

**Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 28, 2007**  
**Faculty Lounge, Edmund Casey, STU**

Present: Maria Bourgeois, Dianne Roxborough Brown, Sabine Campbell, Katie FitzRandolph, Russ Hunt, Karen LeBlanc, Maggie McLaughlin, Tony Merzetti, George Strunz  
Regrets: Darren MacLeod, Meredith Snyder

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Welcome new Board Member:** Meredith Snyder was unable to attend but the board was happy to have her join.

**3. Adoption of Agenda:** Katie/Russ moved adoption with the change that item 15 would become "New Business" and item 16 would be "Call for Adjournment".

**4. Approval of Oct. 23 Minutes:** Sabine/Karen moved adoption.

**5. Adjustment Committee Report:** The next meeting of the Adjustment Committee will be December 14, 2007 in Saint John. Jennifer Phillips submitted her report on the activities and vision of the Adjustment Committee to date. In discussion, it was made clear that the FAA is the parent organization of the provincial association and, if and when the provincial association is formed, it will be separate from the FAA and become its own entity.

**6. Business arising out of the Minutes:**

i) January Arts Evening: Is set for January 16, 2008 at 7PM with Pauline Bourque as guest speaker. Maria will try to book the multi-purpose room at the Charlotte St. Arts Centre for this meeting.

**7. Treasurer's Report:** "WHSSC" was incorrect and was changed to "Worker's Compensation". Karen/George moved adoption. Maria voiced a concern for future funding. With Casemates either being pared down or cut out, it would mean less money coming into FAA. There was a discussion on the possibility of cutting out the honorarium for artists in Casemates but since they make little from sales of their work, it was thought that the offer of free studio space only, may not be enticing enough for the artists. Also, offering workshops does not generate much income. After some discussion, it was agreed that potential partnerships may be the route to take for additional funding for FAA and our projects.

i) Meeting with Accountant: The accountant has given FAA some excellent advice, one important point being that FAA must give more details in their financial statements. He is presently finishing tax returns for the past 3 years.

**8. Co-ordinator's Report:** The Pro-bono lawyer is leaving but she will try to find a replacement lawyer.

**9. Review of the AGM:** Maria could use an assistant at next year's AGM to help with the registration process. One person is needed to take membership fees and write receipts while the other person is needed to pass out information. Since the Charlotte St. Arts Centre absorbed the cost of the technician for the FAA AGM, Maria will send them a thank you note.

**10. Review of consultant's Arts Evening Presentation:** After some discussion, it was concluded that the report that the consultant presented appeared to be already "cast in stone," but this is not the case. It was thought that some of those attending the meeting may have gotten this impression and have concerns as to the focus of the provincial association. It was noted that the English provincial association has different needs than its French counterpart. It was noted that there were one or two errors on the questionnaire that was distributed to those in attendance at the meeting and was also sent out to artists. Maria has fixed these. Maggie will make recommendations to the consultant that:

- a chart showing the workings of the French counterpart be included for comparison purposes,

- it be made clear that the initial document is not concrete and perhaps the use of charts and diagrams makes people believe that it's fixed,
- it be made clear that the initial document is only a starting point and
- a meeting with a Fredericton focus group to include Sarah Petite and Brigid Grant be held.

**11. Address security issues regarding new signing approach:** The new policy was confirmed.

**12. Preliminary discussions of next year's budget:** was discussed in item 8.

**13. Establish a strategic planning committee:** Maggie would like the board to be mindful of the future of FAA. This coming year FAA will apply for the same funding as in the past. A strategic plan needs to be made in case the province cuts off its funding. After some discussion, it was clear that the need for FAA will not be diminished after the formation of a provincial association. Part of the consultant's job is to consider the future of FAA.

**14. Meeting with Julie Michaud:** She is hoping to have a collaboration between the Conservation Council and artists to get artists involved in conservation efforts. Maria, George and Maggie will meet with Julie on Nov. 30, 2007.

**15. Other Business:**

i) Adam Harris proposed a collaboration between the FAA and the Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival in establishing a competition for the design and crafting of sculpture for Fredericton which cements the festival's contribution to the city. Katie suggested that, if this occurs, the competition should be juried.

ii) Katie moved to reinstate the present executive for one more year. George/Tony

**16. Adjournment:** Katie/Dianne