FEDERATON OF CANADIAN ARTISTS

MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Federation Gallery, 1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, B.C. on March 25, 2007. Notice of the AGM as posted in the March-April 2007 issue of the *Art Avenue* magazine

Fifteen members were present including Board members Dianna Ponting SFCA, Teressa Bernard AFCA, Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki AFCA and Myrtle Anne Rempel SFCA.

Staff members present: Hazel Hodgson, Executive Director and Rosalind Rorke, Gallery Manager.

A. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Dianna Ponting established that there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Janice Robertson that the Agenda be accepted. Seconded by Myrtle Anne Rempel. Carried

C. NOTICE OF MEETING

Motion: Moved by Ellen Poole that the meeting had been properly constituted by notice in advance. Seconded by Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki. Carried.

D. WELCOME GUESTS

Dianna Ponting welcomed members who had come from the Chapters and out of town. Beverly Rushworth, Fraser Valley Chapter, and Nancy Grigsby, from Blaine, WA, USA.

E. INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dianna Ponting introduced Board members present: Teressa Bernard, AFCA Treasurer, Myrtle Anne Remple, SFCA 1st Vice President, and Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki, AFCA Communications Chair.

F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED MARCH 26, 2006.

Ellen Poole noted that there was a correction to the minutes under Section K: Election of Officers. The wording should be: "Ellen Poole moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Barrie Chadwick."

Motion: Moved by Susan Foster that this correction be made to the March 26, 2006 Minutes. Seconded by Drew Gilles. Carried.

G. There were no Special Resolutions.

H. REPORTS

- President's Report by Dianna Ponting
 Motion: Moved by Dianna Ponting that the President's Report be
 accepted. Seconded by Ellen Poole. Carried.
 The Report is enclosed.
- Standards Committee Report by Janice Robertson
 Motion: Moved by Janice Robertson that the Standards Committee Report
 be accepted. Seconded by Anita Klein. Carried.
 The Report is enclosed.
- 3) Gallery Manager's Report by Rosalind Rorke Motion: Moved by Dianna Ponting that Gallery Manager's Report be accepted. Seconded by Ellen Poole. Carried. The Report is enclosed.
- 4) Executive Director's Report by Hazel Hodgson Motion: Moved by Tatiana Easton that the Executive Director's Report be accepted. Seconded by Jutta Keiser. Carried. The Report is enclosed.
- 5) Archives Activity Report prepared by Ellen Poole, read by Hazel Hodgson **Motion:** Moved by Ellen Poole that the Archives Activity Report be accepted. Seconded by Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki. Carried. The Report is enclosed.
- I. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006.

 Bob McMurray reported highlights from the financial statements.

Motion: Moved by Bob McMurray that the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2006 be accepted. Seconded by Susan Foster. Carried.

J. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS for 2007

Motion: Moved by Myrtle-Anne Rempel to approve Catherine Der, CA as Auditor for the Federation of Canadian Artists in 2007. Seconded by Bob McMurray. Carried

K. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Hazel Hodgson presented the slate of nominees for the Executive positions which had been circulated with the March/April issue of *Art Avenue*.

President Dianna Ponting, SFCA
1st Vice-President Myrtle-Anne Rempel, SFCA
2nd Vice-President Lorna Dockstader, SFCA
Treasurer Teressa Bernard AFCA
Secretary Beverley Rushworth

Hazel Hodgson reported that 11 mail-in ballots had been received for the proposed slate and then asked for a Motion to approve the slate. Hazel asked if there were any nominations from the floor.

Hazel Hodgson told the membership that at the April Board meeting, the following FCA members would be appointed by the Executive to the Board of Directors and acknowledged those present.

Communications Chair Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki, AFCA

Membership Chair
Chapter Liaison Chair
Member at Large
Member at Large
Lalita Hamill, AFCA
Bob Sheridan, AFCA
Christine Camilleri
Heidi Lambert, AFCA

Education Chair Vacant Social Membership Chair Vacant

Motion: Moved by Ellen Poole that nominations cease.

Seconded by Bob McMurray. Carried

Motion: To destroy ballots by Bob McMurray.

Seconded by Ellen Poole. Carried.

L. MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS

An **Honorary Life Membership Award** was presented to Susan Foster "in appreciated of her many years of hard work for the Federation of Canadian Artists."

Susan Foster was present and thanked the Federation warmly for giving her this award.

A **Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented to Alan Wylie, SFCA "in recognition of his dedicated work with the Federation of Canadian Artists. His role as President, Instructor and as a founder of the Board of Governors is much appreciated. He has received wide spread recognition of his work."

