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# APIRG

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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 student Working Groups to transform social concern into effective action. PIRGs are student organizations based on the premise that students are citizens, and as such, part of their education should include recognizing and engaging in societal problems. They exist to provide training, support, and opportunities for students to be active citizens in their communities. 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, the 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.

2011/2012 saw APIRG officially give voting rights to community members, allowing them to sit on the board. The 2012/2013 year saw a full implementation of this new bylaw: the consequences being APIRG's biggest board yet, comprising of a mixture of both undergraduates and a few community members: alumni and graduate students. 2012/2013 saw a continuation of low board turnover. There was one resignation and many board members stayed on for a second term. This enabled continuity and allowed APIRG to begin to discuss structural issues of accountability and further fostering values of accessibility.

APIRG staff members are responsible for supporting and implementing board visioning, day-to-day operations, 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. Staff members support student-run working groups and ensure that the granting process is equitable and transparent. Staff are also responsible for monitoring financial accountability of our organization and our funding recipients.

2012/2013 saw further staff turnover and new beginnings for two staff positions: Outreach Coordinator and Working Group and Programming Coordinator. Denise Ogonoski was replaced by Saima Butt and daley laing took up the Outreach Coordinator position. APIRG wishes to thank Denise for her innovation, patience and hard work for her time here. Saima Butt and daley laing both brought fresh eyes to the organizational structure, deepened our commitment to our statement of values and expanded our capacity.

# Board of Directors Report

This year's board saw a dynamic start to 2012-2013 as we appointed several volunteer directors to join our elected board over the summer months. As our board and staff worked diligently together to prepare APIRG for the beginning of the academic year, we began the process of sharing and disseminating our diverse collective knowledge. Each of our board members and staff, whether continuing or new, had unique and meaningful experience and knowledge to contribute. In working to appreciate and maximize the value of this diversity, we benefited from personal and collective growth.

We saw forward the commitment to accessibility initiated by APIRG's 2011-2012 board, and took care to consider intersectional issues in our ongoing implementation efforts. Events were held in physically accessible spaces and accessibility was a mandate in our funding round review discussions and decision-making. We held our annual general meeting in October in the historic Rutherford House on campus. Enthusiastic members congregated en-masse to fulfil the requirements of the Alberta Societies Act, gave consensus support to bylaw changes, and occupied a campus space symbolic not only of historic colonialism, but also of the many contemporary barriers to access on campus.

Board members reached out and delivered a series of successful classroom rapport-building talks to thousands of undergraduate students. We met students and community members while we represented APIRG at information tables and events. We enjoyed attending and participating in the many workshops, events and projects held by APIRG this year, but as we witnessed the incredible work done by staff and volunteers, we felt a keening desire to see APIRG grow and build capacity to do more. At our direction, our staff initiated a relationship with the Graduate Students' Association. We recognize that connections between student-centred organizations on campus are of tremendous benefit to those we serve. With further cooperation, we aspire to offer more support and relevant resources to graduate students and their communities.

Through our term as directors, we grew aware of dynamics in our flat-structured (non-hierarchical), consensus-based organization. We recognized the challenge of coming into our roles as employers. We endeavoured to meet this challenge collectively as a governing body, and as individuals. In our bi-weekly meetings, we devoted time to learn what roles and accountability mean for our board, staff members, and for our communities. Board members on our policy committee contributed many hours to confer the resultant knowledge to APIRG's institutional memory and operating framework.

Our policies and other contributions are intended as a way of manifesting our institutional values in a foundational way. We hope APIRG may serve as a supportive base on which change-makers, active citizens, and all human beings may stand together and be active community members. We are honoured and humbled by the privilege of guiding and directing the development of a precious resource, and we are grateful for the learning opportunities afforded thereby.

