

**The Vancouver Life Drawing Society AGM
1011 Main Street Vancouver
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President's Report

March 2010 to February 2011 in Review

Well another term as President has raced by as it seems like yesterday we had our last AGM. Maybe this leap through time can be attributed by the type of year it was so in brief are a list of accomplishments and events that highlighted 2010/2011.

Board of Directors

At the March 6, 2010 AGM elected to the Board were:

- President, Douglas Smardon
- Vice President, Randal Cullen
- Treasurer, Doug Janzen
- Secretary, Mary Hartlieb
- Member at Large, Paul Zeke

Through the year the Board lost Mary Hartlieb and Paul Zeke and replacing them was, for:

- Secretary, Melissa Delamar
- Member at Large, Elizabeth Nichols

I wish to thank all members who participated on the Board as your input and assistance was invaluable to the successful running of the Society.

A special thanks to our out going Treasurer Doug Janzen who stuck by us to the end. Doug initiated the creation of an updated session sheet and a place on Google Docs where the Society can keep its files. This will make it easier for newly appointed Boards to find the information needed to run the Society. He also did an excellent job in getting the Financial Clerk's position up and running and liaising with Quantum Accounting Services Ltd. who were brought on to do our book keeping. In short he was instrumental in making the Treasurer's position much easier to hand over to someone else.

Volunteers

We have many fine volunteers who give generously of their time but worth mentioning are a few new ones that came on in 2010/11.

- Lucas Johnson – started in March as our new Web Master replacing Doug Janzen.
- Jaime Jones – came on with a newly created position of Financial Clerk who assists the Treasurer with the banking and tracking our revenues. Jaime is also a relief session manager.
- Melissa Delamar – our Secretary took over as the Thursday evening session manager in March until September of 2010 when she returned to school.
- Yeana Kim – took over from Melissa in September and with great sadness we remember her passing on January 16, 2011.
- Alex Figueroa – has recently agreed to be our new Thursday evening session manager.
- Tony Chu – has assumed the newly created position of Gallery Coordinator after our Gallery Curator, Joel Libin left at the end of August to attend University in Toronto.
- Jack Picknell – has agreed to be our new Purchaser, a job the Alain Boullard has been doing since early 2009.

The Board amended the benefits session managers receive to include gratis membership for all full time volunteers as a means of making it more equal. Previously only some volunteer positions received free membership along with their sessions.

In an effort to reduce the work loads of volunteers the Board also took administrative steps two of which were notably:

- The retaining of Quantum Accounting Services Ltd. to do our book keeping which assists the Treasurer with managing our finances. QAS charges us \$35 per hour and their time so far averages 8 hours or roughly \$300 per month.
- The Gallery – Artist Contract was rewritten as the approach to managing the gallery had to change with the leaving of Joel Libin. Joel's dedication to the Society followed a short list of hard working curators but it was clear a change was needed as the position was too much work for the average person. The new contract followed more of a DIY approach with the artists absorbing the work and cost in putting on their own shows. Needed then was a Gallery Coordinator to schedule the shows and ensure the smooth running of the Gallery.

Special thanks go out to Rick Hovey who installed two more lights with rheostats, improving stage lighting for the models. Also James Andrews who assisted the President to install two more stereo speakers the Society had purchased some years ago. Improvements were also made to the walk in closet to improve storage of files and easels.

Studio Rental

The studio saw continued use outside the regular sessions with rentals to Justin Ogilvie for his art classes, high schools, Churchill and Britannia, for their International Baccalaureate programmes and MPC studios that has a standing arrangement for renting the third Monday of every month.

A special thanks to Randal Cullen for coordinating the studio rentals and to Alain Boullard for his assistance with managing many of these extraordinary sessions.

Special Events

Elizabeth Nichols coordinated our Participation in the Drawn Festival which included a three week programme and show of member's works. There was the opening night on July 24 followed by an outdoor drawing session with Paul Zeke on July 31 then a rousing discussion August 7 on the Philosophy of Life Drawing.

Immediately following was Ingeborg Raymer's show which was in honour of a very long and senior member of our Society.

Then there was the Eastside Cultural Crawl on the weekend of November 26 to 28.

Ingeborg Raymer's Painting

Ingeborg very generously donated at the Board's request her painting of Gerry Kelly which has been given a home overlooking the sign in desk. A special thanks for this, as the painting represents both our founding member and a member who was equally instrumental in establishing Basic Inquiry as The Vancouver Life Drawing Society. For perpetuity we will now have the presence of both in our hallowed halls.

Conclusion

My term as President was marked again by the dedicated support of so many volunteers. One who sadly stands out and I wish to now honour is the memory of Yeana Kim. She was our Thursday evening Session Manager whose sudden passing in January reminds us of the value of life and how fleeting it can be when one so lovely can be taken when still so young. May she mean as much to us as we meant to her.