

**Fredericton Arts Alliance Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 26, 2008**  
**Edmund Casey 324, STU**

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

Regrets: Sabine Campbell, Katie FitzRandolph, Meredith Snider

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Adoption of Agenda:** Russ/George

**3. Approval of Feb. 27 Minutes:** Dianne/Tony

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Karen/Dianne

**5. Co-ordinator's Report:**

General comments from Maria:

She will submit the 2007 income tax return to the accountant by mid-April.

The Pro-Bono work is not completed with the deadline the following week. The student may be given a one week extension after the exam period is completed.

Grant applications were sent March 26.

a) Maria stated that there are potential delays and complications regarding the scheduling of the forums. Traditionally, this is a busy time of year for Maria when she puts in overtime hours. This coupled with the one month of forums means that Maria will not be able to attend the various meetings that arise in the course of her regular work. Some board members will have to attend in her place. Also the municipal election will occur during the time of the forums. The surveys for the councillors and the questions for the mayoral candidates can be prepared in advance of May 12.

b) One more juror is required for the Artist in Residence program. This is a one-half day commitment.

**6. Adjustment Committee Report:**

Desmond Maillet indicated that outside funding for the FAA is needed. The Arts Board will be able to give some funding but at this point, he is unsure of the exact figure.

**7. FAA Strategic Planning Outcomes:**

Jennifer presented a very ambitious plan at the meeting on March 19. The board was in agreement that a realistic timetable should be drawn up. Maria suggested that a meeting be held to set priorities and to do a program revision.

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

a) Mayor's Breakfast: This was Maggie's first time attending a breakfast. She would have liked to have had business cards to distribute and stressed the importance of having some printed right away. She thought that the FAA brochure should have been available on the table which was set up at the breakfast. Maggie also felt that the artist's display wasn't in a good position to be viewed. It was accessible until the room got crowded.

b) Charitable Status: Tabled until June.

#### **9. Revision of Arts News Contract:**

Amani Wassef expressed some concerns about her contract. She would like to see a 2 week break in the summer for herself and a limit on the number of special releases. Her present contract is for 50 weeks of work which includes 2 weeks off over the Christmas break. It was agreed by the board that the new contract should offer 48 weeks of work and no special issues. Any special issues that may arise are written by Maria and she will be trained by Russ on how to post them. Also, Maria will fill in for Amani for the two weeks in the summer. Karen will draft a new contract.

#### **10. Vacancy on the Board:**

George spoke to Carlos Gomez who approached the aboriginal community, asking if anyone would be interested in joining the FAA board, but didn't receive any positive responses. George will approach Valerie Hillier to join the board.

#### **11. Meeting with Fredericton's Cultural Development Officer:**

a) Review of funding for Art Trek and Artist in Residence programs: The city will fund \$1500 for Art Trek and \$4000 for the Artist in Residence programs for 2008 but made it clear that the likelihood of funding for 2009 is slim. The city would like to see the programs become self-sustaining. Maggie will ask Angela Watson for a list of the jurors who decide on the funding.

b) Opportunities for collaboration regarding Cultural Cities 2009: The board would like to see the 1% for public art policy adopted in Fredericton.

#### **12. Creative Cities Network:**

Maggie attended the meeting. [creativecities.ca](http://creativecities.ca)

#### **13. Municipal Election:**

Will be held on May 12. FAA needs to come up with three arts-related questions for the mayoral candidates and several questions for the councillors' surveys. George will search his computer to see if he can find any information from the previous forum.

#### **14. Website:**

Russ has had discussion with Kat concerning the website. Russ has paid the fee for the renewal of the website.

#### **15. Other Business:**

Maggie and Tony met with Andy Scott. They expressed their concerns about the 1% policy, CSAC wheelchair accessibility and Bill C10.

#### **16. Adjournment:** Next meeting EC324, STU, 5PM, April 23, 2008