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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2018-19 (DRAFT) Minutes

## ELORA CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Thursday, November 14, 2019

7 – 8 P.M.

Minarovich Gallery, ECFTA

### 1) Welcome and introductions, acknowledgments and thanks

The meeting started at 7.04. Approximately 45 members were in attendance. Sheila Koop was in the chair and introduced the Board.

### 2) Minutes of the 2017-18 Annual General Meeting

**Motion** to approve the minutes of the 2017-18 AGM. Moved: Deepti Celetti; Seconded: Renata Karger. **Approved.**

### 3) Report from the Chairs of the Board.

The chair asked the Executive Director Lianne Carter to give a review of activities over the year. The Centre has changed from gazing inward to outward. There are a number of themes. *Art creativity and our space helping the community.* Examples are Planet Youth outreach in support of youth mental health; Supportive Arts program for adults with disabilities; Art on the Road school outreach program; Collaboration with Big Brothers, Big Sisters. What about 2020? We plan on expanding programs, and for instance collaborating with Portage on the Art Therapy program. *Arms open to all community members.* Festive Fanfare and after parade event got new people involved; 34 days of children's programming; adult workshops for beginners and artists; we promoted weddings and special events. For 2020 we plan to promote weddings, host celebration of life events and live music events. *Strengthen the Centre as a "hub".* The Elora Singers are moving into the Centre. We will make the building more accessible. *Embrace and support artists of all kinds.* Examples include: the Artisan shop; Creative Spark in the Yard; the galleries: there have been over 9000 visitors during the year; we have partnered with Save our Water with an art exhibition; the Fire and Steel Contemporary Blacksmith exhibition with live demos; Elora Mill is showing paintings, and ECFTA gets a commission on sales; we partnered with Plein Air. For 2020, the artisan marketplace will become permanent, rather than a removable "pop-up". We plan a virtual reality installation to engage a broad audience. Major accomplishments for 2018-19 include: a big increase in visitors; improved signage; a fashion show fundraiser; venue rental opportunities; Township support for building maintenance and capital projects; plans for building improvements. Lianne concluded by thanking an "amazing" team of volunteers.

Sheila Koop gave a pertinent quote from the Community Foundation of Canada report on Arts and Belonging. This report has recommendations that we are already meeting in many ways. Matt Ladner

thanked Councilor Ian Macrae who was at the meeting, and the municipality and the mayor for the 100K\$ grant to the Centre. He also thanked major donors who have already got us to \$5000 in our current fundraising goal. Matt briefly described architectural plans and goals for expanding the Centre at a estimated cost of approx. 1.2M\$

It being close to 8.00 pm, Matt proposed a **motion** to extend the meeting to no later than 8.15. The motion was seconded by Annerose Schmidt. **Approved.**

#### **4) 2018-19 Financial Report**

Brenden Bellai from RLB distributed copies of the financial report, and summarized its content. Lee discussed the profit and loss picture. Total revenue for 2019 was 374K\$ vs 317K\$ for 2018; rentals were up, programs up slightly, fundraising down. Expenditures were down from 332K\$ to 296K\$. There was a significant reduction in program expenses. Lee also summarized the fundraising plan for 2020.

**Motion** to approve the 2018-19 financial statements. Moved by Phil Shepherd, seconded by Jon Ralston. Carried.

**5) Motion to approve appointment of RLB as 2019-20 Auditors.** Moved by Spencer Shewen, seconded by Renate Karger. Approved.

**6) Motion to approve all acts and actions of the 2018-19 Board of Directors. Moved by** Nancy Fisher, seconded by Matt Ladner. Approved

**7) Motion to ratify the Board's proposed slate of Directors for 2019-2020.** Moved by Phil Shepherd, seconded by Monica Lassner. Carried.

*Returning Directors:* Lee Bonnell, Renate Karger, Sheila Koop, Matt Ladner, Danielle Marks, Jon Ralston, Melissa Seagrove, Berry Smith

*New Directors:* Shirley Al, Deepti Celetti, Kathryn Giffen, Ellen Helps, Geoffrey Wild

**8) Motion to indemnify and save harmless from all acts and creditors the members retired from the Board of Directors.** Moved by Jon Ralston, seconded by Renate Karger. Carried.

*Retired Directors:* Julianna Cox, Karen Davis

**9) Future plans: questions and answers.** There being insufficient time left for a discussion, the chairs invited member to address questions to the Board during post-meeting socialization.

**10) Adjournment.** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **8.12.**