



2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Online via Zoom Webinar

September 21, 2020

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Graham Lessard (Chair), Allison Pfeifer (Treasurer), Adam Oppenheim (Vice-Chair), Tony Bao (Secretary), Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse, Allison Brock, Andrew Wilcox, & Amanda Gregoire

STAFF ATTENDANCE:

Carly Klassen, Cecilia Schlemm, & Jaime Pruden

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Bruce Poon, Chartered Accountant

1. Call to Order - 7:06 PM Graham Lessard, Chair
Land Acknowledgment

2. Confirmation of Quorum - Board Chair confirms with Jaime Pruden that quorum has been reached at 47.

Tony Bao confirms AGM Folder has been sent out and how to ask questions on Zoom, election process.

3. Approval of Agenda - Board Chair

Motion to approve by Brent Oliver; seconded by Craig Walsh. Non-opposed, all in favour – Motion Carried.

4. Approval of the 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes - Board Chair

Motion to approve by James Murdoch; seconded by Olivia Street. Non-opposed, all in favour – Motion Carried.

5. Approval of the 2018 Annual General meeting Minutes - Board Chair

Motion to approve by Ryan Langlois; seconded by Olivia Street. Non-opposed, all in favour – Motion Carried.

6. Introduction of the Board - Board Chair

It is the end of Adam Oppenheim's term as Vice-Chair. He has served 6 years on the board. Amanda Gregoire is stepping down from the board this year after serving 1 term.

7. Chair's Remarks - Graham Lessard

Graham thanks the dedicated staff for their hard work after an unexpected year. He thanks the board members for their commitment, compassion, and insight. He acknowledges their extra effort and contribution during a difficult year. Thanks to the outgoing Vice Chair, Adam Oppenheim for his invaluable experience and time to Alberta Music. Special thanks to Amanda Gregoire, for all her work and for growing Alberta's music industry, wishing her the best. Thanks to the members for their consideration of being a new board member. Graham recommends anyone that wants to be involved and provide a new perspective to our committees to reach out. Thank you to Alberta Music's membership for showing persistence and courage in your art and businesses. Please also see and reference the 2019-20 Annual Report for full Chairs' remarks.

8. Annual Report – Executive Director – Carly Klassen

Thanks to all attendees for their patience during the first online AGM. Mentions that COVID-19 forced us to change and adapt our way of operating and methods of supporting our industry. It has been a year of reflection, learning, and looking forward. New program Celebrating . Mentions programs postponed this year, Phoenix and Project WILD. Alberta Music is looking at new ways of successfully and safely implementing our programming this year. We saw the departure of Olivia Street, thanks for her contribution to the industry. Thanks to departing Board Members, Adam and Amanda, looking forward to continuing work together. Thanks to the dedicated staff and board members. Thanks the Government of Alberta, Alberta Media Fund, FACTOR, EAC, Jim Pattinson, Canada's Private Broadcasters. Carly states that Alberta Music remains committed to advocating for our sector and membership. Speaks about the Light Up Live initiative. Please see and reference the ED message in the Annual Report.

Pause for any questions. No questions asked at this time.

9. Bylaw amendment - Board Chair

Notice for Special Meetings

Voting at the AGM

Written notice of AGM - removed reference to physical mail/ postage

Board Meetings

Proposing updated assumptions of getting together in person, ensuring these methods are proofed for the future, unable to always have meetings in person, permit use of technology, notify membership in writing.

Questions from the floor:

Q: Sandra Sutter. Page 5, Article 4.2 Correction. “Members in good standing” appears twice. “We could vote to approve that bylaw change with the correction to the sentence as discussed and agreed, removing one occurrence of that group of words.”

A: Graham - Noted and corrected

Q: Jeff Thomas - Are all bylaw amendments voted on individually?

A: Carly Klassen - If there are no questions, they can be passed all at once. If there are questions, we can vote on them one by one.

Q: Aimee Hill - Without mail in notice, is there a requirement about how many days in advance members will get the board meeting package?

A: Graham - There is no requirement about how many days however we will take into consideration. We will send out the AGM package earlier than a few days before the AGM to give enough time to read/ review all documents.

Q: Hannah Gazso - As someone with a Student membership am I permitted to vote on the polls or must I abstain from those as well? I know I cannot vote on board elections, but I was wondering if that applies to the polls that pop up throughout the meeting as well.

A: Graham - Yes, also abstaining from the polls.

Q: Alex Bohn - Question about the 4.5, the wording of the amendment makes it seem like the voting process could be any means even if not secret. Is there a way to clarify in the amendment that the voting be anonymous even online.

A: Graham - Yes, depending on the definition of a secret ballot (ex: Election Buddy)

Motion to approve: Glen Erickson; seconded by James Murdoch. Non-opposed, all in favour – Motion Carried.

10. Committee Reports – Committee Chairs

Please see 2019-20 Annual Report for reports.

11. Financial Statements – Presented by Bruce Poon

Q: Aimee Hill - Will there be any cost savings from not attending or participating in SXSW 2020 or the JUNOs 2020 and other programming? If so, will that roll over and help with our 2020 bottom line? Or perhaps go against those activities in 2021? And do we have any idea what that amount is?

A: Carly Klassen - Yes, funds are deferred to next fiscal year

Financials have been approved by the Finance Committee prior to AGM.

12. Election Process

Explanation of Election Process – Graham explains the election process using online secure platform, Election Buddy. Please review candidate information. This year we need a minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 board members elected. Must have a minimum 3 positions filled from 780 and 403. First candidate with the most votes from 403 will be elected. Graham thanks nominees for their courage and enthusiasm for putting their name forward.

The ballot presented online has a list of 9 nominees.

Allison Pfeifer (780)- seeking 3rd term

Timur Inceoglu (403)- seeking 1st term

Kimberley Dooshima Jev (403) - seeking 1st term

Jordan Lewis (403) - seeking 1st term

Monalisa Ndovie (403) - seeking 1st term

Candace Webber (403) - seeking 1st term

Ellen Braun Francis (403) - seeking 1st term

Jessica L'Heureux (403) - seeking 1st term

Voting in process.

Q: Foon Yap - There is some incomplete information for some of the nominees.

A: Jaime Pruden/ Graham - Nominee info has been updated as of September 21st in the AGM package.

Bruce Poon and Jaime Pruden confirm election results. Graham announces newly elected board members: Allison Pfeifer, Timur Inceoglu, Jessica L'Heureux, Candace Webber

Motion to Destroy the Ballots: Aimee Hill; seconded by Jon Martin. Non-opposed, all in favour – Motion Carried.

13. Adjournment - 8:35 PM

Q: Aimee Hill - My question was not simply about sharing the strategic plan - my question was about providing a mid-way update on the strategic plan. I appreciate seeing the plan, thank you - just wondering what we can do as members to contribute to its success.

A: Graham - Answered separately after AGM.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Adam Oppenheim; seconded by Allison Pfeifer. Non-opposed, all in favour – Motion Carried.