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Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting

A general meeting of the Federation of Canadian Artists will be held at Federation Gallery, 1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, BC. V6H 4B7 on Monday, November 23th at 5:00 pm.

The purpose of this general meeting is to ratify the proposed amended objects found in the Constitution of the Federation of Canadian Artists. Revenue Canada recently reviewed the FCA's Charity governing documents and determined that the objects adopted in 1998 contained clauses not fitting the description required to qualify as a Charity under the Federal Charity Act and therefore not eligible for this status. To avoid having the FCA lose this status these objects need to be amended to meet specific requirements as outlined by Revenue Canada. Being recognized as a registered charity offers many benefits to the organization including:

1. The Society can write official receipts for donors who can use this charitable donation for credits on their income tax returns giving incentive to encourage donations and sponsorship to our society.
2. As a registered charitable organization, our society will be exempt from taxation under Part 1 of the Income Tax Act.
3. Registered charities may be eligible for exemption from other taxes, such as Federal sales tax, Provincial sales tax, and excise tax.
4. Most foundations require an organization to be a registered charity before grants will be awarded.

By amending our objects to meet the requirements of Revenue Canada the FCA will be able to maintain its charitable status. Revenue Canada has provided us with an approval of these proposed amended objects. The final step taken to ensure our status, as a Charity, is to have the changes ratified by the member's in compliance with the FCA Bylaws.

Resolution: Whereas the existing purposes in the constitution are listed from (a) through (k):

- (a) To unite artists, critics and persons interested in art and allied and related subjects for fellowship and mutual support in promoting common aims and to assert the creative importance of art in the national and community life of Canada.
- (b) To promote an improvement in the welfare, recognition and professional standing of practicing artists in the community.
- (c) To promote activities, which will tend to increase the appreciation, enjoyment and use of art and works of art by Canadians.
- (d) To promote enquiry into the solution of problems related to the growth of Canadian culture and to stimulate public interest in such matters.
- (e) To establish, promote, support and encourage art galleries, museums and other institutions and organizations engaged in activities connected with art and art appreciation.
- (f) To assist the co-ordination and encouragement of activities of groups and individuals tending to further the objectives of the Federation by providing a clearing house for information and ideas.
- (g) To publish, print, distribute and support books, magazines, pamphlets and publications of all kinds devoted to the interest of art and artists.
- (h) To improve the growth of emerging and established artists through educational activities and programs.

- (i) To promote, encourage, give financial assistance to subscribe to, become a member of and cooperate with societies having similar objectives, in all parts of the world.
- (j) To co-operate with organizations in Canada having similar objectives to those of this Federation and, in particular, to encourage the establishment of Federation of Canadian Artists' chapters in the ten provinces and two territories of Canada.
- (k) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above-mentioned objectives.

Be it resolved that the constitution will be revised to eliminate all descriptions of purposes (a) through (k) **and be replaced with** the following four purposes, listed as (a) to (d) to meet the requirements of the Charities Act.

- (a) To educate and increase the public's understanding and appreciation of the visual arts by providing facilities for the public exhibition of artistic works and by providing seminars on topics related to such exhibitions.
- (b) To provide and make available instructional seminars and written material on topics related to the visual arts.
- (c) To produce arts exhibitions for the purposes of educating and advancing the public's understanding and appreciation of the visual arts and to educate artists through participation in such exhibitions and related workshops.
- (d) To educate the public in visual arts through workshops and seminars.

ARTICLE 3 - VOTING AND REPRESENTATION

3.1 A member in good standing present at a meeting of the members is entitled to one vote. Voting is by show of hands, unless decided otherwise. A member may vote by means of a written, signed ballot. This is not a proxy. Accordingly, the following Ballot form will be used by members in good standing, who wish to cast their vote but are not able to attend the extraordinary meeting.

All members in good standing, not attending the meeting may deposit a duly completed ballot form to the Federation office; or by fax to 604 681-2740; or by mail to the address above or by email to fcaoffice@artists.ca, prior to the General Meeting of the Federation of Canadian Artists on November 23, 2009 at 5:00 pm PST.

I, _____ (please print) being a member in good standing, hereby cast my vote pertaining to the amended objects in the Federation of Canadian Artists' constitution.

YES I agree to the amended objects as proposed.

NO I do not agree with the amended objects as proposed.

Dated at (City & Province) _____ this _____ day of _____ 2009.

Signed: _____