



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 7 pm - 8 pm AST

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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MINUTES Taken by Carrie Phillips Kieser

Present: Therese Cruz, Carrie Phillips Kieser, Carri MacKay, Annik Gaudet, Onya Hogan-Finlay, Andrea Ritchie, Ufuk Gueray, Gemma Leslie, Mo Glitch, Mo Phùng, Janet Stritychuk, Dawn McNutt, Daniel Edmonds, Duane Jones, Mahnaz Roshan, Evan Cameron, Carley Mullally, Angie Reid, Brownyn MacFair, Minh Nguyen, Ayoka Junaid, Charles Doucette (22 participants present).

Welcoming remarks: Therese Cruz
Procedures for Meeting online.

Call to Order : 7:06pm

Land Acknowledgement delivered by Annik Gaudet

Approval of the agenda: Annik Gaudet and Onya Hogan-Finlay
Ayoka Junaid moves to approves agenda, Evan Cameron seconds

Approval of the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting
Ayoka Junaid moves to approves minutes, Evan Cameron seconds

Annual Report

Co-President's Report: Annik Gaudet delivers first section as a year of transition and renewal implementation for an equity-based leadership succession plan. Introduces Therese and her role and latest activities. Overviews and expanded on the activities that have been implemented under the three core values of Equity, Sustainability, and Connection.

- Board and staff came together to work with Tova Sherman around Inclusion
- ongoing review of Board Member Charing Committees- still working on a sustainable model to support new board members.

Executive Director's Report (Vision, Mission, Values & Strategic Plan): Therese Cruz
Overview of activities of the ed under the core values of Equity, Sustainability and Connection.

Equity

- First full year of Paints Equity Subsidy and continuing to enhance program to be able to include more schools
- Training with Tova

- Programming partnerships: were active in communities not always engaged with, such as Kentville, Chester Art Centre, ARTSPLACE. Actively looking for more partnerships with community partners.

Highlights:

May 2023: Artist in residence at Kenville Public Library

July 2023: ED starts working at VANS

October 2023: *Activating Art in Mi'kma'ki* panel discussion with Nocturne

November 2023: VANS presentation at Yarmouth Art Society

December 2023: support for Charlotte Wilson Hammond /Visual Arts NS Award through the NS Talent Trust

April 2024: Sponsorship of first ever Halifax Art Book Fair and launch of VANS Merch

Introduced 2023-2024 board of directors and the staff

Treasurer's Report: (Charles Doucette, Treasurer) presented by Therese Cruz

- topup in operating funding from CCTH allowed to accomplish more in marketing
- mileage support for programming wage increases
- \$5750 in support given to the Artist Emergency Fund
- set aside funds in GIC account and a high interest savings account
- aim to diversity revenue streams by looking into innovative fundraising strategies and sponsorship
- paid artist fees this year according to CARFAC artist rates

Committee Reports:

Membership / Engagement - Evan Cameron chair: took over as chair early in new year-one meeting- good discussion about brainstorming new membership initiatives and new ways to add value to membership - conversations around Yarmouth AGNS closing and how VANS can continue to support rural emails- Evan extends invitation to membership to reach out if they have new ideas on how we can continue to help.

Programming Committee - Co-Chair Ayoka Junaid and Carley Mullally (delivered by Carley Mullally): PAINTS Equity program has been successful

Fundraising & Finance Committee: Jocelyn Li has resigned and Jayme-Lynn Gloade is not present. Charles Doucette is interim Treasurer. Therese reports that finances are in good standing but will report further when speaking on the Financial Statements.

Governance and Nomination Committee: Onya Hogan-Finlay reports that they had an opportunity to have a lot of learning together. They continue to look at ways to address the gap in recruitment efforts and continue to look through an equity lens and to continue to look at candidates outside of HRM.

Cultural Federations of NS - organization that is the umbrella for the cultural organizations and subsidizes the rent for the office space at the port. Working to re-invigorate the organization - all the EDs of the groups are working together to create a plan for that.

Editorial Committee: Andrea Ritchie (Publisher) reports - reviews and supports Shannon Webb Campbell as the editor of *Visual Arts News* publication. Meets 2 times a year to select the content for the magazine. Currently working together to support the fall edition.

Charles Doucette motions to approve the Annual Report, Dawn MacNutt seconds. Opposition: None

2023 - 2024 Draft Financial Report: Presented by Therese Cruz
Mo Phung motions to approve the Draft Financial Report, Janet Stritychuk seconds. Opposition: None

2024-2025 Budget Presented by Therese Cruz
Janet Stritychuk motions to approve the 2024-2025 Budget with the increase in grant funds from the Province, Mo Phung seconds. Opposition: None

Appointment of Auditor: Mitch Miller

Dawn MacNutt motions to appoint Mitch Miller as the auditor, Evan Cameron seconds.
Opposition: None

Election of Directors

- Returning: Ayoka Junaid, Charles Doucette, Evan Cameron, Jayme-Lynn Gloade
- New: Angie Reid, Gemma Leslie, Kristen Herrington, Melissa O'Brien, Mo Glitch, Ufuk Gueray
- Nominations from the floor (nomination in chat): none
- Motion to confirm new Board: Ayoka Junaid, Duane Jones seconds the motion to nominate

New members are invited to say a few words of greeting

Thank You and Welcome remarks for Board Members and Executive Director

Adjournment 8:20pm: Mo Glitch moves to adjourn the Meeting