

## ARCAC Annual General Meeting - 2014 (held March 23, 2015)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with 11 members in attendance.
2. The minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved upon motion by Brian Muszkie and Niki Clark.
3. **Financial Report\***: Treasurer, Ted Lind thanked Grace Butland for the efficient work that she had done as previous treasurer. He also mentioned the amazing and sharp skills of accountant, Kevin Burnell, in helping to create the really effective financial reporting system that ARCAC now has in place. He mentioned the very helpful session on ARCAC's investments that Nancy McCabe facilitated recently for board members. Bank fees at RBC have increased. ARCAC will move to Scotia Bank for a better deal and because of the very supportive role that it has shown ARCAC. RBC will give us a credit re: the two merchant numbers that we had. Credit cards are an expensive way to negotiate. The financial report was approved upon motion by Ted Lind and Grace Butland.
4. **Message from the Chair\*, Heather McCormick**: Heather expressed special thanks to Sophie Paskins, Gallery Director, for her dedication and professionalism in her role as ARCAC's Gallery Director.
5. **Gallery Director's Report\***: Sophie highlighted several items from her written report mentioning exhibitions, Community events, rentals, Arts Unleashed and the long list of wonderful programs and events that happened at ARTsPLACE in 2014.
6. **Building/Fundraising/Membership/HR/Outreach\***: Heather McCormick highlighted some of the many accomplishments in these areas including those of Connie Lowe and Mirta Bunce in presenting an art program to seniors at the Annapolis Royal Nursing called Layers of Life in four sessions. A new one begins at the end of April.
7. **Programs\***: Ted Lind, Chair, reported that a very vibrant and busy committee worked throughout the year.
8. **Directors Departing**: Sherry Caldwell, current secretary for the ARCAC Board completes 5 years of service to the board but will work on the artists in residence program for the upcoming spring program. Mirta Bunce will leave the board but retain her position on the Outreach for Seniors Committee.
9. **Report of Nominating Committee**: Sherry Caldwell reported that six directors would be returning the ARCAC Board in 2015: Heather McCormick, Janel Warmington, Ted Lind, Niki Clark, Beth Trimper and Dan Froese. New nominees were Connie Lowe and Brian

Muszkie. Further nominations were called for but as there were none, the proposed slate was approved.

**10. Upcoming Programs:** Ted Lind, Chair, reported that the series, 5 Puzzles of Contemporary Art being presented in conjunction with MOMA was getting rave reviews despite 2 weather related cancellations. The next session, Puzzle of the Original, will be facilitated by artist, Janet Larkman. He also mentioned that MOMA was delighted to be working with rural Nova Scotia, a first. This series is being supported in part by a grant which allowed for the purchase of a state of the art set of speakers for the series. Collaborations with King's Theatre and Fort Anne are in the works. As well, the Thursday Show and Tell art series continues to be a big success. Finally, Ted called for new members to join the Program Committee.

**11. Membership Committee:** Heather reported that new members for this committee are required.

**12. General Discussion:**

- ARCAC Auction...A magician has been engaged to add colour and fun;  
Nine new demonstrators have been procured; Scotia Bank is partnering with us and for each prize they have located, they will match funds.
- Vandalism to the ARTsPLACE oil tank will cost \$800 in repair.
- Security lights for the wheelchair ramp, the parking lot and the oil tank area will be installed. Police checks will be more frequent.

13. Adjournment: Ian Curry

\*Indicates that a corresponding long report was submitted and is on file.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Caldwell