

**Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2007**  
**Edmund Casey 324, STU**

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Dianne Roxborough Brown, Katie FitzRandolph, Russ Hunt, Karen LeBlanc, Maggie McLaughlin, Tony Merzetti, Roslyn Rosenfeld, George Strunz

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Adoption of Agenda:** Katie/Roslyn - with Maria to speak on *Daily Gleaner* ad under Item 7 (ix) and notice that Marilyn Mazerolle is unable to continue as a board member.

**3. Adoption of Minutes of January 17:** George/Karen - with revisions to Item 9 (v) to note that attendance at a Capital Commission meeting included Darren, Tony and Maria; and to Item 10 (i) to delete the sentence "It is to include guidelines for how we operate and policy to deal with harassment".

**4. Business arising from the minutes:**

i) Status of the FAA adjustment committee: The committee (Maggie, Maria, George and Karen) has identified eight or nine members, but needs another two or so, especially in theatre from both the west and east of the province. They are waiting to meet with Phil Belanger. The hiring of a consultant is usually done through a call for proposals.

ii) Update on the by-law review: Katie reported that the review is in progress.

iii) FAA brochure revision: also in progress

iv) Honorarium decision: As it has been decided to remove the distinction between established and emerging artists, honoraria will remain the same for all.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Katie/Karen moved acceptance.

**6. Coordinator's Report:**

a) Overview of provincial arts alliance: proceeding as noted above in 4 (i)

b) Casemates program: In an update, Maria noted that NBCC&D will host the workshops. These 3-hr workshops will run each week for a month on a Saturday or Sunday, with honoraria of \$100, plus \$25 for materials, and fees for participants at \$30. The casemates committee will begin review of artists' and instructors' contracts, and guidelines in March, and it will consider funding issues in the fall.

c) Pro-bono Contract Law project: The booklet on contract law for artists, submitted after much delay, is basically unsatisfactory. We have little recourse as the project is voluntary. The first such booklet, on copyright for artists, can be downloaded from our website.

d) Grant applications: Four submitted: to NBAB for the casemates, to the city for casemates, to the city for the Art Trek, and the SEED application for a summer student.

e) Memberships: Tony asked when memberships were paid. Maria handles them as they come

in, finds that system works well and will continue it.

## 7. New Business:

i) Report on Cultural Advisory Group meeting: Katie reported that it was a very useful meeting. Andy Scott has introduced a bill to include self-employed artists within EI. As chairman of the Heritage Committee he can move things along. There were also discussions of the CBC and the Capital commission.

ii) Website challenges: Russ noted that the membership form was difficult to open for a number of users because of limitations with the STU website. He also suggested that it was inappropriate that the website be through "Hunt@STU". Katie noted an alternative domain name was available through Canadian Webhosting for \$20. Katie/Russ moved that Russ investigate another domain name for the FAA.

iii) Technology upgrade: Karen suggested that the FAA needs its own laptop, printer, etc. as our activities increase. Katie/Karen moved approval of the appropriate expenditures for a technology upgrade.

iv) FAA Link to Culture Pass: Maggie had received a request for a link to the Maine site and upon investigation, had agreed.

v) Work policy and guidelines for staff: There was discussion of a committee to create a work policy for staff, volunteers and board. It was suggested as a project for April with potential members being Tony, Maria and possibly Marilyn. Karen noted that such issues would be dealt with by the provincial organization. The issue was tabled for further discussion in March.

vi) Fredericton region as covered by the FAA: There has been debate about coverage to outlying areas. This seems to stem from complaints from Taymouth. Maria and Maggie agreed to discuss this issue with Amani.

vii) Hong Kong connection: Maggie reported that a UNB alumnus from Hong Kong is interested in the work of the FAA.

viii) Spring federal election: no discussion

ix) Gleaner ad: The board discussed a March 2year of craft. Karen/Roslyn moved that the larger size be used (4.51 x2") costing \$113. Final text and design will be handled by Katie, working with the *Gleaner*.

x) Replacement for Marilyn Mazerolle: The membership committee of George and Dianne agreed to approach potential replacements Sabine Campbell, Whitefeather and Lynn Addleman.

xi) George spoke about the upcoming provincial tour by Claudette Bradshaw regarding ways to assist the arts. Maria offered to prepare items, and George agreed to attend the meeting.

## 8. Date and location of next meeting: March 28 at 5:00 PM in Rm. 324, STU.

Respectfully submitted by Roslyn Rosenfeld, Recording Secretary