- *The APIRG Board of Directors, 2012/2013*

# Financial Summary

APIRG again began its 11th operating year projecting a sustainable deficit. The deficit allowed us to spend previous small surpluses. An historical tendency to spend conservatively within budgets, and the peculiarities of granting funds over multiple fiscal years, left APIRG with a surplus of just over \$10,000 for the year ending 30 April 2013.

In 2012/2013, APIRG committed over \$27,000 in direct grants and in-kind support across three 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 later pages of this report. In addition to direct grants, APIRG supports undergraduates and the greater community by our resource library, workshops and our 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 enables us to provide a high level of service to students and to maintain a fair, 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 keep our resources focused on sustainable action in the campus community, rather than fundraising. In 2012/2013, full-time undergraduates paid \$3.22 each term while part-time students paid \$1.63. Annual fee increases is 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. Despite campus-wide outreach and the introduction of an online form, 43 students chose to receive a full refund of their terms fee.

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 2012/2013 audit verified that our financial statements (presented in this report in their entirety) are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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 Office Coordinator.

-Brooke Leifso, Office Coordinator

-justin bartlett, Director, Financial Portfolio Holder



# APIRG Programming and Events

Every year APIRG hosts a multi-format series of events providing spaces at the University of Alberta, as well as around Edmonton, to have critical conversations about the systems of oppression we are a part of. We also aim to find ways to develop deeper connections with each other to build stronger, more informed and compassionate communities of resistance. This year we ran two streams of programming in tandem: “Knowledge Economies” and Alternative Health Ed.

**Knowledge Economies** explored the relationship between education and the economy focusing on questions of democracy and accessibility within our education system. Are we educating people to become consumers rather than citizens? What is the impact of private funding on public education? What are the ways we learn in and outside academia? How do we use education to transform not only ourselves, but our communities as well? What is your education worth?

## ***Events included:***

- *Cross Canada Speaking Tour on the Quebec Student Movement* (September 24)
- Educating for Social Change: A Crash Course in Popular Education and Critical Pedagogy (with our working group CCOPE) (October 16 and November 6)
- Serious Issues: Creative Campaigning Training Tour (November 21-22)
- We Are All Treaty People: Exploring Both Written and Oral Histories of What is Now Treaty Six Land (February 4)
- Lunch and Learns (with Racism Free Edmonton): What is Racism? (February 14) and History of Racism in Canada (February 28)
- Becoming an Anti-Racist Ally (with Racism Free Edmonton) (March 21)
- Justice for Mahjoub: 12 year tour (April 11)

**Alternative Health Ed** was a series of events taking an anti-oppressive, intersectional approach to exploring how we care for ourselves, each other, and our communities. The goal was to shift discussions of self-care from the realm of individual choices to a critical and structural focus which encompassed an explicit challenge to forms of oppression in our day-to-day lives.

***Events Included:***

- Zine Workshop: How to Be Nice to Each Other: Solidarity in Day-to-Day Life (September 18th)
- Jaclyn Friedman: Beyond Consent: How Reclaiming Sexuality Combats Sexual Violence (January 16-17 in partnership with the Gender Based Violence Prevention Project (GBVPP))
- The Biology of Loss and How to Foster Resilience: Lecture and Workshop with Dr. Gabor Mate (January 29 in partnership with International Week, GBVPP and the Native Studies Student Association)
- Stories We Don't Tell: Experiences of Gender Based Oppression Theatre Project (February 1 in partnership with GBVPP and International Week)
- Sex and Survivorship: Reclaiming Sexuality in a Rape Culture (February 11 in partnership with the University of Alberta's Sexual Assault Centre)
- Feminist Self Defense (February 15-16 in partnership with GBVPP)
- "If I Can't Dance, It's Not My Revolution" Dance and Movement Workshop (March 12)

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# Event and Project Funding Recipients

This year APIRG continued its commitment to supporting a diversity of events and projects that fit within our mandate of research, education, advocacy and action in the public interest. In 2012-2013 we ran 3 funding rounds, offering financial and non-monetary support to a great group of events, projects and trainings creating positive social change

