up of the Board of Directors.

Board members are responsible for overseeing all APIRG operations. This includes developing policy, setting organizational goals and priorities, reviewing all funding and collaboration proposals, hiring and managing staff, and assisting with community outreach and events.

2015/2016 saw a complete Board transition. Six new members were elected by the membership in March, and three more joined as appointments by the new Board at the Transition retreat. One elected member resigned before the start of school in the Fall. Another elected member resigned in December, and another member was appointed in July and then later resigned in January. A final Board member resigned in April to take a position on staff. The Board managed to maintain the required balance of elected to appointed members throughout the year.

APIRG staff members are responsible for supporting and implementing Board visioning, day-to-day operations and administration, programming and outreach. They bring the skills, knowledge, institutional memory and consistency that are crucial to the effective and efficient functioning of APIRG.

APIRG staff members provide resources and support to students who are working on various projects and campaigns, in addition to the student Board of Directors. Staff members support student-run Working Groups and ensure that the granting process is equitable and transparent. Staff are also responsible for monitoring the financial accountability of our organization and our funding recipients.

2015/2016 saw another year of significant staff changes. Nav left in December, but continued to run the year's programming for people of colour. daley planned to leave at the end of the year, and a process was commenced to hire replacements for both the Working Group and Outreach Coordinator positions in February. In April Jasmine Mohamed and Laura Kruse were hired for Working Group and Outreach, respectively. APIRG wishes to thank Nav and daley for their contributions to APIRG, and welcome Jasmine and Laura to the staff!

board of directors report

The Board of Directors for this year was composed of both elected undergraduate students and appointed community members who were all new to the organization. We met throughout the summer to build our personal and organizational capacity in relation to governing a non-profit. Our Fall term was challenging. Significant conflict arose due to structural and interpersonal issues. These issues and harms manifested themselves both internally in the organization and in relationship to the broader community. During the Fall term, there were several resignations from the organization. Those who chose to remain with APIRG renewed our commitment to one another during the winter retreat, and worked to develop communication strategies and reflexive analysis of our organization's atmosphere and impact.

Throughout the 2015-2016 year, APIRG participated in many exciting collaborations, funded applicants to our two funding streams, and hired two new staff members. Two Board members were appointed as continuity appointments to the 2016-2017 Board.

In conjunction with UAlberta Pride Week, APIRG collaborated on the Intersections of Queer Symposium, including facilitating a keynote speech by prominent activist and organizer Reina Gossett who spoke movingly on prison abolition, restorative justice, and trans liberation in a climate of heightened visibility and violence. APIRG also supported an Indigenous Feminisms workshop in collaboration with the Indigenous Feminist Collective. APIRG also intervened in a Supreme Court case related to the proceedings of the student protests in Quebec in 2012.

In the Fall and Winter funding rounds, APIRG Board and staff members adjudicated and selected applicants from our two funding streams, the Event/Project Fund and the Working Group Fund. The Event/Project committee received twenty-nine applications and funded fifteen of them. The Working Group committee currently supports twelve Working Groups. New additions to this stream this year included Sapling Poet Tree, Kulture Hubs, the Edmonton Muslim Basketball Association, and Greenpeace.

We wish the 2016-2017 Board and Staff of APIRG the best, and hope APIRG can continually improve our practices to support healing and positive social change both on campus and in the wider Edmonton community.

Regards,
The 2015-2016 APIRG board.

financial summary

APIRG projected for its 14th operating year a significant deficit. This approach was an attempt to use up a series of accumulating surpluses over the previous decade to reach an overall net-zero in terms of cash flow over time. A historically conservative approach to spending within budgets, the peculiarities of granted funds being spent over multiple fiscal years, and the challenges of significant organizational turn-over left APIRG with a deficit of only \$1,048 for the year ending 30 April 2016.

In 2015/2016, APIRG committed over \$30,000 in direct grants and in-kind support across two funding rounds to student campaigns, events, activities and projects as well as community groups addressing issues in the undergraduate and larger communities' public interest. We highlight many of these projects and groups in other pages of this report. By continuing to work closely with funding recipients we were able to increase the amount of funds spent during the year, thereby minimizing the roll-over or return of granting money. In addition to direct grants, APIRG supports undergraduates and the greater community with our resource library, workshops, and collaborative events with other University and Community Organizations. As with many non-profit organizations, APIRG's biggest annual expense is staffing costs, including both salaries and benefits. This expense enables us to provide a high level of service to students, an opportunity for Board members to learn and grow as leaders of the organization with the support of knowledgeable staff, and to maintain a just, competitive, and unionized work environment.