Alan Wylie, SFCA was present and after acceptance spoke briefly about the importance to him of this special award.

M. NEW BUSINESS

Ellen Poole proposed that Board members remain on the board for a specified period of time, to maintain a level of continuity and asked that the Executive/Board review this.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Myrtle Anne Rempel, SFCA that the meeting be adjourned at 2:25 PM. Carried

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Teressa Bernard AFCA, Treasurer.

Signed: Januard Date: apr 23/07.

<u>Presidents Report – AGM 2007 – Dianna Ponting SFCA</u>

I would like firstly to sincerely thank retiring Directors Sue Cowan, our faithful secretary, Linda Kalman, Education Chair and Brittani Faulkes, our Membership Chair. Linda had to leave us earlier in the year and Brittani though she will no longer be part of the board has volunteered to continue working towards completion of her pet project, researching and designing a brochure to promote donations through Endowment Funds.

I have been on the Board of Directors for four years now and have never seen a group of more enthusiastic people than I have this past year. It's been a year of working along side of board and staff members who like Brittani, have great ideas and are willing to run with them on their own.

As you are most likely aware, Susan Foster, the Federation's very competent past Executive Director moved on in May of last year and in doing so left *very* big shoes to fill. We were very fortunate to find Hazel Hodgson, who has slipped right into the role with hardly a ripple. Welcome Hazel and thank you not only for that easy transition but also for the energy you've brought with you.

After much research (our 2nd Vice President, Lorna Dockstader's pet project) we find ourselves with a new digital projector which will not only enhance our jurying capabilities but will relieve much of the baggage necessary for our Chapter visits. We have Lalita Hamill's husband, Patrick to thank for the donation of a laptop to accompany the projector. Having this will also enable us to set up occasional video or audio conferencing with out-of-town Directors resulting in savings on travel costs.

Lalita is our Membership Chair and this year she has taken it upon herself to approach businesses in an attempt to acquire benefits for our members. Specific information is required before businesses are willing to consider committing to such a plan and your input is crucial to making this work. What is needed is relatively painless; you need only complete the survey that can be found on the opening page of the Federation web site.

Artists and instructors alike seem well pleased with our new workshop space in the United Church basement. However, our quest is still ongoing to find a combined gallery and workshop space that will better serve our needs. Should anything suitable come to your attention, we would be most pleased to hear about it.

It will be a busy month for me as my Chapter visits are to begin in earnest in two weeks. I have rescheduled my snowed out visits from January and will begin with a round of Nanaimo, Arrowsmith and Comox Chapters. Ten days later I will be leaving in my motor home for a two week trek that will take in the 5 interior Chapters and end with the Fraser Valley group. Calgary and Victoria Chapters were visited in October.

A reminder once again to all Chapter Executives that your Chapter Resource Manual is on-line and packed with good information. Check it out for changes on occasion as it is continually being added to and do let us know if there is something you might like to see included or clarified. You will be pleased to know that as of the next meeting there will be 6 members of the board that are also Chapter members. This bodes well for representation in resolving Chapter issues.

I have already spoken of our Executive Directors past and present and now I would like to add a sincere thank you to our Gallery Manger, Rosalind Rourke and Kelli Kadokawa, our Assistant Office Manager for their constant efforts to keep me apprised of all that occurs at Federation Gallery and their behind the scenes efforts that insure every one of our gatherings becomes a gala event. I would like also to thank Ellen Poole our weekend Gallery Manager and Historian and webmaster, Glenn Marcus. Last and never, ever least I wish to thank the volunteers, the Directors, Board of Governors, the Chapter representatives, and those that carry out the myriad jobs that make the running of this society of work. Thank you for making my role so easy.

Respectfully submitted, Dianna Ponting SFCA President

AGM 2007 Standards Report March 25, 2007

The annual Board of Governors meeting took place on Sunday, March 11, 2007, at the FCA Gallery. 21 SFCA members were in attendance. There were 33 applicants for AFCA and 18 applicants for SFCA. 11 new AFCA's were chosen and 6 new SFCA members.

The successful applicants are:

For AFCA-

Angela Au Hemphill, Sandra Donohue, Angelique Gillespie, Perry Haddock, Lalita Hamill, Lorry Hughes, Shoko Judd, Andrea Pratt, Amie Roman, Rene Thibault and Vicki Turner.

For SFCA-

Roberta Combs, Margaret Elliot, Martine Gourbault, Jutta Kaiser, Sarah Kidner and Clement Kwan

Respectfully submitted Janice Robertson, SFCA Standards Chair Federation of Canadian Artists

Gallery Manager's Report - Rosalind Rorke

AGM - March 25, 2007

At the Federation of Canadian Artists volunteers are critical to almost everything that we do to serve the membership. I would like to thank everyone who has lent their time and energy to the various activities over the past year and to encourage anyone who wants to start helping to feel welcome to do so.

