

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, ARCAC

MINUTES of March 16, 2020 meeting – 5:30 p.m., ARTsPLACE

In attendance: Hilary Jamnik, James Lightle, Bebe MacLean, Brian Muskie, Carol Tonkin, Randy Swigart, Sophie Paskins

Regrets: Julia Redgrave

Six (6) members of the public were in attendance (Jamie Lee, Ted, Terry Drahos, Matthew Dubois; Anita Amaro)

Due to recommendations to restrict gatherings and to maintain social distance, re the COVID-19, members had been asked to consider carefully whether to attend.

5:30 pm: Meeting called to order by Chair Hilary Jamnik

Hilary voiced a welcome to all in attendance. He gave a review of the main points from 2019 including:

- Strategic Planning meetings with consultant Barbara Redman
- The need to expand the volunteer base
- Adopting a database management system to facilitate contact with members, volunteers, etc.
- Increasing the visibility of ARTsPLACE
 - Proceeding with plans for branding, re visibility in the community and with government
 - Improving the appearance of the ARCAC building, e.g. new signage and clearing of overgrowth in front of the building

Hilary also offered thanks to Brian Muskie for serving for five years on the board, including taking the position of Chair earlier.

Minutes of 2018 AGM (held March 25, 2019)

Minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting were read by Bebe. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by James, seconded by Ted and carried unanimously.

Financial reports presented by Treasurer Carol Tonkin

Carol reported that procedures remained mostly the same as in previous years, with the exception being a new format for financials that has been developed with the help of the account, Kevin Burnell and Sophie. The new format will present the figures in a clearer relationship, and will be more useful for funding proposals and filling Revenue Canada requirements.

Motion for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was made by Ted, seconded by Matthew Dubois and carried unanimously.

Matthew posed a question about the finances, related to invested assets. Carol and Hilary explained that the GICs are chosen to provide the best interest rates available at any given time.

The Chair's Message

Committee Reports

Time was given for those present to read through the committee reports. There were no comments or questions.

Included in the AGM packet are the 2019 Committee Reports for key, active committees.

A separate, detailed report of the 2019 Exhibitions and Programs was addressed by Ted, who will remain as Chair of the Programs Committee. Peter Mansour was mentioned as providing a great deal of assistance with programming. The Gallery Directors report with details of exhibitions and visitors is included in the AGM pack.

Ted gave a preview of Programs to come in 2020.

Gallery Director's Comments

Sophie commented on the following:

- Strategic Planning, which included meetings with consultant Barbara Redman
- Funding announcements will perhaps be made by October
- A thanks to Julia and Hilary, who assisted with the programming committee (others responded with thanks to Sophie, also)
- Looking forward to 2020
- Sophie asked for more volunteers to come forward to join committees
- Art Seen - Ted provided a summary of the project that received 3-year funding, \$100,000 per year. The project will develop an online platform to present arts content from Artist-run Centres, Galleries, Curators and artists. The first year will concentrate on research and development, then move to a beta testing phase and target the Atlantic provinces. Ted has connected with Becka Viau to manage the project.
- Artists café has been a success, with presentations and music, but audience numbers remained low
- Due to COVID-19, it is unknown at present how the programs will continue, but all efforts will be made to continue with plans
- Sophie encouraged
 - Attending programs
 - Presenting at events
 - Being an artist
 - reading weekly newsletter
 - Volunteering – the volunteers are you!
 - Reading through the Strategic Planning documents; Hilary also spoke briefly about the process

Election of New Board of Directors

The current Board, with Brian's retirement, consists of 6 directors. The Nomination Committee put forward two names for new board members: Terry Drahos and Ted Lind (returning member). By way of introducing herself to the members, Terry Drahos gave an overview regarding her interests and activities in the areas of art and instruction of young people.

Hilary called for nominations from the floor. None were received.

The list of nominees stood at: Hilary Jamnik, James Lightle, Bebe MacLean, Carol Tonkin, Randy Swigart, Julia Redgrave, Terry Drahos and Ted Lind.

Hilary called for the vote on the members of the Board, and all were in favour, none were opposed. Hilary voiced a welcome for Terry and Ted.

Call for Adjournment

James made the motion, all agreed. Annual General Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Submitted by Bebe MacLean, Secretary