APIRG funding comes from a dedicated fee collected on our behalf by the University of Alberta Students' Union. Other revenue for APIRG remains marginal. This is a consequence of the decision to continue to keep our resources focused on sustainable action in the campus community, rather than fundraising. In 2015/2016, full-time undergraduates paid \$3.44 each term while part-time students paid \$1.72. Annual fee increases are based upon the Consumer Price Index. As agreed upon at the time of our founding, students can opt out of the fee for financial or ideological reasons. In 2015, due to a new SU Bylaw, APIRG's opt-out was changed to an online-only process, administered by the SU. With the new format, a total of 401 opt-outs were processed over the Fall and Winter opt-out terms, totaling \$1,315.80 in fees returned over the year, a significant increase over 33 people receiving \$107.23 in the 2014/2015 year.

As required by our agreement with the Students' Union to have our financial statements audited annually, APIRG had the financial statements audited by Doyle & Company chartered accounting firm. The 2015/2016 audit verified that our financial statements (presented in this report in their entirety) are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting practices.

If you have any questions about APIRG's finances that go beyond the scope of this report, you are welcome to make an appointment with APIRG's Financial Portfolio and Office Coordinator.

– justin bartlett, Office Coordinator

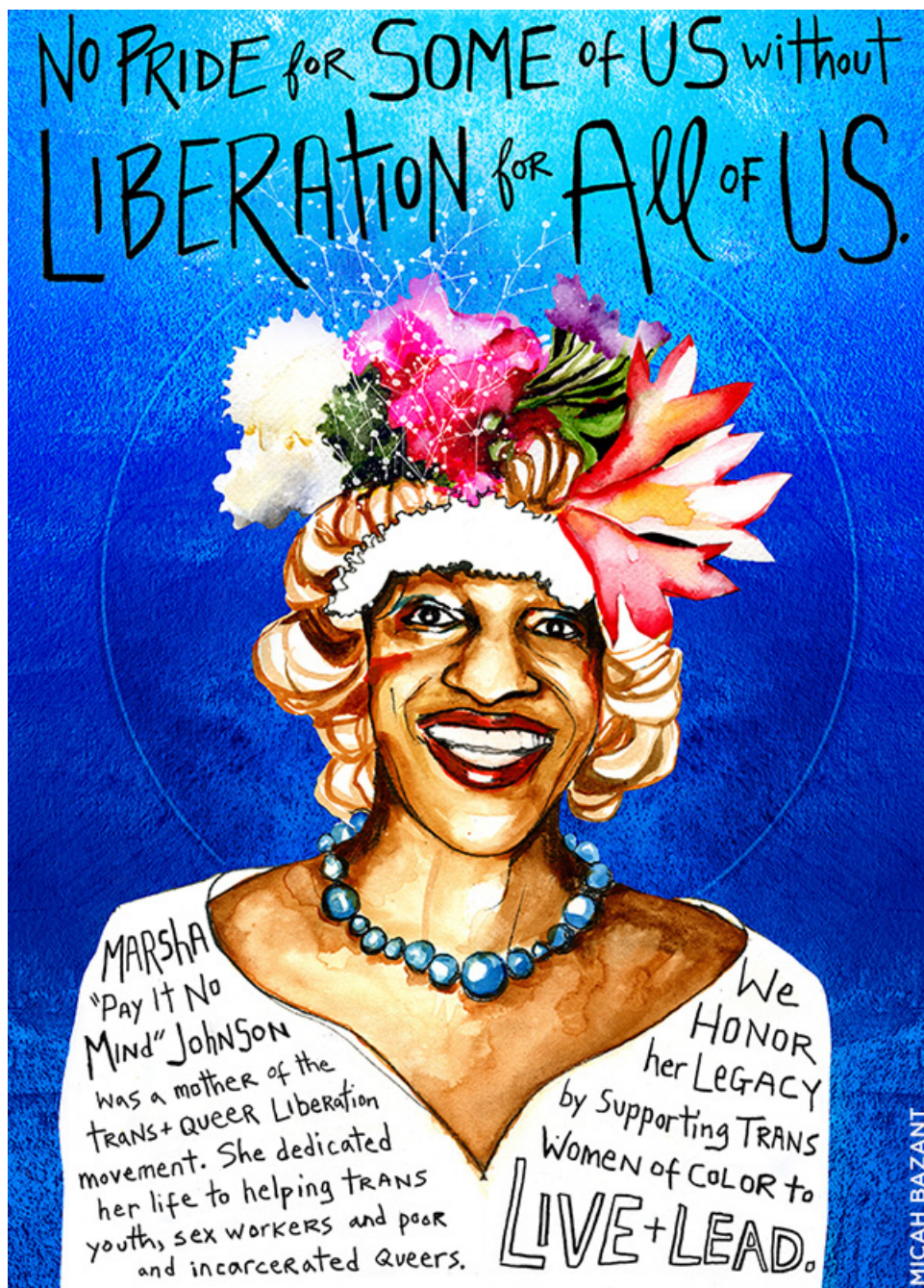
– Sarah Simoes, Director, Financial Portfolio Holder 2015/2016

