

Vancouver Fringe Theatre Society
Annual General Meeting 2022 - Minutes
Meeting: November 22, 2022 at 5:00 pm in Zoom

Land Acknowledgement

Claudia Sjoberg provided a land acknowledgement.

Appointment of Meeting Chair

Carl Nohr was appointed as chair of the meeting. Carl is a professional registered parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Adoption of Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th edition was adopted, with additional special rules for electronic meetings that were sent out to all members with the meeting notice.

Establishment of Meeting Quorum

The chair confirmed that the quorum of 10 voting members was present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Amend agenda to include 'Other business' as agenda item 12.

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes from the 2021 AGM

Motion: To include 'discussion regarding membership list errors' as part of the 2021 Minutes

Motion Passed

Motion: Request that the 2021 minutes reflect comments, concerns, and frustrations expressed during the 2021 AGM made during debate, additionally that vote tallies be added to the election of Board Directors.

Debate on the motion included a discussion of conduct and rules of order of the 2021 AGM, and members expressed concerns that rules of order were not followed. The Chair ruled the motion

out of order, but presented an alternative solution that time during Other Business be allotted to discuss concerns about the Rules of Order.

Moved by Debby Reis - Seconded by Alison Klein – *Chair ruled out of order*

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the 2021 AGM as amended

Motion Passed

President's Report

The report will be filed as received

2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements & Statements from April 2022

The report will be filed as received

Appointment of the Auditor for 2022-2023

Motion: To appoint Enns & Company as the Auditor for 2022-2023

Moved by Lee-Lynn Gann – Seconded by Claudia Sjoberg – *Motion passed*

Approval of proposed bylaw amendments

Motion: To move the order of business so “Election of Directors” is last in the order of business

Ruled out of order

Motion: To amend section 10.1 K. to read “Members may examine certain documents of the Society as permitted under the act upon receipt of a written request. Such documents may be provided by the board within a reasonable timeframe.”

Moved by Jim Sands – Seconded by Debby Reis – *Ruled out of order*

Motion: To amend the last sentence of section 10 to include “Notice of the Board's decision relating to documents requested to be provided to a member will be made in writing. In the event of a rejection of a request to provide documents, written reason will be provided.”

Moved by Duncan Watts-Grant – Seconded by Mark Meredith – *Motion passed*

Motion: To approve the proposed bylaw amendments, including those adopted above

Moved by Duncan Watts-Grant – Seconded by Claudia Sjoberg – *Motion passed*

Election of Directors

Motion: To elect Leslie Carty as a Director of the Society for a term of two years

Motion Passed

Motion: To elect Donna Mathiasen as a Director of the Society for a term of two years

Motion Passed

Motion: To elect Meg Comiskey as a Director of the Society for a term of two years

Motion Passed

Motion: To elect Joey Levesque as a Director of the Society for a term of two years

Motion Passed

Other Business

Conduct at the 2021 AGM was discussed. Members expressed their frustration that rules of order and speaking limits were not clear, and that it did not feel like a safe meeting. The Directors reiterated a continued offer of mediation discussions available to all previous staff members. Members expressed a desire for greater transparency in the organization.

Directors thanked Claudia Sjoberg for her service to the Board in her role as President.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.