



Alberta Public Interest Research Group
Annual Report 2016-2017

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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.

2016/2017 saw a partial Board transition. Five new members were elected by the membership in March, two board members continued as continuity appointments, and two more joined as appointments by the new Board in May. One elected member resigned in the Winter 2017 semester. The SU appointed one board member for the 2016/2017 year who stepped down in the Winter and was replaced by another appointed SU representative. 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.

2016/2017 saw another year of significant staff changes. Justin Bartlett a long term staff and Board member began transition out of their position in February 2017 was replaced by Kyla. In February, Jasmine went on a leave of absence and was filled by a temporary employee in Fall 2017. APIRG wishes to thank Justin for their contributions to APIRG, and welcome Kyla and Thomas to the staff!

Board of Directors Report

To: Community, Membership, and New Board

This year saw tremendous growth for this organization, and the individuals on this board. Our first transition retreat was filled with passion for the work that APIRG could do for our community; and this passion drove us through the year. This year, the board supported our staff with our theme of: “Criminalization: Reclaiming Diaspora and Indigenous Voices”.

In this year, APIRG was faced with a plebiscite question over whether students continued to support a dedicated fee unit for the organization: a plebiscite that we won through the hard work of our board and staff, but especially the amazing work put in by Laura. We worked to listen, understand, and reflect on student discourse. Through this plebiscite, we learnt ways in which we can move forward in a way that reflects the unique experiences of individuals. The board, as well as the staff, has vowed to make changes, for this organization, for this campus and for our community.

The Event/Project committee received twenty-nine applications and funded fifteen of them. The Working Group committee currently supports 12 Working Groups; all of which strive to do meaningful work, and for that we thank them. At all times, the Board enjoyed the support of the wonderful APIRG staff. We are deeply indebted to Programming Coordinator Jasmine; and outgoing Office Coordinator Justin (we love you, and wish you all the best) to Kyla, our new Office Coordinator, Laura, our Outreach Coordinator, and to Trevor, our Chief Returning Officer during this year’s election period. Their dedication and skills is what made all of our accomplishments possible.

The 2016/2017 APIRG Board continually referred to APIRG’s Basis of Unity and Statement of Values in the work and decisions we made. Lessons learned this year were important: conflict resolution, crisis management, and the need for strategic planning. These lessons ultimately served to strengthen the Board of Directors, as well as the organization as a whole. We would like to wish the 2017/2018 Board and Staff of APIRG the best, and trust our next board will continually improve and uphold the APIRG mandate.

With best regards,
The 2016/2017 Board of Directors

Financial Summary

APIRG projected for its 15th 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 \$11,733 for the year ending 30 April 2017.

In 2016/2017, 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 under graduates 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 2016/2017, full-time undergraduates paid \$3.50 each term while part-time students paid \$1.75. 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 and increased opt-out advertising, we had a slight increase in opt-outs over the Fall and Winter opt-out terms, totaling \$4,936.75 fees returned over the 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 2016/2017 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.

–Kyla Pascal, justin bartlett, Office Coordinator

– Akanksha Bhatnagar, Director, Financial Portfolio Holder 2017/2018

APIRG Collaborations

Indigenous Feminism: Decolonization, Pedagogy and Resurgence (March 16 - 17th, 2017) 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. This was APIRG's 2nd year sponsoring this critical event.

Intersections of Queer Symposium (March 10th, 2017), 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 Quetzala Carson, Edmonton youth poet laureate Nasra Adem, Reakash Walters, and Akio Maroon.

APIRG Programming

APIRG's 2016/2017 programming, designed by Working Group & Programming Coordinator **Jasmine Mohamed**, focused on the criminal justice system and its particularly devastating impact on Black and Indigenous Peoples in Canada and also featured workshops on resilience and history.

September 28th, 2016 - Criminalization 101

Megah Tornwe

Introduction to criminalization in marginalized communities with a specific focus on Edmonton and why the criminal justice system impacts Black and indigenous communities in particular.