APIRG Collaborations

A great deal of the programming and events that we do at APIRG happen through collaborations with other organizations and community groups, both on and off campus.

Indigenous Feminism: Decolonization, Pedagogy and Resurgence (March 10 - 11th, 2016) was a workshop presented in collaboration with the Indigenous Feminist Collective, the Department of Women's Studies, the Faculty of Native Studies, and the Department of Political Science. Keynote speeches included Dr. Kim TallBear's "The Standing With and Speaking as Faith: a Feminist-Indigenous Approach Inquiry" and Dr. Dory Nason's "Something Beautiful Lives Inside Us: Indigenous Feminist Resurgence, Love and Resistance in Indigenous Women's Contemporary Storytelling." Other topics and presentations included resisting gendered violence, the TRC, and a panel/performance by Indigenous Femcees.

Intersections of Queer Symposium (March 10th, 2016), in conjunction with the Landing, is an attempt to create spaces for critical engagement with the complexities of LGBTQ+ experiences. Our goal is to support a series of workshops, discussions and facilitated spaces that share knowledge and facilitate collaborative learning around issues of race, class, ability, gender, mental health, spirituality, ethnicity, indigeneity, and citizenship in relation to queerness. Presenters included spoken word artists DarkMatter, and a keynote presentation by Reina Gossett entitled "Making A Way Out of No Way: Trans Liberation in a Moment of Heightened Violence & Visibility."



APIRG programming

Untying the Knot was a project developed by Working Group Coordinator Nav, which ran in the fall and continued to run independently throughout the year.

“The program sought to integrate personal/interpersonal/community relationships within the context of confronting institutional Oppression as racialized settler Diaspora within Canada. The community sessions sought to shift energy inwards, interrogating our own assumptions, biases and education around work and knowledge in a theoretically structured way. The programming was rooted in the understanding that neoliberal and neo-colonial systems work intensely within the individual (heart, mind, bodies and relationships). Sitting within this tension, we hoped to learn and share tools of healing (stories, arts, music etc.) as a means to sustainable resistance within the Edmonton activist community.”

Event/Project Funding Recipients

This year, APIRG continued to provide monetary and non-monetary resources to a variety of events and projects that focus on anti-oppression and intersectionality.

Recipient	Event/Project
Brown, Black & Fierce	Brown, Black & Fierce! Festival
CRIPSiE (The Collaborative Radically Integrated Performers Society in Edmonton) and Mindhive Collective	Pajama Jam
Migrante Alberta	Telling People's Stories Through Art
Not Enough Fest Collective	Not Enough Fest 2016
Native Studies Student Association	Graduation Round Dance
Take Back the Night Collective	Take Back the Night 2016
Indigenous Womyn's Collective	Indigenous Womyn's Collective Project
Group of African Students	Africa Unite
Masala Mix	A Blend of Spices Artistic Showcase
Somali Students' Association	Somali All-Stars Weekend
Naureen Mumtaz	Intercultural Understanding Amongst Youth from Urban Aboriginal & Newcomer Communities
Refugee Experiences Research Group	Refugee Experiences: Healthcare & Policy
Somali Students @ Macewan	Amin Amir Documentary Screening
Victoria Guzman	QT/IBPOC Art Show
Shima Robinson	Dwennimmen's Horn

APIRG working groups

Working Groups (WGs) are collectives of students and community members who work together on an issue. WGs may focus on research, events, actions, publications, and other diverse activities. They tend to have long-term goals with activities and membership that continue beyond the current academic year. WGs are required to hold regular meetings and must maintain a membership that includes U of A undergraduates.