Recipient	Project or Event
Queer Royale Drag Troupe	Community Drag Project and A Queersummer Night's Dream
Intercommunity Conference	To raise awareness within Edmonton about the Conflict Mineral situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
The Living Online Archive Project	Empowering immigrant and Canadian youth to collect and relay unheard migration stories
Mosaic Minds	Unconference II on Renewable Energy and Unconference III on Food Security
Nikki Shaffeeullah	Staging Diversity Theatre Project: community based theatre for women
Student Umbrella For Social Justice	Under the Umbrella: SUSJ General Assembly
Edmonton Anarchist Book Fair	10th Annual Edmonton Anarchist Book fair

Recipient	Project or Event
Gender Based Violence Resistance	Anti-Gender Based Violence Art Build
Shaina Humble	Challenging Colonial Narratives Undergraduate Research Project
Ashley Fairall	CPIRG project
Feminist Edmonton Events	Equality and Women in Alberta Conference
Jasper Place High School Global Cafe	Living Library
Roxanne Runyun	Yoga For Trauma Training and Workshop
Sara Martin and Aliya Jamal	Allied Media Conference Training and Workshop
Pride Centre of Edmonton	Trans Youth Campout
Community league	POV/GLAM Fundraiser and Community Celebration
Queer Hockey League	An intersectional approach to queer sport spaces
Aboriginal Student Group	Stew and Bannock and First Annual General Meeting
Arts Aboriginal Student Council	Aboriginal Cultural Night

***helping to create positive social change***

# Working Groups

## **What are 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 2012/2013**

**Amnesty International University of Alberta Chapter**

**Canadian Council for Refugees - Youth Network Edmonton (CCRYNE)**

**Centre for Community Organizing and Popular Education (CCOPE)**

**ConsentEd**

**Democracy at Work Network (DAWN)**

**Edmonton Organic Growers Guild (EOGG)**

**Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom (FLIF)**

**Palestine Solidarity Network (PSN)**

**Amnesty International University of Alberta Chapter**  
**Working Group Since: Winter 2013**  
**Website: <http://aiuofa.wordpress.com/>**

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.

***Some Activities Undertaken:***

Metro Cinema documentary screening – The Invisible War in conjunction with Amnesty International Edmonton 12/26, Hollaback Alberta, and ConsentEd

Write for Rights (January 29) – at Steeps in conjunction with students from Harry Ainley, presentation on the persecution of the Roma

Benefit Concert (March 14, 2013) – at The Druid, raised money for Free the Children and Amnesty International

Rutherford Exhibit (April 22 – May 22, 2013) – collaborative exhibit with Guru Digital Arts School

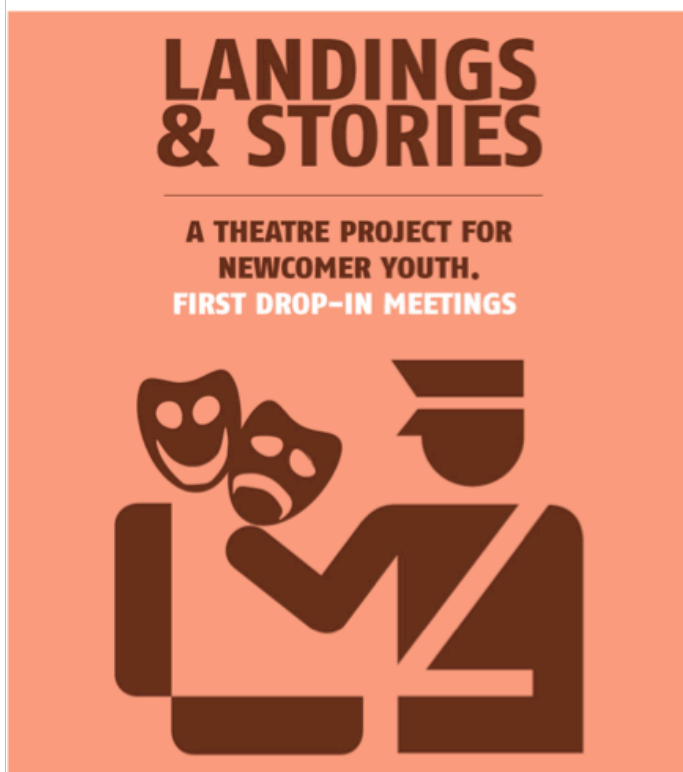
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**Canadian Council for Refugees – Youth Network Edmonton (CCRYNE)**

