

Federation of Canadian Artists Board

Annual General Meeting

June 6, 2020

Via Zoom

Minutes

Board Attendees: Dene Croft, Charlie Easton, Patrick Meyer, Fred Osther, Chris Tunnoch, Julie Kothlow, Kato Rempel, Helena Maizlin

Absent: Gaye Adams, Andrew McDermott

Public/Members: ~ 25

1. Call to order/Minutes – Dene called meeting to order at 10:02; Thanked everyone for participating via Zoom and introduced the Board on line. Dene motioned to approve the agenda Patrick second; motion passed unanimously

2. President's Report – Patrick

2018 – Focus was on revitalizing existing services for members:

- focus on increasing foot traffic in gallery by 20%; purpose of the gallery is to get more traffic in the door
- metrics/member growth – currently 2718 members; increase in engagement of members in exhibition calls
- bigger concentration on sales – numbers have stayed consistent, goal is still to increase number of sales
- new constitution and by-laws in place
- re-introduction of sculpture
- staff turnover has proved some challenges but working through those
- new strategic plan in process
- transitioning from a management focus board to a governance focus board
- future focus on grants and fundraising opportunities

2019 – Focus going forward is increasing number of Chapters:

- new chapter in Prince George, BC
- looking at new chapter in Toronto, ON (30 people waiting to join)
- groups also interested in Ottawa, ON and Edmonton AB
- New website under construction; focus on selling members work
- Reached a plateau – %15 increase in rent year to year; this may require an increase in membership fees

Q: (Louise Nicholson) Has the FCA explored collaboration opportunities with the Society of Canadian Artists?

A: Not at this time, however it is something to consider.

Q: (Lesley White) Is there a Chapter Handbook for exhibitions?

A: The standards committee is currently working on a Jurors Orientation Package which should be out before the end of the year.

By-law amendment request as stated in the AGM notice:

"Except as expressly provided by statute or at law, a Member, or other person, shall not be entitled or have the right to inspect and seek disclosure of any other document or record of the Association. Any other documents may only be inspected by members or other persons at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

Copies of documents to which a Member is allowed to examine and seek the disclosure of may be provided on request by the Member for a fee to be determined by the Board, provided such fee does not exceed the limits prescribed by the Act."

Approved by membership.

Financial Report - Fred (Statement Presentation)

- The interim financial statements to the end of June 30, 2020 will be delayed a few weeks. However, initial results for the first 6 months of 2020 look very good. Excellent responses by Patrick and staff to the Covid shutdown protected the FCA over this trying period.

Q: Are there any tax implications re inventory currently on the FCA books?

A: No. The FCA issues tax receipts for all donations.

Motion: Fred moved to continue having PACE accounting review our books/operation; second by Julie; passed unanimously by members.

Election of Directors:

Unless there are objections, Dene put forward a vote to have Charlie Easton and Chris Tunnoch serve another term on the board. Approved unanimously by members.

4. Other questions/Meeting adjournment:

No other questions on the floor; meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM



Secretary

Date