Active Working Groups in 2015-16

Amnesty International

ConsentEd

Edmonton Muslim Basketball Association (EMBA)

Edmonton Organic Growers Guild (EOGG)

Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom (FLIF)

Greenpeace Edmonton

Islamic Relief

Kulture Hubs

Migrante Youth

Palestinian Solidarity Network (PSN)

Sapling Poet Tree

Students' International Health Association (SIHA)

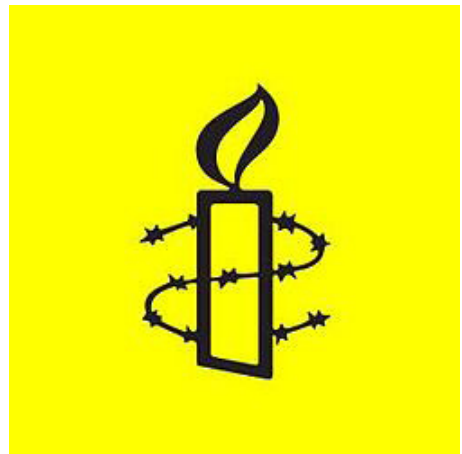
Working Group Descriptions

Amnesty International University of Alberta Chapter

Working Group Since: Winter 2013

Amnesty International (AI) is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights. AI's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards. We are dedicated to carrying out Amnesty's work of defending human rights. Our mission is to give the students of the University of Alberta the opportunity to take part in Amnesty International's actions and be a fellow human rights ambassador.

The group operates for the purpose of increasing campus and community awareness of international human rights violations and environmental degradation. It also operates in campaigning peacefully to free all prisoners of conscience, ensure fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, abolish the death penalty, torture, and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of all prisoners, and stop abuses by opposition groups including hostage taking, torture, and deliberate and arbitrary killings.



ConsentEd

Working Group Since: Winter 2012

Website: <http://www.consented.ca/>

ConsentEd believes that everyone deserves to live in a world without sexual violence. Our mission is to actively work towards changing the way our society perceives the issue of consent and sexual violence. Specifically, we hope to provide resources to educate, engage and inspire young adults who are otherwise bombarded with a constant stream of unhelpful or incorrect information about sexual violence.



Edmonton Muslim Basketball Association (EMBA)

Working Group Since: Winter 2016

EMBA is a basketball association for young Muslim women. Their goal is to promote health and wellness through their weekly training sessions and tournament involvement, as well as providing opportunities for mentorship and friendship and promoting self-confidence and empowerment for their members.

Edmonton Organic Growers Guild (EOGG)

Working Group Since: Winter 2010

Website: <http://eogg.org/>

Edmonton Organic Growers Guild (EOGG) is a communal urban farm dedicated to encouraging development of sustainable, organic, local food production within the city core. EOGG works in partnership with the University of Alberta to offer a model of communal gardening that provides university students and members of the public of all ages with the opportunity to learn formally and informally from each other and from personal experience how to grow food for themselves and others. EOGG encourages experimentation with a large variety of fruits and vegetables, including culturally specific crops and cold climate variants not typically grown in Edmonton. Through high yield production methods and through volunteer efforts, EOGG provides locally grown organic garden produce to its members and to those in need throughout the city of Edmonton.

Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom (FLIF)

Working Group Since: Winter 2011

Website: <http://flifblog.blogspot.ca/>

We are a group of Library and Information Studies students at the University of Alberta who are interested in promoting intellectual freedom and social responsibility. We believe that issues concerning censorship, freedom of expression, and social justice go hand-in-hand, and hope that through information updates and direct action,

we will be able to emphasize the importance of intellectual freedom and social responsibility in the personal and professional lives of our readers and our communities.