The FCA sends out *Art Avenue* magazine six times each year. To accomplish this task we ask for the help of eight people who come to the gallery and work diligently for three hours to get this publication to nearly 2,300 members. Although many people participate over the year I would like to thank Drew Gillies and Geoffrey Choi in particular for their efforts with respect to the mail outs.

To **hang** approximately 15 – 20 exhibitions annually in Federation Gallery I have the expert assistance of Martine Gourbault, SFCA.

The **gallery space** is watched over by volunteers, Ellen Poole and myself six days a week, 50 weeks a year. These ladies answer questions, provide directions, encourage artists and the public to think about art and make painting sales. Audrey Cook, Diana Frith, Tatianna Easton, Beryl Halliday, Jutta Kaiser, Angela Hemphill, Vivian Murray, Patsy Pollak, Clare Pour, Emily Shuya, Sandra Taylor, Suzanne Vitalis, Tessa Wilson and Kathy Young are the core group that keep the gallery going smoothly.

There are several **openings and special events** that occur at Federation Gallery and volunteers help the staff to set up, facilitate and clean up these events.

Paintings, By Numbers the FCA's annual fundraising event would not be possible without a small army of hard-working volunteers who help hang the paintings in Performance Works, set up the tables, linens, candles and flowers, sell drink tickets, serve at the bar and then climb up the ladders to take it all down, sweep the floors and put everything away after the evening is over. We are particularly indebted to Drew Gillies, Daniel Chuang, Johnson Wu and Wayne and Jan Williams for their help in September.

The **Jury panels** that select the exhibitions which hang in Federation Gallery are made up of Signature members who donate their time and energy. Many of these same people also help Kelli Kadokawa with the Applications for Active Status, an on-going and significant process. Inevitably, those who live closest to the gallery have shouldered a larger burden and I would like to thank Andrew McDermott for never saying no to either Kelli or I when we are in a pinch for an SFCA opinion.

Two weeks ago, the **Board of Governors** meeting was attended by 21 SFCA members who viewed applications from Active and Associate members hoping to advance their membership status up a level. Many of the jurors who came to the meeting traveled to Vancouver from afar including the Fraser Valley, Hornby Island, Banff, Alberta, Qualicum Beach, and Sorrento, B.C. The heavy lifting at the meeting was performed by Bob McMurray, Marjorie Turnbull, Sue Cowan, Faye Takeuchi and Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki.

The **Board of Directors** is an entirely volunteer body and meets approximately 8 times a year to deal with the business end of the FCA. These folks have to deal with the problems and complaints which occasionally drift along as well as planning for the organizations future.

The **co-ordination** of FCA volunteers is handled by Kathy Young, a very dedicated and cheerful Active member, who makes hundreds of phone calls and e-mails every year to keep the people coming to the various events and locations where we need their help.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN ARTISTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 25, 2007, 1PM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Membership

We currently have 2284 members in the Database (same as last year).

Education

As you are aware, we have moved our classes to new space at the Canadian Memorial Church & Centre for Peace (United Church) on the corner of Burrard and West 16th.

Our Education Committee meets once or twice a year to plan the Fall and Spring Education Sessions. We try to offer a wide variety of classes and all education classes are advertised on our website, Opus' website and in our magazine.

Art Avenue Magazine

Kelli Kadokawa, our editor, works hard to coordinate articles that will be of interest and benefit to members. Art Avenue is published six times a year. A series called "65 Years of Artistic Achievement: A History of the FCA" was published in Art Avenue Magazine in 2006. Ellen Poole, our Archives Specialist wrote these articles and they made very interesting reading.

Paintings, by numbers

60 artists donated their wonderful paintings and every ticket was purchased – we even had a waiting list. Held on September 21, 2006, Paintings, by numbers was a huge success. We are scheduled for the same date this year, but please note it is <u>Friday</u>, September 21st at 6:00pm. Same location at the same rental price, as I managed to negotiate a deal. Hopefully some of our members who live further afield will be able to attend. We again have 60 artists donating paintings. We will start selling tickets mid April and already have 34 people on a waiting list anxious to purchase tickets. Tickets will go up by \$50 to \$550 to cover increased catering and equipment rental costs.

Website

Thanks to our webmaster, Glenn Marcus, for continuing to maintain www.artists.ca. Staff constantly post up-to-date information on the site and look for ways to make it more user friendly.