**Working Group Since: Fall 2011**

**Website: <http://ccrweb.ca/en/home>**



As part of the Canadian Council for Refugees, the Youth Network gives youth and youth allies a voice to address challenges faced by newcomer youth and a space to share ideas on how to meet these challenges. The Youth Network works within a gender justice and anti-oppression framework.

Our objectives:

- To offer a network for youth involved in the settlement, sponsorship and protection of refugees and immigrants.
- To influence CCR policy by providing a collective voice through which youth can bring their ideas, objectives, and concerns to the Canadian Council for Refugees.
- To promote and support youth engagement in advocating for refugee and immigrant rights.

***Some Activities Undertaken:***

Landing and Stories (Theatre workshops at St. Joseph High School): We did ten sessions with an ESL class at the school. We were partnering with Nikki Shaffeeullah and Undercurrent theatre, she was the main facilitator and CCRYNE members were co-facilitators.

Rally Against Refugee Health Care Cuts, *June 17*

*CCR Consultation (Vancouver), May 2013*

*Youth Action Gathering in partnership with the Global Youth Assembly, Summer 2013*

**Centre for Community Organizing and Popular Culture (CCOPE)**

**Working Group Since: Winter 2010**

**Website: <http://www.eccope.org/>**

The Centre for Community Organizing and Popular Education is an emerging coalition of academics, educators, activists and organizers interested in promoting positive social, political and economic change and building community in the face of global neo liberalism.

Our goal is to establish an authentic space for solidarity, where people with diverse interests, experiences and abilities might exchange ideas, experience, information and resources, and above all rediscover the sustaining ability of true community.

***Some Activities Undertaken:***

Third Annual Retreat: A Powerful Spring – Passion and Possibility (Aug 16-18, 2012)

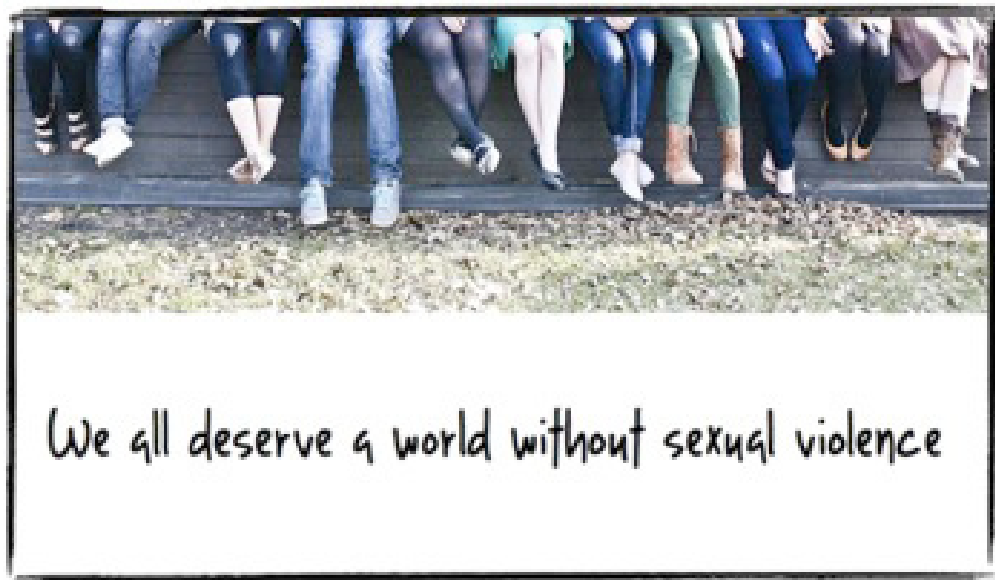
Next Up Alberta, Educating for Social Change Part One & Two, Fall 2012