Greenpeace Edmonton

Working Group Since: Fall 2015

Greenpeace Edmonton is a local campaigning group that is connected to the larger organization of Greenpeace Canada and Greenpeace International. We advocate for conservation and protection of the environment, the promotion of peace, and changing societal attitudes and behaviour. We communicate with our municipal and provincial government in Alberta on issues such as renewable energy, the tar sands, and environmental justice. As a chapter of a large, international organization, we believe it is important to be critical of Greenpeace and its limited rhetoric of environmentalism which has historically failed to acknowledge that “the land” is often Aboriginal territory.



Islamic Relief at the University of Alberta

Working Group Since: Winter 2013

We are dedicated, as a student group of an international relief and development chapter, to carrying out Islamic Relief’s work of responding to people who are suffering. We aim to help individuals

(regardless of religion, ethnicity or gender) to fulfill their potential in life; without expecting anything in return and in hopes of improving the state of the global world. We aim to allow students at the University of Alberta an opportunity to look past any stereotypes about Muslims by focusing on the values Islam truly represents.

Kulture Hubs

Working Group Since: Fall 2015

Kulture Hubs is an educational extension of the *Hip Hop in the Park Foundation* whose mandate is to reclaim the founding values of Hip Hop as a culture of peace and reconciliation. Hip Hop is commonly perceived as embodying greed, violence, and misogyny; however, it was developed in the South Bronx in the late 1970s to enact a peace treaty between over 100 gangs and singlehandedly saved an entire community. Rather than mimicking this historical Hip Hop culture, *Kulture Hubs* seeks to create a new Hip Hop culture which integrates contemporary issues and experiences in marginalized communities in Edmonton. We seek to unify leadership from different activist communities so that we can work together towards the common goal of liberation. What if Hip Hop's values were shared with the LGBTQ, the Somali, the feminist, the Aboriginal, and the disabled communities? What would Emceeing, Breakin, Graffiti, and DeeJayin look like with current Northern Alberta influences?



Palestine Solidarity Network (PSN)

Working Group Since: Fall 2009

Website: <http://psnedmonton.ca/>

The Palestine Solidarity Network is a non-profit, grassroots collective aimed at advocating and upholding the human rights of Palestinians in the face of ongoing oppression, occupation, racism and discrimination, both in occupied Palestine and in the Diaspora. We maintain groups at both the community level, the Palestine Solidarity Network – Edmonton, and on the University of Alberta campus, the Palestine Solidarity Network – U of A.

Migrante Youth

Working Group since: Winter 2015

Migrante Alberta (MA) is a non-profit migrants advocacy groups in the province of Alberta. It was established on August 2013 and been active in organizing and advocacy work for migrant workers. MA has

an active base in Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary and is a member of Migrante Canada, an alliance of Filipino migrant organizations in BC, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. It is currently involved in the campaign to protect the rights and stop the deportation of temporary foreign workers.

The group hopes create a space for U of A community to learn more about the Temporary Foreign Workers Program and migrant workers. Its also a space where migrant and immigrants community and the students and faculty meet and share stories and solidarity.

Sapling Poet Tree

Working Group Since: Fall 2015

Sapling Poet Tree is a spoken word organization for marginalized youth in Edmonton. It seeks to enrich, problematize, and revisit perspectives on youth poverty and on the nature of the limitations that people labeled as “poor” experience, while challenging the estimation that the youth’s problem are not systemic. Sapling Poet Tree mentors young poets in a manner that is driven by grass roots approaches to vocal empowerment, literary proficiency, and self recognition. Sapling Poet Tree creates artifacts evidential of the real existence, progress, struggles and realization of youth, all working toward the radical disruption of value systems, economic systems and justice systems that would cast these young people, and all of us at various junctures of our intersectionality, as inhuman.

Student International Health Association (SIHA)

Working Group Since: Winter 2014

Website: www.siha.ca

The Students' International Health Association (SIHA) Local is a student-led organization dedicated to sustainable health promotion and community development. We are locally based; our main office is located on the University of Alberta campus and we have a strong focus on serving the Edmonton community while promoting health awareness and education. We also reach out to underserved communities in rural Alberta to promote healthy lifestyles. We attempt to reduce stigma on marginalized individuals such as those living with HIV by presenting in classrooms and holding events on campus. We also address the topics of tobacco cessation and healthy living in presentations to school age children in conjunction with HIV Edmonton.

