

Winnipeg Film Group
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES
Nov 2, 2011, 7 PM - The Black Lodge

IN ATTENDANCE - Voting Members: Cecilia Araneda, Jaimz Asmundson, Dave Barber, Jennifer Bisch (Chair), Travis Cole, Clint Enns (proxy), David Evans, Darcy Fehr, Andrew Forbes, Noam Gonick (proxy), Ronald Hodgson, Darryl Kinaschuk, Les Klassen, Alf Kollinger, Patrick Lowe, Josh Marr, Shira Newman (Secretary), Kevin Nikkel, Joe Novak, Evelyn Okano, Stéphane Oystryk, Brendon Sawatzky, Hersh Seth, Kenton Smith, Ryan Simmons, Danielle Sturk, Leslie Supnet, Cynthia Wolfe-Nolan, Aaron Zeghers

IN ATTENDANCE - Non-Voting Members & Guests: Arlea Ashcroft, Monica Lowe, Jeff MacKay, Kristy Muckosky, Jennifer Smith, Steve Snyder, Sharon Thiessen-Woods, George Toles

1. CALL TO ORDER – the meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – **MOTION** to approve the agenda as presented made by Alf Kollinger; seconded by Hersh Seth – *approved unanimously*
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOV 2010 AGM – **MOTION** to approve the minutes as presented by Les Klassen; seconded by Alf Kollinger – *approved unanimously*
4. PRESENTATION OF THE 2010/2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – The financial statements as approved by the Board of Directors were presented to the members
5. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR FOR 2011/2012 – **MOTION** to re-appoint Booke & Partners as auditors for 2011/2012 made by Jaimz Asmundson; seconded by Alf Kollinger – *approved unanimously*
6. PRESENTATION OF THE 2010/2011 ANNUAL REPORT – The Executive Director presented the annual report
7. PRESIDENT’S PRESENTATION – Outgoing Past President was provided with an award of recognition for this five years’ consecutive tenure on the WFG’s board.
8. BYLAWS AMENDMENTS – **MOTION** to amend the bylaws as follows:

Section 9 (a): “Three (3) of Nine (9) Elected Directors of the Group shall be elected each year at the annual general meeting, and in the event that such election is not by acclamation, then such election shall be by ballot. The Directors shall hold office until their term expires, and Three (3) new Directors are elected at the respective annual general meeting.”

Section 10 (a): “Three (3) Appointed Directors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors by all the Elected Directors forthwith after the annual election of Elected Directors.”

Section 12 (c): “Directors, either Elected or Appointed, may serve a maximum of six consecutive years.”

Section 14 (a): “There shall be Twelve (12) Directors of the Group, composed of Nine (9) Elected Directors and Three (3) Appointed Directors. The immediate Past Chair, shall also be invited to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, with full voting privileges.”

Section 20 (c): “Quorum: Five of the Directors shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.”

MOTION made by Stéphane Oystryk; seconded by Alf Kollinger – *approved unanimously*

9. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – Through a ballot vote overseen by Joe Novak, George Toles and Arlea Ashcroft, the following people were elected to three-year terms:

- Stéphane Oystryk
- Danielle Sturk
- Ryan Simmons

Patrick Lowe was appointed to a one-year term as a community appointee.

10. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT – Jennifer Bisch was appointed President by acclamation

11. GENERAL Q&A – A number of items regarding operational matters were brought up for discussion during the Q&A session, including:

- a. HR Policy – A question was brought up regarding HR policy. The membership was advised that the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors oversees HR policy and that specific staff issues are not discussed in a public platform, due to the ethical and legal importance of maintaining confidentiality.
- b. Commitment to film – There was a question as to whether the WFG would continue to support celluloid practices. The membership was advised that the WFG significantly supports film currently and has no plans to change this.
- c. Cleanliness / Maintenance of Equipment – Several members expressed the desire that more attention be placed on the cleanliness of the Production Centre and on maintenance of rental equipment.
- d. Production Funding – There was a question as to whether the WFG would consider re-allocating funding internally to be able to award out more cash through the Production Fund program. The membership was advised that the WFG is always looking for ways to be able to provide more funding within this program.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn made by Joe Novak, at 9:25 PM