October 31st, 2016 - 13th Screening & Discussion

Jasmine Mohamed

A screening of Ava DuVernay's documentary 13th about the link between the history of slavery and mass incarceration in the United States. The screening was followed by a guided discussion facilitated by APIRG's Working Group Coordinator Jasmine Mohamed.

November 10th, 2016 - Let's Talk Resiliency: The Criminalization of Indigenous Women

Tala Tootoosis

IBPOC use creativity, humour, intelligence, and confidence as a form of survival. From an Indigenous perspective, resilience combines the interplay between spirituality, family strength, Elders, ceremonial rituals, oral traditions, tribal identity, support networks and their relationship to the land. Tala Tootoosis shared with us how she uses her

traditional wisdom to survive in an imperialist, capitalist, & patriarchal society that continues to criminalize women like her.

November - January - Transforming the Narrative

Brandon Wint

Through sharing our stories, we disrupt the dominant narratives about the experiences of IBPOCs as they relate to criminalization, racialization, and oppression. This writing workshop gave an opportunity to tell raw stories in a safe(r) space, and retain ownership over our narratives. Writing our experiences is an act of creative rebellion against the oppressive status quo.

February 10 2017 - Black History in Alberta

Bashir Mohamed

In collaboration with Black Lives Matter Edmonton & Area chapter, this interactive session explored Alberta's Black history through personal stories of Black Albertans facilitated by Bashir Mohamed.

March 10 2017 - Body Autonomy and Criminalization of Sex

Akio Maroon

All bodies are not considered equal, all bodies are not valued the same and all bodies are not subject to the same regulations and control. The State places restrictions on what you do with your own body and what others can do to your body with/out your consent. This may be acted out through the guise of protection, public morality, in the name of nationalism, security or religion, but the limitation placed on some bodies and not others, and the impunity for violence to some bodies and not others, makes it clear that oppression, discrimination and subjugation are not only at work but sanctioned through state protections.

Event/Project Funding Recipients

APIRG is proud to have supported the following events and projects with a focus on anti-oppression and intersectionality in 2016 - 2017:

Fall 2016

CRIPSiE's Pajama Jam, October 1st, 2016: CRIPSiE's second annual fundraiser in support of the CRIPSiE collective which is composed of artists with disabilities and their allies.

Michelle Newland's Hope, Health, and Healing Conference Attendance, October 26th - 29th, 2016: Michelle Newlands, a community support worker, presented a workshop in Iqaluit, Nunavut, and brought knowledge back to Edmonton about Northern Communities health and resilience with a focus on Indigenous knowledges.

Idyl Collective: A regularly meeting group of young Somali women with discussion topics and workshops ranging from racism, gender politics, trauma, grief, self-care, and physical and mental health.

Kulture Hubs: A collective of spoken word and hip hop artists from across Edmonton are developing workshops to run in Edmonton's schools regarding equity, gender dynamics, accessibility, and free expression.

Mateo Huezo's The Trans Community Says Research Project: Academic research for and by the trans community in Alberta about accessing mental health care supports.

Winter 2017

Africa Unite, February 24th, 2017: A celebration of diverse expressions of African and Caribbean cultures, including the music, dance, and food.

Congolese Society Cultural Day, May 27th, 2017: A celebration of Congolese culture, music, and food which served to strength ties both within the Congolese diaspora in Edmonton and with the broader community.

Indigenous Womyn's Pipe Ceremony, April 12th, 2017: A pipe ceremony designed to introduce non-Indigenous organizers and community members to recognized Indigenous elders and cultural teachings.

Unpacking Boxes, March 18th, 2017: A showcase of speakers from grassroots initiatives and not profits and 10 artists from racialized background working in a variety of artistic mediums including dance, theatre, visual art, and film.

