



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Fiscal Year 2020-21

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 | 7 – 8:15 P.M.

via Zoom

Meeting chaired by Sheila Koop

1) Welcome and introductions, acknowledgments and thanks

Sheila welcomed everyone to the ECFTA's 19th AGM and recognized Matt Ladner's leadership over the past few years. Sheila then introduced the 2020-2021 Board members and the incoming Executive Committee: Co-Chairs Kathryn Giffen and Deepti Celetti; Treasurer Brad Henderson; Secretary Ellen Helps. Sheila then recognized and thanked each of the ECFTA staff members for their skills and talents in keeping the Centre vital and moving forward.

2) Minutes of the 2019-20 Annual General Meeting

Sheila asked the membership if there were any corrections or amendments to the draft 2019-20 AGM minutes. Lianne pointed the membership to the link on the ECFTA's website where all AGM materials were posted.

Motion to accept the minutes of the 2019-20 AGM. Sheila Koop/ Geoffrey Wild. *Carried.*

3) Reports from the Co-Chairs of the Board and ED

Co-Chairs report (Sheila): A reflection on the last five years: The first challenge in '16-'17 was to upgrade the boiler, which resulted in a Capital Grant from Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF). Thanks to the work of staff, board, donors, and volunteers, the ECFTA is living up to the vision in our Strategic Plan. There have been many highlights over the last five years, including: the 2017 installation of the exterior sculpture over the front door; the upcoming Pathways Project of outdoor sculpture; the Supportive Arts program, now in its 2nd year; the full house of building tenants; a successful short term rental schedule; establishment of the Satellite Gallery at the Elora Mill; the Pop-up Gallery/ Artisan Shop; the book version of See the Forest Through the Trees; a strong Board; incredible staff under the guidance of ED Lianne Carter; multiple successful grant applications for programming and capital improvements; plans for capital expansion and upcoming capital campaign.

Sheila thanked the many community partners for their role in moving the ECFTA forward, and thanked the Directors and staff for their energy, time and commitment. The Centre has survived through Covid and is entering a growth phase. Matt and Sheila will stay on the Board until March 2022 and are committed to guiding the Capital Campaign. Welcome to Kathryn and Deepti as incoming Co-Chairs.

Motion to accept the Report from the Co-Chairs. Kathryn Giffen/ Berry Smith. *Carried.*

ED's report (Lianne): Lianne's presentation covered the period between Sept 2020 and Aug 2021. Highlights: our Supportive Arts program continued through Covid. Thanks to staff members, Judy (Anderson) and Steph (Lines-Toohill); we developed a Student Support program to assist students during Covid. Thanks to funders, volunteers and community partners; we ran seven summer camps, with each camp offering one spot for free. Thanks to funders; The Elora Love community mural has been well supported on social media; We supported 38 artists via exhibitions; the Artisan Shop continues to develop; we received several grants specifically targeting covid recovery; we've continued with building repairs; we were approved for Ontario Trillium Fund operational funding for one year - this is unprecedented! Lianne recognized and thanked the staff, board members and volunteers.

4) Review of new bylaw, Bylaw 5

Ellen reviewed highlights of new Bylaw 5. There were no questions/ comments from the floor.

Motion to approve Bylaw 5 and replace Bylaw 4. Sheila Koop/ Berry Smith. *Carried.*

5) 2020-21 Draft Financial Report

Brad presented the audited 2020-21 financial statements. We have a cash balance of about \$215,000 which is offset by deferred contributions of about \$185,000 which means we have \$185,000 of programs to deliver next year. Revenues are up to \$433,000 from \$298,000 last year (increase of \$135,000), primarily due to grant revenues and various forms of covid assistance. Overall Net Revenue this year is \$22,000; \$35,000 before amortization. We are well positioned for next year.

Motion to approve the 2020-21 financial statements. Brad Henderson/ Geoffrey Wild. *Carried.*

Sheila thanked Brad and Sonia for their hard work in preparing for this year's audit.

6) Motion to approve appointment of RLB as auditors for 2021-22. Brad Henderson/ Berry Smith. *Carried.*

7) Motion to ratify the Board's proposed slate of Directors for 2021-22. Deepti Celetti/ Brad Henderson. *Carried. Returning Directors:* Sheila Koop, Matt Ladner, Jon Ralston, Melissa Seagrove, Lee Bonnell, Danielle Marks, Deepti Celetti, Kathryn Giffen, Ellen Helps, Geoffrey Wild, Brad Henderson, Spencer Shewen

8) Future plans: questions and answers

Sheila: While we wait for confirmation of approval of our Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) grant of \$675,000, we are preparing for our capital campaign. The campaign will take approximately two years.

Lianne reviewed the expansion plans. Sheila stated that once CCSF funding is confirmed, we will host an open house with the artist's renderings as part of our capital campaign to provide the public the opportunity to provide input and see how the process is going.

9) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15