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financial statements

Alberta Public Interest Research Group

Financial Statements

April 30, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**To the Board of
The Alberta Public Interest Research Group**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **The Alberta Public Interest Research Group**, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at April 30, 2016 and the Statements of Changes in Net Assets, Operations and Cash Flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian Audit Standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparations and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

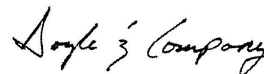
In common with many non profit organizations, The Alberta Public Interest Research Group collects revenue from fundraiser's and events which are not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification for completeness. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization. Therefore we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraiser's or event revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, current assets and net assets.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Alberta Public Interest Research Group and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

September 7, 2016

Edmonton, Alberta



Chartered Accountants

Alberta Public Interest Research Group

Statement of Financial Position

As at April 30, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash	180,496	165,344
Accounts receivable	-	17,155
Prepaid expenses	1,364	1,345
	181,860	183,844
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	9,654	9,775
Source deductions payable	1,759	2,574
	11,413	12,349
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets	142,750	151,649
Internally restricted net assets	27,697	19,846
	170,447	171,495
	181,860	183,844

Approved by the Board of Directors:

 Director

 Director

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Alberta Public Interest Research Group

Statement of Change in Net Assets

For the year ended April 30, 2016

	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	2016	2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	19,846	151,649	171,495	175,123
Excess of revenue (loss) over expenditures	-	(1,048)	(1,048)	(3,628)
Funds committed during the year	28,410	(28,410)	-	-
Funds paid out during the year	(19,321)	19,321	-	-
Funds returned	(1,238)	1,238	-	-
Balance, end of year	27,697	142,750	170,447	171,495

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

3.

Alberta Public Interest Research Group

Statement of Operations

For the year ended April 30, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Student fees	180,599	180,054
Community and events revenue	130	310
Interest revenue	564	759
Office and retail revenue	461	456
Other revenue	70	6
	181,824	181,585
Expenditures		
Board expenses	2,227	3,391
Contract work	1,882	1,052
Direct grants	21,056	16,953
Elections	1,170	1,273
Insurance	2,206	2,148
Library	-	1,294
Office (Note 4)	4,556	9,710
Professional fees	6,119	6,000
Programming	9,299	8,706
Promotion and outreach	3,746	6,107
Rent	14,189	14,189
Telecommunications	3,104	3,217
Wages and employee benefits	113,318	111,173
	182,872	185,213
Excess (Loss) of Revenue over Expenditures	(1,048)	(3,628)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Alberta Public Interest Research Group

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended April 30, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Operating Activities		
Cash received from funding agencies and other income	198,979	164,430
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(183,827)	(184,219)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash During the Year	15,152	(19,789)
CASH - Beginning of year	165,344	185,133
CASH - End of year	180,496	165,344

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Alberta Public Interest Research Group

Notes to the Financial Statements

April 30, 2016

Purpose of the Organization

Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the Alberta Societies Act. The Alberta Public Research Interest Group supports work on public interest issues through research, education, and action initiatives of the students of the University of Alberta as well as those of the greater University and the Alberta communities.

1. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations ("Part III") of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting. Significant accounting policies are described below:

(a) Fund Accounting

The board has approved an Inter-Disbursement Fund Policy to maintain a sustainable organization. This fund is used to pay the operating expenses of the organization from the start of the fiscal year (May 1) until the funding from the University of Alberta Students' Union is received in November/December.

The board also internally restricts funds for projects and events, and a working group fund.

- (i) The project and event fund provides one-time funding and support to help groups and individual students to organize events or undertake a project.
- (ii) The working group fund provides funding and resources to a wide variety of working groups that are focusing on local and global issues.

(b) Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the period they are acquired. Capital assets are reported at cost except for donated assets, which are reported at estimated fair value when acquired.

(c) Revenue Recognition

Alberta Public Interest Research Group follows the deferral method of accounting for revenue. Restricted revenues are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted revenues are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

(d) Financial Instruments

The financial instruments of Alberta Public Interest Research Group consist of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and source deductions payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that Alberta Public Interest Research Group is not exposed to significant interest or foreign currency risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

Alberta Public Interest Research Group

Notes to the Financial Statements

April 30, 2016

1. Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that Alberta Public Interest Research Group will encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities. Alberta Public Interest Research Group manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements and cash forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfill its financial obligations.

(e) Measurement Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(f) Donated Services

The Alberta Public Interest Research Group benefits greatly from donated services in the form of volunteer work for various activities. The value of donated services is not recognized in these financial statements because of the difficulty of determining their fair value.