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 2016-2017

Black Lives Matter - Edmonton & Area
Edmonton Muslim Basketball Association
Edmonton Organic Growers' Guild
Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom
Islamic Relief
Migrante Alberta
Native Studies Course Requirement
Palestine Solidarity Network
Sapling Poet Tree
Somali Students' Association

Black Lives Matter – Edmonton & Area

BLM's movement actively promotes a practice of inclusive, pro-Black, pro-accessibility, anti-oppressive personal and community empowerment. This empowerment is characterized by outreach projects orchestrated by committees dedicated to the local maintenance of high educational standards; political advocacy on behalf of the YEG Black community; an ongoing dialogue with the Edmonton City Police (EPS); community engagement across communities in Edmonton, and encouraging responsible alliance within non-Black communities to combat anti-Blackness.

Highlights:

Do not Resist: Film Screening & Panel Discussion
Anti-Islamic Counter Protest
Release of EPS Carding Data

Edmonton Muslims Basketball Association

EMBA is a community group composed of female students and community members seeking to empower and improve the livelihoods of young women through basketball and Islam. They aim to achieve this by providing mentorship, promoting health and wellness, along with establishing a foundation for sisterhood. EMBA was established to create a space for females of the Islamic faith to participate in organized sports.

Edmonton Organic Growers Guild

Edmonton Organic Growers Guild (EOGG) has been a working group of APIRG for almost 10 years now. APIRG's support has been essential in helping us operate, grow our membership, and increase efficiencies. This in turn has helped us increase the volume of vegetables we are able to donate. EOGG has about 50 members who volunteer their time to plant, care for, harvest and deliver extra produce to those in need throughout the city. We also provide opportunities for anyone to learn about gardening and to share their knowledge with others.

Highlights:

Donated 8,000 pounds of fresh, garden produce between June and October.

Provided learning and community service opportunities for about 100 students in the Faculty of Agriculture and from Residence Services at the U of A in September.

Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom

FLIF is a student group at the University of Alberta. They oppose censorship and advocate for freedom of expression, as they strongly believe that libraries have a fundamental role in the development and maintenance of Intellectual Freedom. Issues concerning censorship, freedom of expression and social justice often go hand-in-hand, and they strive to offer students the ability to use information and direct action to have an impact on the community in an accessible and

intersectional manner.

Highlights:

Homeless Connect - October & May, we distributed hundreds of books to the attendees of Homeless Connect.

Imagine IF – Banned Book Garden

Islamic Relief

As a chapter of Islamic Relief Canada, they're dedicated, as a student group, to carrying out Islamic Relief's work on campus. Their main goal is to take an active part in Islamic Relief's humanitarian work and give university students the opportunity to be involved in this charity.

Highlights:

Film Screening and discussion on Islamophobia

BBQ & Information Session

Migrante Alberta

Migrante Alberta (MA) is a non-profit migrants advocacy group in the province of Alberta. It was established on August 2013 and has been active in organizing and advocating for migrant workers. It is currently involved in the campaign to protect the rights and stop the deportation of temporary foreign workers in Alberta.

Highlights:

Film Screening of “Migrant Dreams”
Migration and The Global Trade of People Conference

The Native Studies Course Requirement Group, UAlberta

Native Studies Course Requirement exists because there is a perpetual deficit within the current Canadian educational institutions. This deficit is contingent with every aspect of the creation and maintenance of the Canadian state, one which has continually neglected but also perpetuates cultural genocide. NSCR, does not solely exist to advocate and push for required indigenous course content. We act as bringers of resurgence, voice matched with actions and through this we heal each other.

Highlights activities include the following:

NSCR petition created February 2017
Inter D: conference for Education Panel
#BoysWithBraids Panel

The Palestine Solidarity Network

PSN 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.

Highlights:

Gaza Calls: Canada Answers Live Canada-wide video conference with Gaza

Palestine: Paving the Path from Occupation to Justice, panel discussion

Sapling Poet Tree

Sapling is community building through youth focused creative production of written, performance, and audio-visual/visual art media to develop spoken word poetry. Sapling aims to bring people together in intersectionality complex and self-aware pursuit of meaningful artistic expression. We will meet regularly in accessible spaces to share ideas, present works-in-progress, network, and socialize. This activity will be undertaken with the goal of producing DIY publications (written, performance, A / V, visual art) that will be made available to the wider community with any proceeds enabling future publications by members of the group.