APIRG, Educating for Social Change Part One & Two, Winter 2013

Intergenerational Learning Project







## **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- that are otherwise bombarded by our society's constant stream of unhelpful and incorrect information about sexual violence.

ConsentEd will also be advocating and promoting awareness about sexual violence by ally-ing with other organizations and reaching out to our audience using a variety of social media tools.

### ***Some Activities Undertaken:***

I Deserve Project Launch, August 2012

Consent Ed Launch Party, September 2012

John Humphrey Award Ceremony - Received the 'Emerging organization human rights award, Dec 2012

Co-hosted 'The Invisible War' Film Screenings, Dec 2012 and Jan 2013

Developing workshop for the Global Youth Assembly, April 2013

External Peer Website review for content accessibility - completed one full website review and debrief with reviewer, May 2013

**Edmonton Organic Growers Guild**  
**Working Group Since: Winter 2010**  
**Website: <http://eogg.org/>**



The Edmonton Organic Grower's Guild (EOGG) loves to grow stuff together. We grow organic produce and encourage learning and eating. We charge no fees and welcome folks from all walks of life.

We

- cultivate food,
- grow niche and culturally specific crops,
- participate in an active lifestyle,
- strengthen each other and our garden,
- augment existing food sources,
- reinvest in the community garden,
- love the university farm.

***Some Activities Undertaken:***

Weekly meetings of 30-60 people to harvest, plant, compost and water. May-November 2012

Shared consultant report - "Cooperation of EOgg and ALES through CSL" to determine ways to work better with University and integrate programming. March 2013

Donated 960 kilograms of produce to Edmonton Food Bank and 500 kilograms to Campus Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Mustard Seed, Bissell Centre, and the University's Green and Gold Charity Garden.

**Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom**

**Working Group Since: Winter 2011**

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

We are a group of Library and Information Studies students 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.

***Some Activities Undertaken:***

Homeless Connect, October 2012 & April 2013

Women's Prison, ongoing

Jasper Place High School Global Café – Living Library, April 2013

**Palestine Solidarity Network**

**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.

***Some Activities Undertaken:***

Co-organized “Paved with Good Intentions: Canada’s development NGOs from idealism to imperialism” (September 27)

Film screening of the short film series “Palestine: Connection to the Land and Resources” as part of the 2013 U of A Solidarity Week (October 11)

Organized “The Ugly Canadian: Stephen Harper’s Foreign Policy” Edmonton Book Launch with author Yves Engler (November 1)

Hosted three Palestine Reading Circle meet-ups (December 20, February 17, May 22)

Organized Emergency Rally for Gaza in Edmonton (November 17)

Organized “What Comes Next For Gaza? Film screening and panel discussion” (November 28)

Organized Israeli Apartheid Week 2013 (March 4-8), which included:

- Roadmap to Apartheid Film Screening and discussion (March 4)
- The Legacy of Rachel Corrie: A Family’s 10-year Journey for Justice and Peace
- Featuring Cindy and Craig Corrie (March 6)
- Idle No More to Occupation No More: Indigenous Intifadas from Turtle Island to Palestine panel (March 7)
- The Apartheid of Displacement: Women’s Voices From the Palestinian Diaspora (March 8)

# WHAT COMES NEXT FOR GAZA?

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**TELUS BUILDING RM 134**

**87 AVE & 111 ST**

**U OF A CAMPUS**

FEATURING THE EDMONTON PREMIERE  
OF THE NEW MADE-IN-GAZA FILM

## **WHERE SHOULD THE BIRDS FLY?**

AND PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:

**DR. GHADA AGEEL**

(FACULTY 4 PALESTINE ALBERTA)

**PAUL KELLOGG**

(FACULTY 4 PALESTINE ALBERTA)

**SCOTT HARRIS**

(PALESTINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK)

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# Financial Statements

**Alberta Public Interest Research Group**

**Financial Statements**

**April 30, 2013**

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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, 2013 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 fundraisers 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 fundraisers 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 12, 2013

Edmonton, Alberta

Chartered Accountants

**Alberta Public Interest Research Group**

**Statement of Financial Position**

As at April 30, 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	188,404	179,320
Prepaid expenses	941	1,288
	<b>189,345</b>	<b>180,608</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	9,543	10,872
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted net assets	163,018	157,213
Internally restricted net assets	16,784	12,523
	<b>179,802</b>	<b>169,736</b>
	<b>189,345</b>	<b>180,608</b>

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, 2013**

	Internally Restricted \$	Unrestricted \$	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>Balance, beginning of year</b>	12,523	157,213	169,736	168,686
Excess of revenue over expenditures	-	10,066	10,066	1,050
Funds committed during the year	29,482	(29,482)	-	-
Funds paid out during the year	(21,305)	21,305	-	-
Inter fund transfer	(3,916)	3,916	-	-
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>16,784</b>	<b>163,018</b>	<b>179,802</b>	<b>169,736</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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## Alberta Public Interest Research Group

### Statement of Operations

For the year ended April 30, 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Student fees	180,835	172,394
Community and events revenue	123	1,586
Interest revenue	1,447	1,145
Office and retail revenue	758	856
Other revenue	210	137
	183,373	176,118
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Board expenses	4,655	4,161
Contract work and honoraria	2,973	2,027
Direct grants	21,254	26,311
Elections	2,395	2,386
Insurance	2,060	1,976
Library	1,117	708
Office	6,367	6,536
Professional fees	5,985	5,924
Programming	7,504	6,787
Promotion and outreach	3,140	2,296
Rent	13,155	12,465
Telecommunications	2,173	2,481
Wages and employee benefits	100,529	101,010
	173,307	175,068
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenditures</b>	10,066	1,050

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, 2013**

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Cash received from funding agencies and other income	183,373	176,118
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(174,289)	(176,685)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash During the Year</b>	<b>9,084</b>	<b>(567)</b>
<b>CASH - Beginning of year</b>	<b>179,320</b>	<b>179,887</b>
<b>CASH - End of year</b>	<b>188,404</b>	<b>179,320</b>

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, 2013

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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

#### (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 October.

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

- (i) The conference and training fund provides one-time funding and support to help students attend conferences or training sessions. The funds may cover registration or transportation costs.
- (ii) The project and event fund provides one-time funding and support to help groups and individual students to organize events or undertake a project.
- (iii) 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, investments, accounts receivable, and accounts payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that APIRG 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.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements

April 30, 2013

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**1. Significant Accounting Policies - continued**

**(e) Measurement Uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles 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. Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations**

Effective April 1, 2012, the organization adopted the requirements of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) Handbook - Accounting ("Part III"), electing to adopt the new accounting framework: Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations. These are the organization's first financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations and the transitional provisions, requiring retrospective application of the accounting standards. The accounting policies set out in the significant accounting policy note have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2013, the comparative information for the year ended April 30, 2012.

The organization issued financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2012 using generally accepted accounting principles prescribed by CICA Handbook. The adoption of Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations results in no adjustments to the previously reported assets, liabilities, equity, excess of revenue over expenditures and cash flow of the organization.

With no adjustments required to the previous balances in the statement of financial position, the amounts at May 1, 2012 were not included in this financial statement.

**3. Library**

The Group operates an in-house library that has books, periodicals, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, DVDs, and CD's 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 \$1,117 (2012 - \$708).

**4. 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 Audit Committee of Students Council.

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