2. Library

The Group operates an in-house library that has books, periodicals, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, DVDs, and CDs available for members. These items may be borrowed from the library for a certain period of time.

Library materials have been expensed in the year purchased over the years which is consistent with our policy. The purchases during the year were \$0 (2015 - \$1,294).

3. Economic Dependence

Alberta Public Interest Research Group receives a significant portion of its revenue from students dedicated fees. These fees are collected by the University of Alberta Students Union on behalf of APIRG and are forwarded three times a year after APIRG receives approval from the Finance Committee of Students Council.

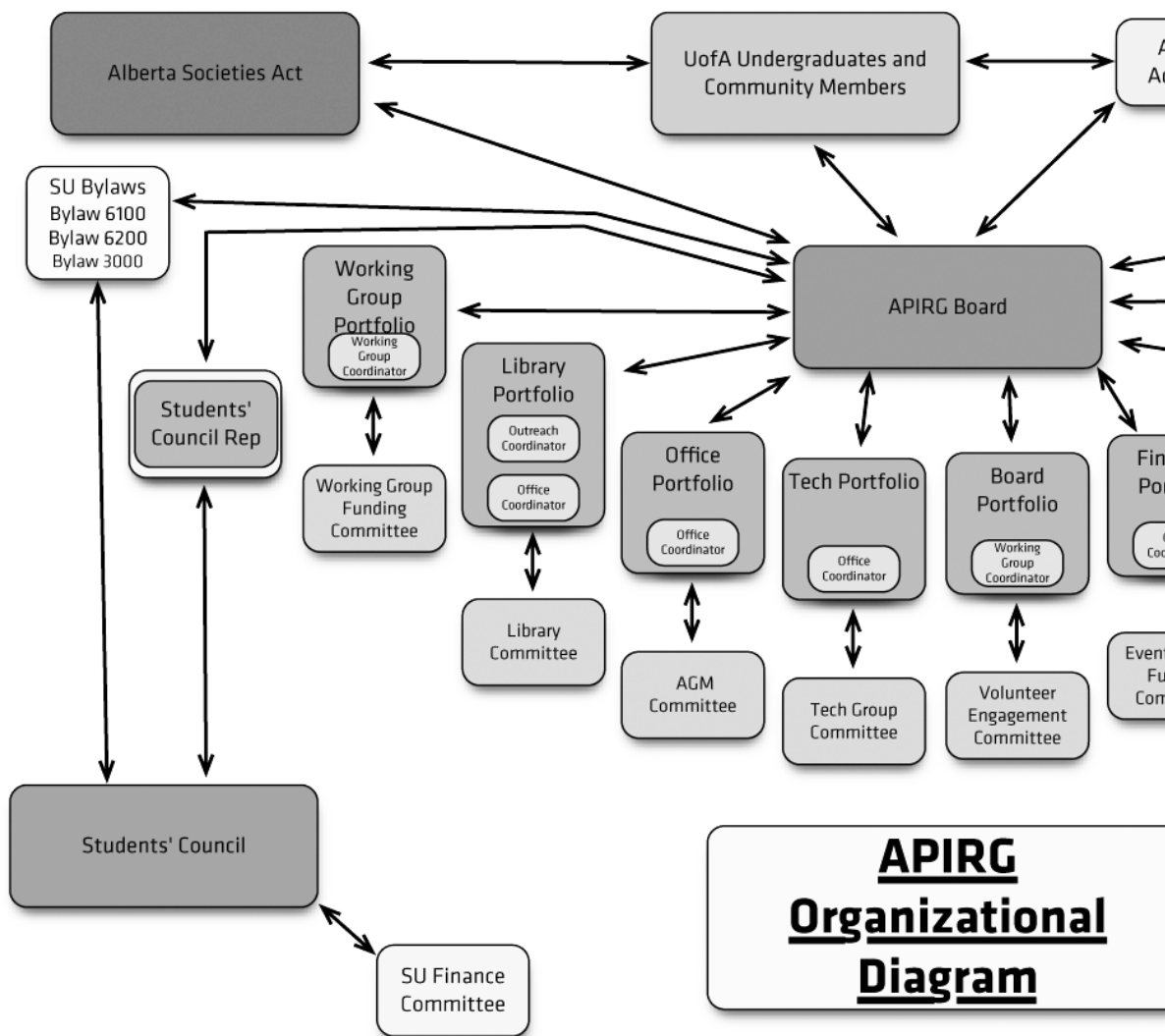
4. Capital Purchases

Capital purchases have been expensed in the year they are acquired which is consistent with our policy on tangible capital assets. The purchases during the year were \$0 (2015 - \$5,352) for Leasehold Improvements and \$1,588 (2015 - \$1,253) for Computer Equipment.

5. Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentations adopted during the current year. The prior year figures were reviewed by another accounting firm.

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Each year the APIRG board will be responsible for participating in

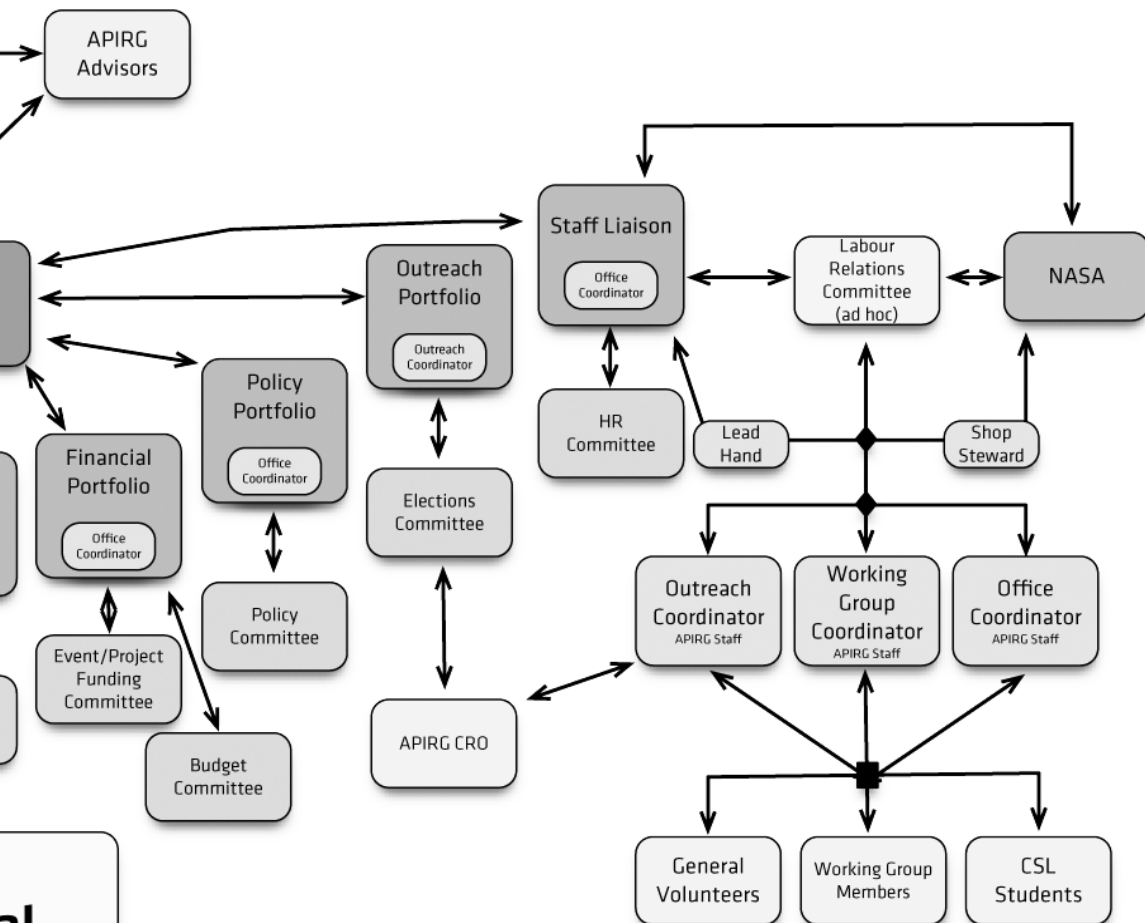
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Each committee may be composed of board members and

General
Volunteers



As needed APIRG board members will be responsible for supervising

CSL Students

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Hiring Committee (ad hoc)

Puttin' Out Fires Committee (ad hoc)

APIRG Project Committee (ad hoc)

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