

WINNIPEG FILM GROUP

The Winnipeg Film Group is an education, production, exhibition and distribution centre committed to promoting the art of moving image.

The Winnipeg Film Group aspires to be a world class film centre in Manitoba that supports filmmakers, engages the community and expands the appreciation of independent cinema.

2020/21 Annual General Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2022

via Zoom and in-person at the WFG Dave Barber Cinematheque

Attendance:

Winnipeg Film Group Board:

- Maryam Decter
- Jeremy Guenette
- Melody Malakooti (Vice President)
- Mariana Muñoz Gomez (Secretary)
- Reza Rezai (Treasurer)
- Ingrid Ruiz
- Sarah Simpson-Yellowquill (President)
- Allison Stevens
- Bisong Taiwo

Voting Members:

- Jaimz Asmundson (WFG staff)
- Dylan Baillie (WFG staff)
- Sara Bulloch
- Ivan Hughes
- Tommy Inthirath (WFG staff)
- David Knipe (WFG staff)
- Monica Lowe (WFG staff)
- Henning Frederik Malz
- Olivia Norquay (WFG staff)
- Eric Peterson (WFG staff)
- Ryan Steel
- Leslie Supnet
- David Zellis

Non-voting Attendees:

- Ruth Marr (Meeting facilitator)

- Stephanie Poruchnyk-Butler
- Mark Single of ON Business (WFG Auditor)
- Dong Wang
- Tony Wytinck (Tech moderator)

Meeting Chair: Melody Malakooti

Meeting Secretary: Mariana Muñoz Gomez

1. **Call to order (Chair’s welcome and opening statement)**

Melody Malakooti calls the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Melody begins with the Chair’s opening statement. **Ruth Marr** is introduced as the meeting facilitator. Current board members are introduced.

2. **Housekeeping Notes**

Ruth speaks to housekeeping notes for the hybrid format of the meeting.

3. **Land Acknowledgment**

4. **Approve Agenda**

An unidentified individual in Cinematheque raises an inquiry. It is agreed to address them at New Business.

Melody moves to approve the agenda. Allison Stevens seconds. Vote. Passed.

5. **Remembering Dave Barber**

Memorial slideshow put together by Jaimz Asmundson, with music by Dave Barber.

6. **Disclosure of Proxies**

No proxies.

7. **Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2021, AGM**

Mariana Muñoz Gomez moves to approve the March 25, 2021 WFG AGM minutes with amendments correcting spelling of names, reflecting that there was

discussion following Ben William's statement on page 2, and correcting a typo on page 5 regarding discussion on section 4.03 of the bylaws. Sarah Simpson-Yellowquill seconds. Vote. Passed.

8. Presentation of Annual Report (Interim Executive Director)

David Knipe presents the report.

9. Presentation of the 2020/2021 Audited Financial Statements

Mark Single from ON Business presents the statements.

10. Appointment of the Auditor for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

Melody moves to appoint ON Business as the WFG auditor for the 2021/22 Fiscal Year. Seconded by Monica Lowe. Vote. Passed.

Mark leaves the meeting at 8:10pm.

11. Updates

a. 2021-2024 Strategic Plan

David presents an update on the 2021-24 Strategic Plan.

b. Policy & Bylaw updates

Mariana moves to amend section 4.01 of the Winnipeg Film Group's By-law No. 1 from:

"4.01 Number of Directors. Number of Directors. The board shall consist of ten (10) directors, of which seven (7) directors shall be elected by the members, and three (3) directors appointed by the directors from time to time to suit the needs of the group. Appointed directors shall represent the group's needs for outside expertise from the community and may consist of lawyers, accountants and other business professionals. Each Appointed Director is appointed for a period of one year from the date of their appointment."

to the following:

"4.01 Number of Directors. Number of Directors. The board shall consist of no more than twelve (12) directors, of which nine (9) directors shall be elected by the

members, and three (3) directors appointed by the directors from time to time to suit the needs of the group. Appointed directors shall represent the group's needs for outside expertise from the community and may consist of lawyers, accountants and other business professionals. Each Appointed Director is appointed for a period of one year from the date of their appointment."

Jeremy Guenette seconds. Vote. Passed.

12. Election of Directors

a. Election voting procedures reviewed by a moderator

Ruth goes over ballot voting procedures for Election of Directors.

Sarah asks for the individual who had an inquiry earlier. They are no longer present and were not recorded as a member.

b. Call for nominations to the board

No nominations.

c. Speeches by Candidates (5 min max per participant)

N/A

d. Voting

N/A

13. New business

Ruth asks for topics for future Town Hall meetings to be brought forth.

David brings forward a request for discussion on policy and treatment of WFG partners, members, and stakeholders who have had accusations brought against them in the public forum or by other members.

Melody reiterates an earlier comment that additional agenda items for Town Halls can also be brought forward confidentially. **Ruth** reminds attendees of the WFG Board and Executive Director contact info.

Sarah nominates Ingrid Ruiz and Maryam Decter to serve 3-year terms on the WFG Board instead of current 1-year terms.

Maryam accepts the nomination.

Ingrid accepts the nomination.

Ruth asks for other nominations for board positions. There are none.

Statements from **Maryam and Ingrid**.

Ruth calls for a vote to appoint Maryam and Ingrid to serve three-year terms. **Vote.**

Mariana moves to amend the Annual Report to reflect slight edits made in **Melody's** presentation of the Chair report, which was originally written by Sarah.

Discussion follows.

Mariana amends their motion above, and instead moves to amend the Annual Report to reflect corrections to be made. **Melody** seconds. **Vote. Passed.**

14. Election results

Ruth announces the voting results: consensus agreement regarding Maryam's and Ingrid's nominations.

15. Adjournment

Melody moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. **Jeremy** seconds. **Vote. Passed.**