

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN ARTISTS

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Held May 15, 2016 at the Federation Gallery,
1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, B.C.**

Number of members present including the Board: 16

Board Members Present

Directors:

Dene Croft, President
Charlie Easton Vice President
Peter Kiidumae, Secretary
Susie Cipolla, Treasurer
Andrew McDermott, Past President

Members at Large:

Fran Alexander

Board Members Absent

Directors:

Gaye Adams, Standards Chair

Staff Present

Patrick Meyer, Exec. Director

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 Dene Croft presided over the meeting that commenced at 11.02 am.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – MOTION by Dene Croft, seconded by Peter Kiidumae to approve the agenda. CARRIED

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

MOTION by Dene Croft, seconded by Susie Cipolla, to adopt the minutes as circulated. CARRIED.

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dene commented on the remarkable turnaround the organization has taken, with our financials no longer showing a loss and membership numbers growing significantly. He praised the work undertaken by staff to produce these results.

5. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT**

In Gaye's absence, Dene reported that the main issue for the Standards Committee is an ongoing review of the Signature selection process to address the long-term needs and realities of the organization.

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A written report was submitted.

Patrick talked about the 75th anniversary celebration plans featuring a show with 230 paintings. He also reported that the number of shows being put on by the FCA has increased from 17 the previous year to 23 plus 3 online shows this year. With membership up to 2,400 in April, participation in shows has also been increasing. To improve accessibility to distant members, in addition to the online shows a mail-in show has been organized, and online critiques are being made available.

Steps are being taken to open up the Vancouver area for Chapter formations.

The gallery has undergone roof repairs, reconfiguration of interior walls, and exterior signage installation. Sales for the first quarter this year have quadrupled, and while typical sales previously were in the \$300 - \$1,200 range, now we are selling up to \$1,000 - \$3,000, and professional buyers are now showing up at the gallery. There shall be a full-time student working in the gallery this summer to concentrate effort on sales.

7. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Susie reported that while we have experienced increasing losses 4 years in a row since 2010, we ended 2015 with a profit of \$53,000 compared to a loss of \$12,000 the previous year. Revenue was up \$35,000 and expenses were down \$31,000.

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Patrick Meyer 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 2016-17

President; Dene Croft, SFCA

Vice President: Charlie Easton, AFCA

Treasurer: Fred Ooster

Secretary: Peter Kiidumae

The proposed slate was declared elected by acclamation as executive officers of the Board of Directors for the year 2016-17.

8. **MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS**

The membership recognition committee consisted of Marjorie Turnbull AFCA, Dianna Ponting SFCA, Andrew McDermott SFCA, Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki SFCA, and Kathy Hildebrandt AFCA. Due to personal reasons, Dianna did not participate this year and Tatjana stepped down from the committee. Andrew, Marjorie and Kathy propose the following nominees.

Andy McDermott reported changes that have been instituted this year. The Distinctive Artistic Achievement Award is being introduced to replace the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Early Achievement Award category is being eliminated.

On behalf of the Member Recognition Committee, Andy announced the following award winners for the year:

Distinctive Artistic Achievement: Harold Allanson, SFCA

Outstanding Volunteer: Robert McMurray, AFCA

CHAPTER SERVICE AWARDS

Arrowsmith: Helene McIntosh

Central Okanagan: Lynn Tribe

Fraser Valley: Marney Rose Edge, SFCA

West Kootenay: no one nominated

Nanaimo: Dawn Zintel

Peace River: no one nominated

Thompson/Nicola/Shuswap: Sandra Conway, Jeanette Ardern
Calgary: no one nominated
North Okanagan: Ria Carpay
Victoria: no one nominated
South Okanagan: no one nominated

There being no further business to discuss, Dene moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Peter Kiidumae, Secretary.

Signed: _____ Date: _____