Financially

We have some challenges:

- 1) Our property lease is due for renewal on January 31, 2008 and unfortunately our monthly rent will be increasing. I shall contact CHMC at the beginning of April to start negotiations. I sit on a recently formed sub-committee of the Granville Island Business and Community Association, and we are trying to improve the communications between CMHC and the Granville Island tenants regarding lease renewals.
- 2) Some Members are not renewing their dues on time, we are discussing creative ways to solve this.
- 3) We now have a digital projector thanks to members for donating \$1 each towards our digital projector fund.

- 4) In January 2007 we inherited 246 Stafford Plant paintings. These are presently stored in a Kitsilano storage locker. A physical inventory will be done in the summer. We continue to put a few Stafford Plant paintings on auction but they are proving to be very difficult to sell.
- 5) In 2006 we were successful with our BC Gaming grant application. I attended a BC Gaming Symposium in the Fall, which was very informative and very helpful. I made some useful contacts.
- 6) We continue to have our "rainy day" savings bank account and have managed to maintain it. I am hoping to be able to contribute to it in 2007.
- 7) Bob McMurray (Past President and retired accountant) will present the 2006 Financial Statements.

Recommendations

1) The Board needs to review and evaluate the Summary Report from the Strategic Planning Session held in November 2004 and to develop a sound Business Plan with long-term goals.

I have been in the position of Executive Director for 10 months now and am thoroughly enjoying the job and its challenges. I am always open to suggestions, so please feel free to contact me if you do have any ideas.

<u>Hazel Hodgson</u> Executive Director

Federation of Canadian Artists

Archives Activity Report for the Calendar Year 2006

"Celebrating 65 Years of Artistic Achievement"

A) Archival Records

- General records from the original 1941 founding data to current date, our 65th Anniversary, continues to be expanded. More research was done
 during 2006, with additional FCA documents added to our archives from the Hunter Lewis (a former FCA President) Family Fonds, UBC Archives,
 Special Collections.

B) Artist Enquiries

- 54 Enquiries were answered during 2006, down slightly from 2005. Enquiries were made:
 - directly to the writer (a number were received via the Vancouver Art Gallery),
 - via the FCA Office or Gallery,
 - the majority came from the FCA website 'Guest Book.'
- In each case, information was offered to the enquirer from:
 - available FCA archival and membership records,
 - CHIN website (Canadian Heritage Information Network, Artists in Canada),
 - 'The Collector's Dictionary of Canadian Artists at Auction' by Anthony R. Westbridge, and Diana L. Bodnar, MA, MLS.
 - the A to Z of Canadian Artists by Blake McKendry,
 - various members and additional sources, e.g. Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design; UBC; and the Vancouver Public Library.
 - the world-wide web;
- With regard to requests for Valuations, we often suggested additional references and resources including Auction sources.

The attached data represents 'outside' enquires during the 2005 calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Poole, Historian

