# Art Gallery of Regina Minutes, Annual General Meeting September 11, 2024

Present: Bill Ursel, Maggie Dixon, Raegan Maier, Patrick Dowling, Hooria Rajabzadeh, Mike Jozsa, Dianne Warren, Joviel Buenavente, Bill Sutherland, Risa Horowitz, Jim Putz, Janell Ranae Rempel, Gerry Ruecker, Sandee Moore, Madeleine Greenway, Ulike Veith, Michelle Beitel, Brianna Laplanete, Dianne Strailaff, Danielle Dumalie

Call to Order, Chair Maggie Dixon.

Quorum confirmed. Twenty people in attendance.

Introduction of current board and staff.

### First call for nominations from the floor (Danielle)

- 1) Approval of the Agenda, no amendments. Bill Ursel/Risa Horowitz. Motion carried.
- 2) Approval of Minutes from September 13/23, no amendments noted. Hooria Rajabzadeh/Gerry Rueker. Motion carried.
- 3) President's Report (highlights, report attached)
  - President Maggie Dixon acknowledged former gallery Director Robin Lynch's contributions to the gallery and explained Sandee Moore's new role as Director/Curator. Sandee's work is supported by Madeleine Greenway, who oversees Community Programs and Communications.
  - Maggie thanked our funders.
  - She also thanked photographer Don Hall for his generous donation of his photography services.
- 4) Director/Curator's Report (highlights)
  - Sandee's detailed report is available in the Annual Report.
  - Sandee thanked Robin Lynch for her contribution and the board for its confidence in her in her new role as Director/Curator.
  - She noted that the strategic goals of the gallery have guided her work: to develop a new artistic vision; to build community, artistic and institutional partnerships; to enhance sustainability in operations, governance, and resources; and to enhance public profile.

- 5) Partnership and Community Engagement Report (highlights)
  - Madeleine's detailed report is available in the Annual Report.
  - She noted some of the many partners she has worked with over the past year: Holophon Audio Arts, Nature Regina and Nature Saskatchewan, the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, and the City of Regina, as well as funders, cultural organizations, and artist support networks.
  - She noted the many opportunities she had to work with artists at all levels of their careers and the diverse public that has engaged with the gallery's programming.

### Second call for nominations from the floor (Danielle)

6) Presentation of Annual Financial Statements as they appear in the Annual Report (Treasurer, Dianne Warren)

#### Comments from the floor:

- Concern that so much of our funding comes from grants. Are there other options?
- Questions about artist fees and how they are set.
- Note that there is a column formatting problem in the financial report.
- Question about the member show and sale numbers compared to artist fees identified in the Annual Report.

### Response to Comments/Questions:

- Grant revenue looks high because of our success with project grant applications. Our core funding is about 30% our budget. We are a top performer in self-generated revenue.
- Artist fees are set by CARFAC and we follow their recommendations.
- Formatting will be corrected.
- The member show and sale is a good generator of revenue for us.

Motion to accept 2023/24 review engagement as reported. Bill Ursel/Risa Horowitz. Carried

- 7) Motion to appoint Asel Omurzakova or Priority Accounting Services CPA Prof. Corp. to complete our review for 2024/25. Bill Ursel/Danielle Dumelie. Carried.
- 8) Election of Board Members
  - Maggie noted that three members are leaving the board and thanked them for their contributions: David Playfair, Patrick Fernandez, Shamim Aghaaminiha.
  - Four current board members have one year to go on their terms (Dianne, Gerry, Mike, Hooria).
  - Three current members are standing on the ballot for another term (Joviel, Danielle, Maggie).
  - Two gallery members have agreed to stand on the ballot for election: Janelle Ranae Rempel and Raegan Maier.

## Third and final call for nominations from the floor (Danielle)

Motion to appoint Risa Horowitz and Ulike Veith to destroy ballots. Bill Ursel/Gerry Rueker. Carried.

Everyone on the ballot was elected.

Motion to destroy ballots. Bill Ursel/Gerry Rueker. Carried.

- 9) Special motion to make photographer Don Hall a Lifetime Member of the gallery. Risa Horowitz/Janell Ranae Rempel. Carried.
- 10) Motion to adjourn. Reagan Maier/ Hooria Rajabzadeh