Highlights:

Host and produce theatre piece “Whiteface”

“Equity, Diversity and Keeping Our Hip Hop in Check” Interactive workshop with Lynx-Saint Marie

Somali Students Association

SSA is a Somali students group on the university of Alberta Campus designed to create a safe space for young Somalis to build and foster their collective identity. Their mission is to develop leadership attributes amongst the youth in the community while maintaining freedom of cultural expression. This has been done through different events such as Career Night, Sheeko Sheeko, etc. By establishing this group, the hope is to have proud and proactive members in our society.

Highlights:

Career night hosted on May 12th, 2017.

Heal the Horn Fundraiser week - raised \$7058 for drought relief efforts in Somali

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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, 2017 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.

October 4, 2017

Edmonton, Alberta

Chartered Professional Accountants

Alberta Public Interest Research Group

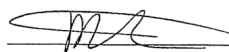
Statement of Financial Position

As at April 30, 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	149,307	180,496
Accounts receivable	16,562	-
Prepaid expenses	1,864	1,364
	167,733	181,860
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	7,492	9,654
Source deductions payable	1,527	1,759
	9,019	11,413
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets	140,243	142,750
Internally restricted net assets	18,471	27,697
	158,714	170,447
	167,733	181,860

Approved by the Board of Directors:

Nathan Sunday Director

 Director

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Change in Net Assets

For the year ended April 30, 2017

	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	27,697	142,750	170,447	171,495
Excess of revenue (loss) over expenditures	-	(11,733)	(11,733)	(1,048)
Funds committed during the year	12,608	(12,608)	-	-
Funds paid out during the year	(15,568)	15,568	-	-
Funds returned	(6,266)	6,266	-	-
Balance, end of year	18,471	140,243	158,714	170,447

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Operations

For the year ended April 30, 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Student fees	178,562	180,599
Community and events revenue	3,497	130
Interest revenue	354	564
Office and retail revenue	264	461
Other revenue	100	70
	182,777	181,824
Expenditures		
Board expenses	2,080	2,227
Contract work	956	1,882
Direct grants	24,193	21,056
Elections	1,537	1,170
Insurance	2,226	2,206
Library	431	-
Office (Note 3)	4,350	4,556
Professional fees	6,225	6,119
Programming	5,955	9,299
Promotion and outreach	2,433	3,746
Rent	14,189	14,189
Telecommunications	2,915	3,104
Wages and employee benefits	127,020	113,318
	194,510	182,872
Excess (Loss) of Revenue over Expenditures	(11,733)	(1,048)

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended April 30, 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Operating Activities		
Cash received from funding agencies and other income	166,215	198,979
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(197,404)	(183,827)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash During the Year	(31,189)	15,152
CASH - Beginning of year	180,496	165,344
CASH - End of year	149,307	180,496

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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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) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consists of cash deposited in a Canadian financial institution, and is not subject to significant risk of change in value.

(c) 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.

(d) Revenue Recognition

Alberta Public Interest Research Group recognizes revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

(e) 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. 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.

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3. 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 \$853 (2016 - \$0) for Leasehold Improvements and \$0 (2016 - \$1,588) for Computer Equipment.

4. Financial Instruments and Concentration of Risk

The financial instruments of Alberta Public Interest Research Group consist of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and source deductions. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

Credit Risk

Alberta Public Interest Research Group is exposed to credit risk on the accounts receivable from its customers. The risk of collection of the receivable is minimal since these are funds outstanding from the main funder.

Liquidity Risk

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

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. The Alberta Public Interest Research Group is only exposed to interest fluctuation on the balances they have on deposit with the bank.

