

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE – Members: Hersh Seth (Chair), Ryan Simmons, Connie Wachsmann, Stéphane Oystryk, Ami Kotler, Kayla Jeanson, Cecilia Araneda, Jaimz Asmundson, Luther Alexander, Dave Barber, Ian Bawa, Lawrence Bird, Brad Crawford, Deco Dawson (Darryl Kinaschuk), Alison Davis, Danishka Esterhazy, Scott Fitzpatrick, Delf Gravert, Greg Hanec, Merit Jensen Carr, Alf Kollinger, Mike Maryniuk, Rogers Ofime, Matheu Plouffe, Robert Rowan, Danielle Sturk, Rhayne Vermette, Michelle Ward, Shimby Zegeye-Gebrehiwot, Aaron Zeghers

IN ATTENDANCE – Non-Members: Kristy Muckosky, Monica Lowe, Ivan Hughes, Sharon Thiessen-Woods, Marcel Kreutzer, Devon Kerslake, Damien Ferland, Elise Swerehone

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion to move Item 12 “General questions from the floor” to after Item 9 “Presentation of the vision statement review process.” Moved by Deco Dawson, Seconded by Aaron Zeghers – approved
Motion to accept revised agenda made by Jaimz Asmundson, Seconded by Deco Dawson – approved
3. **Disclosure of Proxy Requests** –
 - a) Guy Maddin's voting proxy was given to Deco Dawson (Darryl Kinaschuk)
 - b) Travis Cole's voting proxy was given to Scott Fitzpatrick
 - c) Josh Marr's voting proxy was given to Rhayne Vermette
 - d) Patrick Lowe's voting proxy was given to Mike Maryniuk
 - e) Bryan Verot's voting proxy was given to Brad Crawford
4. **Approval of the Minutes from the 2012 AGM** – Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Stéphane Oystryk, Seconded by Ryan Simmons – approved
5. **Presentation of the Annual Report** – Executive Director Cecilia Araneda reviewed the Annual Report, highlighting achievements made during the 2013/2014 year and on the prior period strategic plan. She additionally provided an overview of the newly developed strategic plan.
6. **Presentation of the 2012/2013 Audited Financial Statements** – The financial statements as approved by the Board of Directors were presented.
7. **Appointment of the Auditor** – MOTION to reappoint Booke & Partners as auditors for 2013/2014, made by Danishka Esterhazy, seconded by Ryan Simmons – approved
8. **Motion to Amend** – Section 8 (a) of the WFG Bylaws states “General meetings of the Group shall be called by notice mailed, prepaid, seven (7) days or more before the date of the meeting.” MOTION made to amend Section 8 (a) of the bylaws to “General meetings of the Group shall be called by notice mailed by physical or electronic mail, seven (7) days or more before the date of the meeting.” MOTION made by Alf Kollinger, seconded by Scott Fitzpatrick – approved

9. *Presentation of the Vision Statement Review Process* – Ryan Simmons presented the results of the vision statement review process to date and a request was made to place the new wording on the website and/or newsletter to give members a chance to comment.

10. *General Q & A* –

- Comments and questions on production centre programs and plans. Ivan Hughes, Production Centre Director, invited anybody with comments or questions regarding the production centre to come in and talk to him directly with any feedback on the department.
- Question on how much of the production funding programs that WFG funds directly. Executive Director Cecilia Araneda advised the group that the WFG contributes services awards in the range of \$20,000 yearly and directly infuses \$2,000 in cash to the First Film Fund to make that program viable. For the 2014 year, the figure is anticipated to be higher, as fundraising to support these programs has taken place.
- General comments and questions about planning for possible funding cutbacks from the arts council operating funders.
- Hersh Seth asked to wrap up the Q&A due to time constraints, motion to extend the amount of time for questions and answers made by Deco Dawson, seconded by Robert Rowan – approved
- A request was made to see a copy of the strategic plan separate from its summary inclusion in the Annual Report. Executive Director Cecilia Araneda said the plan is public and has been made available to members of the general public on request. Requests can be emailed to Executive Assistant Kevin Lee Burton.
- Further discussions about the strategic plan and how it relates to the production centre. Executive Director Cecilia Araneda offered to hold another production centre info session in January and encouraged individuals with questions regarding production centre operations to please attend these info sessions that are held periodically.
- A comment was made about wanting to request a Special General Meeting. The group was encouraged to put in a request for an SGM if desired, so as to be able to speak further with the board of directors on governance matters.

11. *Election of Directors* – As Hersh Seth would be running for re-election Ryan Simmons became chair for the election of directors. Ryan chose to step down as chair and Connie Wachsmann chaired the election of new directors.

Nominated were Hersh Seth, Luther Alexander, Scott Fitzpatrick, Rhayne Vermette, Michelle Ward, and Aaron Zeghers.

A secret ballot was held and Scott Fitzpatrick, Rhayne Vermette, and Aaron Zeghers became new elected directors.

12. *Election of the President* – Ryan Simmons elected President by acclamation.

13. *Motion to Adjourn* made by Hersh Seth at 10:02 pm