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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES

Thursday, September 27th, 2018, 2:30 pm

King's Theatre, Annapolis Royal

1. Welcome and call to Order

President, Rodney Chaisson called the meeting to order at 2:40pm. A quorum (over 20 members) was determined to be present.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Kathy Sullivan and seconded by Del Muise. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, September 22, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes of Sept. 2017 AGM was made by Angela Saunders and seconded by Lisa Wolfe. Motion carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None identified.

5. Reports

5.1 President's Report

Rodney Chaisson presented his President's report with highlights of the past year's activities and thanked ANSM staff and directors.

Rodney Chaisson moved to accept the President's report. Oralee O'Byrne seconded. Motion carried.

5.2 Presentation of the Annual Report

Anita Price presented the ANSM Annual Report. She also introduced the ANSM Board.

Del Muise moved to accept the Executive Director's report. Jeff O'Byrne seconded. Motion carried.

5.3 Financial Report – Audited Financial Statements

Mark Peapell gave an overview of the financial report. Financial statements indicated "Temporary version" however content won't change, and final copy will be distributed soon. There were no questions from the members.

Mark moved to accept the report. Oralee O'Byrne seconded. Motion carried.

6. Election of Directors – Report of the Nominating Committee

Judy Frotten, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the report:

There was one vacancy as Russell Grosse completed his last term. The other three directors whose terms were coming due agreed to continue. New Director at Large is Katie Tanner. Slate of Board of Directors:

Oralee O’Byrne, President / NE Region Director
Rodney Chaisson, Vice President
Mark Peapell, Treasurer
Judy Frotten, Secretary / South West Region Director
Kathy Sullivan, Director at Large
Del Muisse, Cape Breton Region Director
Marla Webber, Director at Large
Katie Tanner, Central Region Director

Request for nominations from the floor (asked three times). No further nominations.

Judy Frotten moved to accept the nomination report as presented. Seconded by Lisa Wolfe. Motion carried.

7. Appointment of Nominating Committee Chair for 2019 AGM

Rodney Chaisson advised that we will defer to our next Board Meeting to appoint the Chair of Nominating Committee for 2019 AGM. Motion made by Kathy Sullivan, seconded by Margaret Mulrooney. Motion carried.

8. Appointment of Auditors for 2018/2019 Fiscal Year

Mark Peapell offered a motion to appoint Mitchell L. Miller, CA as auditor for 2018/2019 fiscal period. Seconded by Krystal Tanner. Motion carried.

9. Other Business

9.1 MuseFund

Though we were ultimately unable to achieve the goals we had initially set out for MuseFund, it was not without benefit. It was the first endeavour of its kind in Canada and was a tremendous learning experience. Next year’s conference will be focused on fundraising, which is one way that ANSM can support its members. A.L. Arbic Consulting produced a MuseFund Wrap-Up Report as part of the wrap-up process. This document is available on ANSM’s website. There is certainly need for an endowment fund nationally. Parliamentary Report of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage on the state of Canadian museums was released the week before the AGM, with a list of recommendations, and we will have to wait to see how they respond.

Next year’s Conference: will be held in the fall in the Northeast region. Details (dates/location) will be announced in the Beacon.

10. Adjournment

Angela Saunders made a motion to adjourn at 3:36 pm.

After the AGM: Award Committee member, Del Muisse, presented the Award Committee report on behalf of the Chair of this committee, Russell Grosse. For the fifth year, ANSM presented the award for Excellence in Museum Practices Individual Contribution. The Annual Award for 2018 was awarded to Peter Crowell and was presented to Peter Crowell immediately after the AGM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Frotten,
On behalf of Russell Grosse, ANSM Board Secretary
Approved and updated Annual General Meeting, September 19, 2019