5. Library

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

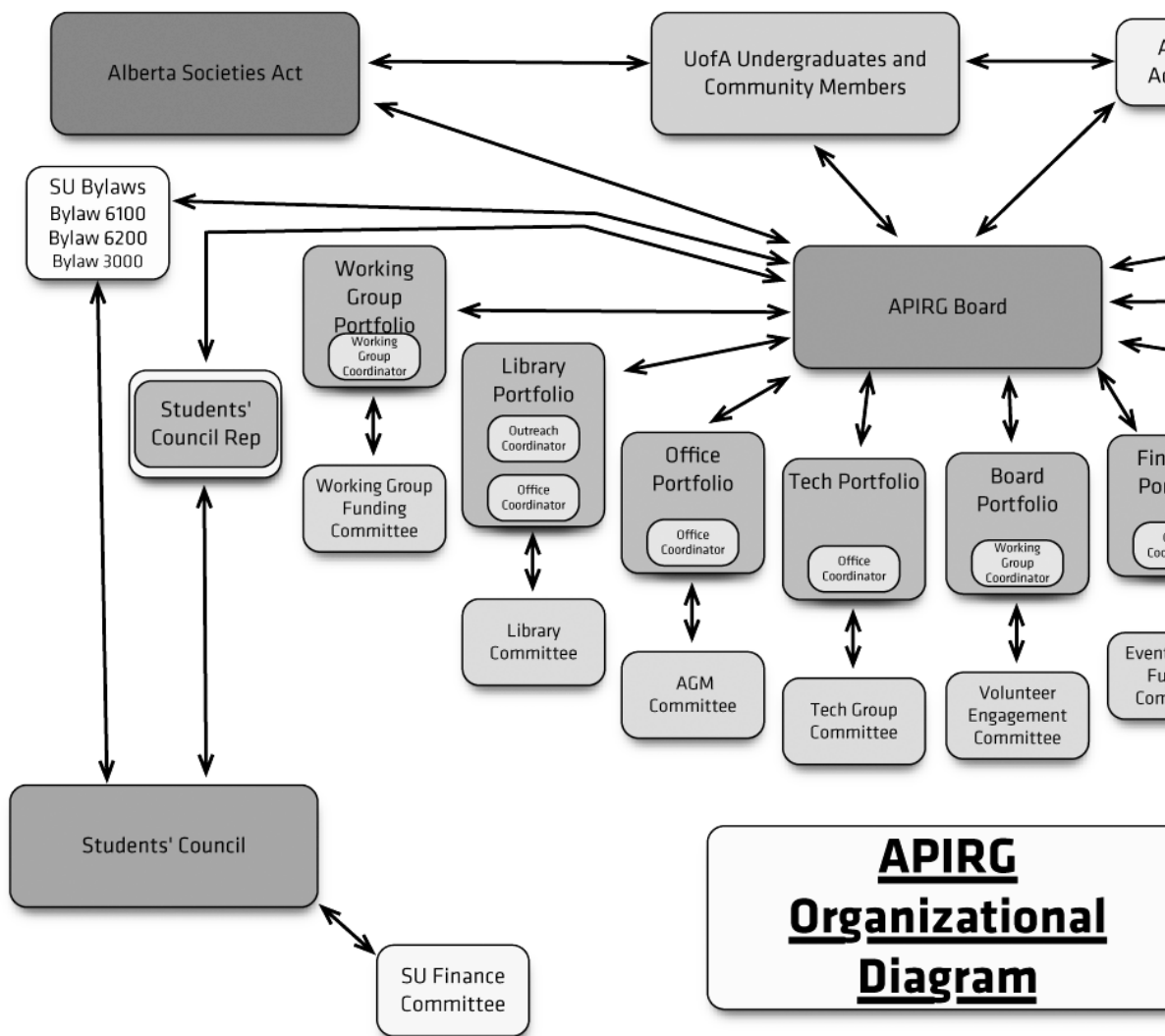
Library materials have been expensed in the year purchased over the years which is consistent with our policy. The purchases during the year were \$431 (2016 - \$0).

6. 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.

7. Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentations adopted during the current year.



