

# **FEDERATION OF CANADIAN ARTISTS**

## **2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held March 25, 2014 at the Federation Gallery,  
1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, B.C.**

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**Number of members present including the Board:** Estimated at 25 – 30 as several members failed to sign in.

### **Board Members Present**

#### **Officers:**

Andrew McDermott, President  
Neil Hamelin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Peter Kiidumae, Secretary

#### **Directors:**

Lennart Osterlind, Fundraising Chair  
Charlie Easton, Education Chair  
Bill Higginson, Membership Chair  
Alfonso Tejada

### **Board Members Absent**

#### **Officers:**

Kathy Hildebrandt, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki, Past President  
Susie Cipolla, Treasurer

#### **Directors:**

Teresa Bernard, Standards Chair  
Angela Au Hempel, Member at Large

### **Staff Present**

Patrick Meyer, Exec. Director  
Mila Kostic, Gallery Director

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1. **CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISH A QUORUM** – The publishing of the scheduled AGM in the January/February issue of Art Avenue and on the FCA website constituted proper notice to the membership. With a quorum present Andrew McDermott presided over the meeting that commenced at 6:05 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – MOTION by Andrew McDermott, seconded by Bill Higginson to approve the agenda. CARRIED

3. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2013 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
MOTION by Andy McDermott, seconded by Bill Higginson to adopt the minutes as circulated. CARRIED.

4. **SPECIAL RESOLUTION: BYLAW AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12 AUDITOR**  
Motion by Andy McDermott to amend the existing bylaw requiring an audit of the accounts of the Federation to the following:

ARTICLE 12 AUDITOR

12.1

At each annual general meeting the Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified professional to perform a review of the Federation's accounts, for reporting to the Federation at the next annual general meeting. This qualified professional shall hold office until the next annual general meeting. The remuneration of the qualified professional shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Motion seconded by Charlie Easton and CARRIED by a vote of 51 in favour, 1 opposed.

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No report was submitted but Andy expressed his thanks and appreciation to the staff and members of the Board for their efforts and contributions.

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A detailed written report was submitted. Patrick highlighted improvements to the building such as HVAC replacement, ceiling fans, and extension of the storage room partition to increase capacity. He mentioned ongoing reviews of all contracts and suppliers as well as banking changes being undertaken to secure better services at lower costs. Staff shall be concentrating on membership and services over the coming year.

Patrick moved that Katherine be appointed as auditor, seconded by Bob McMurray. Motion carried.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Due to delays in finalizing the Financial Statements by our accountant, no such statements were presented at this time.

7. **GALLERY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Written report submitted and read. Mila summarized the previous year's nineteen FCA and international shows and expressed her thanks to show participants, staff,

and volunteers. Highlights for the year included the first International Watercolour Biennale, hosting of the ISSA (scratchboard artists) exhibition, and the first TEN SQUARED fundraising event.

8. **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Charlie Easton outlined the scope and purpose of the extensive market survey he was undertaking, advising the survey would be going out to the general membership the next day, and indicating that the results of this survey will be taken into account in the education program for 2014.

9. **PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR REPORT**

No report was submitted. Alfonso Tejada spoke briefly of the ties being forged with European arts organizations, resulting in the International Watercolour Biennale in the past year.

10. **FUNDRAISING/SPONSORSHIP REPORT**

No written report submitted. Lennart Osterlind spoke of the need for the FCA to be involved with youth activities in order to improve our eligibility for grant opportunities. To that end he mentioned our participation in the Fraser River Fest project which was to result in a joint student/FCA show at the Discovery Centre and Federation Gallery.

11. **CHAPTER LIASON REPORT**

In Kathy's absence, no report submitted.

12. **STANDARDS REPORT**

In Teresa's absence no report submitted.

13. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

No report submitted.

14. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Member Recognition Chair Bob McMurray presented the slate of nominees for the positions of executive officers on the FCA Board, which had been circulated in the January/February issue of Art Avenue magazine with mail-in ballots being provided.

**Nominations for executive officer positions for 2013-14**

President; Andrew McDermott, SFCA

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Kathy Hildebrandt

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Neil Hamelin, AFCA

Treasurer: Susie Cipolla, AFCA  
Secretary: Peter Kiidumae

MOTION: Andy McDermott moved that nominations be closed. CARRIED.  
The proposed slate was declared elected as executive officers of the Board of Directors for the year 2014-15.

MOTION: Patrick Meyer moved the ballots be destroyed after the declaration of elected officers. CARRIED.

15. **OTHER REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

No further reports or questions from the floor.

16. **MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS**

On behalf of the Member Recognition Committee, Bob McMurray explained that the Lifetime Achievement Award has been changed to the Distinctive Artistic Achievement Award, and announced the following award winners for the year:

**Distinctive Artistic Achievement Award:** David Goatley, SFCA

**Early Achievement Award:** Clement Kwan, SFCA

**Outstanding Volunteer:** Joyce Freer

**CHAPTER SERVICE AWARDS**

South Okanagan-Similkeen: Barb Hofer

West Kootenay: Lis Semenoff, AFCA

Nanaimo: Bonnie Stebbings

Thompson, Nicola, Shuswap: Bill Lee

North Okanagan: Ev McDougall

Central Okanagan: Dennis Weber, SFCA, CIPA

There being no further business to discuss, Andy moved to adjourn the meeting.  
CARRIED.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Peter Kiidumae, Secretary.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 4 pm, Federation Gallery,  
Granville Island.