

**Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2006
STU, Edmund Casey, 324**

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Brigid Grant, Katie FitzRandolph, Russ Hunt, Karen LeBlanc, Neil McGill, Steven Peacock, Roslyn Rosenfeld, George Strunz

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of the Agenda: George/Brigid

3. Approval of the Minutes: Russ/Katie

4. Business arising from the minutes:

i) Atlantic Arts Alliance: Attempts are being made to launch an Atlantic area organization.

ii) Provincial organization (NB Arts Alliance) progress: Karen, Marie and George had met with Phil Belanger, Senior Consultant at the Dept. of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour. This department is willing to provide 75% funding for a consultant, with the rest "in kind". There will be \$40,000 to cover the period to March 2008, for the hiring of a consultant and establishment of an adjustment committee of 12 (to include representatives from AAAPNB and arts organizations around the province) which will oversee the process, establish a governance model and assist with the recruitment of staff. There will be a contract to be signed by the president, a bank account to be set up, and invitations to be sent out for a meeting in January. Some money for this project is also expected from Sports and Culture.

Items iii – viii covered in the co-ordinators report as submitted. The casemates exhibition had concluded and artists had been paid. An outline of the Pro-Bono Canada Project had been completed. FAA had assisted with the CAR/FAC conference in many ways. A Mayor's Breakfast had taken place on November 22 with Jennifer Estey attending as artist. Final numbers for the Art Trek were very positive. Remittances are up to date and grant applications proceeding.

5. Treasurer's Report: acceptance moved Karen/Steven. The balance at October's end was \$15,741.79

6. Plans for AGM: The AGM will take place at the Charlotte Street School November 29 at 7:00 PM. Members stepping down include Neil McGill, Peter Gorham, Steven Peacock and Brigid Grant. Potential board members include Dianne Brown, Marilyn Mazerolle, Tony Merzetti and Darren McLeod. George led a vote of thanks to departing board members.

7. Plans for 2007: There needs to be a revision of the constitution and its by-laws. A new version of the casemates program will have to be devised. Programs such as the Culture Crawl and Arts Trek should be continued. Plans for an Arts Evening seem important to address members of the new government of Shawn Graham. Russ would still like to pursue opportunities for arts journalism.

Motion by Karen/Russ that the co-ordinator's hours be increased to 25 per week as of December 1, 2006.

Date of next meeting to be determined at the AGM.

Respectfully submitted by Roslyn Rosenfeld, Recording Secretary