Each year the APIRG board will be responsible for participating in

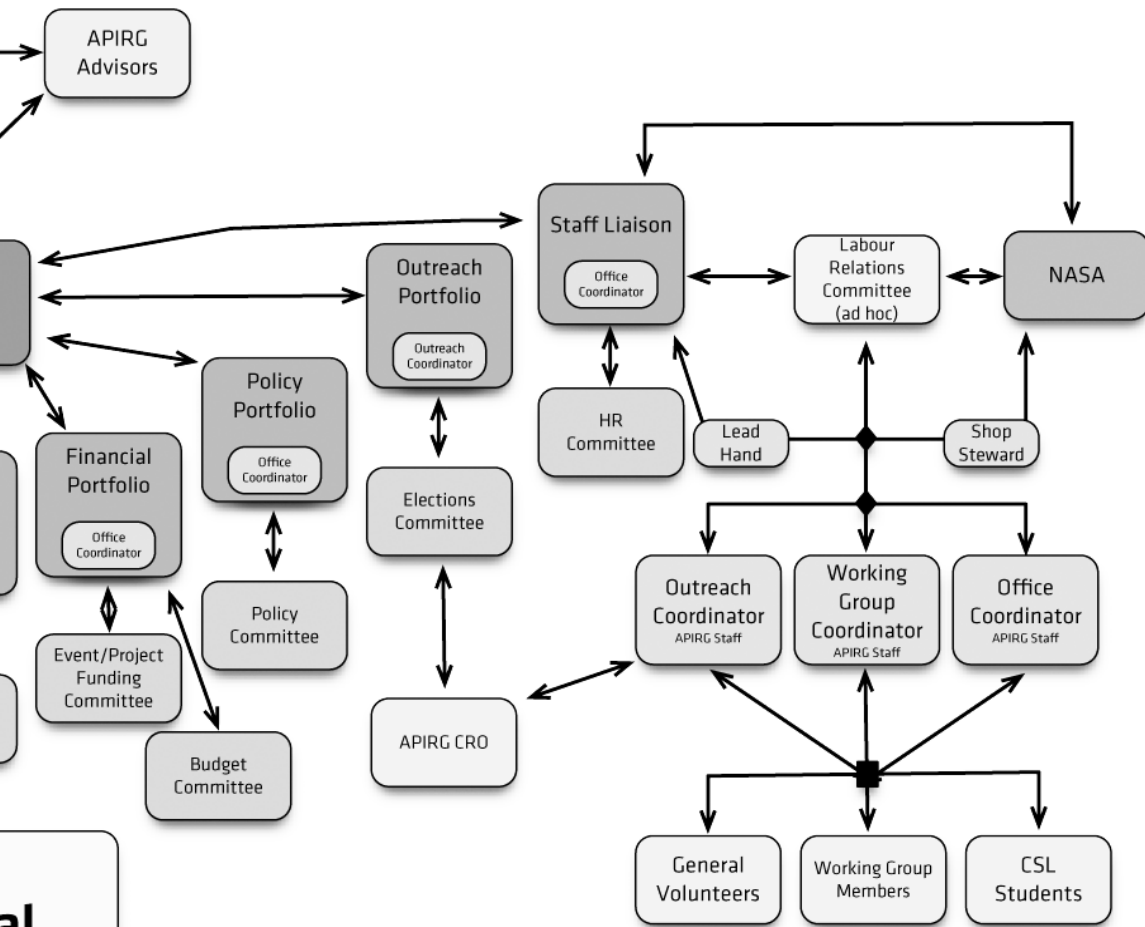
Annual Budgeting Process

Annual Policy Review

Annual Programming Vision and Theme

Each committee may be composed of board members and

General Volunteers



As needed APIRG board members will be responsible for supervising

CSL Students

General Volunteers

As needed APIRG board members will be responsible for sitting on

Hiring Committee (ad hoc)

Puttin' Out Fires Committee (ad hoc)

APIRG Project Committee (ad hoc)

Cover Image Artist Bio: Cee Lavery

Cee Lavery is a self-taught (still teaching, still learning) illustrator and artist raised on Treaty 6 territory, the traditional land of Cree peoples as well as the homeland of the Métis Nation (also known as Saskatoon). They draw and write about adventure, care work, secrets, family, coming-of-age, and coming-to-terms.

Cee currently works and lives in Montréal, traditional and unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk), in a charming apartment building full of lovable misfits and magical weirdos.

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