

**FREDERICTON ARTS ALLIANCE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7:00 PM February 10, 2016
Charlotte Street Arts Centre Auditorium

Present (current board members in **boldface**): **Sabine Campbell**, Derek Davidson, Renée Davis, Katie FitzRandolph, **Dan Gleason**, **Bruce Gray**, **Russ Hunt**, Nadia Khoury, Hugh Macintosh, **Heather McTiernan**, **Tony Merzetti**, Bruce Newman, **Penny Pacey**, Sarah Petite, Diane Reid, **Cynthia Ryder**, Bridget Spence, George Strunz, Nicholas Tracy

1. Call to order – by Penny Pacey, President, at 8:35
2. Adoption of the agenda – Moved by Renée Davis, seconded by Katie FitzRandolph, who offered two amendments: to change Election of Officers to Election of Board members, and to add Response to ArtsNB policy announcement to Other Business. Carried, as amended.
3. [Minutes of the 2014 AGM](#), 4 February 2015. – There being no questions or corrections, adoption of the minutes was moved by Russ Hunt, seconded by Renée Davis, and carried.
4. Business arising from the minutes – there was no business arising.
5. Reports:
 - (i) President’s report – Penny Pacey read her report, [attached here](#).
 - (ii) Treasurer’s report – Cynthia Ryder summarized the 2015 financial report, noting the consistency from year to year and that income from memberships increased slightly because of the change to uniform annual renewals, and also that there were more charitable donations this year; the statement is [attached here](#). Adoption of the report was moved by Cynthia, seconded by Russ Hunt, and carried.
 - (iii) Report of Nominating Committee – in Allen Bentley's absence, Cynthia Ryder presented for election to the board in addition to the current board members, all of whom will be continuing, the following:
 - George Strunz
 - Katie FitzRandolph
 - William Forrestall
 - Trudy Gallagher

There being no further nominations, Renée Davis moved, and Bruce Gray seconded, that the new board be declared elected by acclamation. The motion carried. Under the bylaws the new board is to elect officers at its first meeting.

6. New Business –

a. Katie FitzRandolph moved that the FAA put the full weight of a motion of the AGM behind a statement of opposition to the government's announced policy regarding ArtsNB. George Strunz seconded the motion. Extensive discussion ensued. Nadia Khoury explained the current situation. Terry Graff clarified the status of the “cultural opportunities summit” which had been announced by the government. Diane Reid said it was her understanding that the government was attempting to save money on staff and rent. Nadia said that it wasn't going to save money, and Katie elaborated, saying that the government actually doesn't understand what they're doing. Terry Graff said that fundamentally it's the principle of arm's-length decisions that is the important matter at stake. Heather McTiernan said that in our statement we should avoid the financial argument and focus on the structural issue. Diane Reid said that it would be a good idea to consult Marie Maltais. Sarah Petite said that arm's-length arts support is a tradition across Canada. The motion carried with one vote against.

b. Russ Hunt introduced the proposal to amend the FAA bylaws, saying that he thought everyone should have received an email with an explanation of the changes, and that the only matters going beyond housekeeping were an extension of the time limit for board members and a revision of the statement of the organization's mission to bring it up to date (and to delete references to the “corporate seal,” since we've never had one). Russ moved to approve the new bylaws, Tony Merzetti seconded, and the motion carried.

7. Adjournment was declared by Penny Pacey at 9:15.

– Russ Hunt, Secretary