Chair, FCA Archives Committee

Enquiry Date /From	Re: Artist / Subject	Information Provided
2006 January		
 Keith & Mavis Upson Justine Bengough Carol Chang Norm Gaylord Cora Enmark 	Marvin S. Poole Fred Schaefer Jean Richards Renoir T. Prince	Seeking valuation and bio info. Bio info provided + suggestions re researching values " " Suggestions given to research values. Used to be secretary of Edmonton Chapter; may have archival info. Has print—wants to know if worth while having insured. Referred to auctioneers. Seeks info re artist. Not member. Suggested other resources.
February 2 Sharon Horward 6 Freda Milne 12 Doreen Feldman 15 Rhonda Short 20 Shane O'Brien 25 Nick Selemba	Monica Montana Grant Elisabeth Fischer T.C. Duncan Kiff Holland Eva B. Zbar Brian R. Johnson, RI	Seeking artist-friend. Gave suggestions. Seeking info. Gave data from our files and suggested other resources. Seeking info. Not known. Wants copy botanical print. Forwarded to artist to reply. Wants copy Fish print. Suggested other resources. Seeking info on artist. Gave some and other resources.
March 2 Maureen Beattie 17 Edward Bentley 21 Amanda McConaghy 25 Rosemary Bennett/Kirs 26 Cindy Hallmark	Charles Carpenter Camillo Adriani Tian-Xing Li ten Jordis Jensen Carolyn Shugar Catherine Moffat	Requested she take photo to painting sold to her for artist. Received and forwarded to artist. Seeking info. Not FCA member but suggested other research resources. Seeking bio info. Mailed copy. Supplied address to obtain Bio. Seeking info about painting. Provided Bio and asked Moffat to reply directly.
April 25 Paul Curtis 26 Chris at David Hart	Unnamed Artist Susan J. Coleman	Send photo of image, wanting to identify artist. Suggested other resources. Seeking bio info. Provided.
May 2 Greg 8 Tessa Wilson 9 Margie at UBC 13 Aballine Phillpot 19 Jerry Oxborough 26 Christine Mitchell 30 Jaleen Grove 31 Barb & Phillip Kubik	Claude Tabet Lorna J. Quigley Artists painting West Coast Scenes Grammar Lesson Dorothy Oxborough Calgary Chapter Allan Edwards Printmaking Estate	Seeking litho appraisal. Suggested resources. Gave info on artist and informed of death for our records. Wanting to purchase retirement gift. Suggested artist (with copies to them re Finders Fee) Viewer of guestbook offered grammar lesson. Enquiry from possible relative. Forwarded to artist. Enquiry about Chapter History. Provided info. Student doing MA thesis wanting addn'l info. Furnished. Promised copy in due course. Wanting someone to catalogue, evaluate etc. estate of prints. Suggested several resources.
June 11 B.J. Adams 18 Jane Barroll 19 Raymond Mah 19 E. Ross Bradley 19 Christ MacClure 28 Hans Lussenburg 29 Monika Wise	Vancouver Art Scene Anne Marie Harvey Public Relations Margaret Chappelle International Artists Day FCA History of Sculpture Heinz L. Koller	Since I was 'art historian' this Texan thought I could supply Vancouver visitor info! I did. Seeking artist for potential illustration commission. Provided contact info (copy to artist re Finders Fee). Ideas from gallery visitor sent to Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki, PR Chair. Offered material from late member's estate. Accepted with thanks. Promotional ideas from member forwarded to Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki, PR Chair. Wondered why history of sculptors not included in articles. Gave FCA historical answer. Yet another inquiry about this person. Told her don't know more about artist than already posted.
July 12 Susan Kasendi 18 Valarie Brooks	"Painting in the Park" classes Graham Crabtree	She won scholarship to "P-P" in 1964/5; wanted to know if painting kept. No info on FCA keeping paintings. Owns painting, wants info. Not FCA member. Suggested other resources.

August

Bob Henderson Black, England, Whale, Lauder, Tennant Seeking bio information on several artists. Provided.

John J. Parini Gordon "Kit" Thorne Wants info on late FCA member. Sent. 8

Charles Hill, Nat. Gallery of Canada Founding Members

Jean Greenwood

Amy Roach

VAG trying to contact Estate re valuation. No estate info but sent copy Bio page. Vanessa Sorenson-VAG Mabel Bain

Jacky Orriss **Dorothy Oxborough** Seeking certain work by FCA member. Talked with Oxborough and sent info to inquirer. 9 18

Peter Fahy **Thomas Ervine** Person from Belfast seeking info on artist. No info available David Maclagan David Maclagan

Past FCA member complaint re being left out of History article. Replied.

Requested, and copy of list of FCA Founding Members sent.

September

22 Robert Sheridan

30 Lois Millington

Janice Robertson

Mashel Teitelbaum 19 Matthew Teitelbaum Seeking date his father exhibited with FCA. Provided known info. Asked member Gary Sim to expound, which he did. 21 Juli Lo

Susan J. Coleman Wants to locate artist, former member. Suggested other resources. Stafford Plant Won painting at FCA "Paintings, by Number." Forwarded Bio.

Informed us of death and memorial service. Relayed info to several other old-time members so we could all attend.

Seeking info and valuation. Provided bio and other resources.

October

10 Melanie Ingram William Harvey Sadd Custom framer seeking info and value. Not FCA member. Suggested other resources.

11 Willa Ormond Estelle Vanier Want info and value. Not FCA member. Suggested other resources.

Arthur N. Martin Owns painting, wants info. Not FCA member. Supplied bio from Collector's Dictionary. 17 Kevan Lacey

21 ? Joseph Gabanek Gallery visitor owns painting, wants bio. Supplied.

22 Herb Smith J. Parkins Seeks info on artist. Not FCA member, Recommended he contact Charles Hill at National Gallery.

Wants updated contact address for member in Comox. Hazel Hodgson supplied.

Linda & Warren Hodgins Kay Hilborn Rod Albuquerque Hugh Playfair Seeking info on late member. Mailed bio.

November

11 Nanette Wilson Lorraine E.S. Hodge Seeking info and valuation. Provided brief info and suggested another resource.

December

Margaret Moore 14 Delsie Dworkin Owns artwork, wants info. Not FCA member. Suggested other resources.