

Minutes Board of Director's Meeting
Monday, March 14
Meeting held at
1011 Main Street, Vancouver

Attendees:

Doug Smardon – President
Randal Cullen – Vice President
Melissa Delamar – Secretary
Jo-Ann Turford – Treasurer

Regrets:

Alain Boullard – Member at Large

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Doug Smardon, President

The Passing of Yeana Kim

A Vase has been donated by Doug Smardon and the cards have been signed for Yeana's sister, who is currently in Korea. Alex Figueroa, our Thursday night session manager, has been authorized to spend up to \$50 on flowers. He will give these items to Yeana's sister when she returns to Canada.

Old Business

Review of last month's minutes – The meeting minutes are accepted as read.

Modeling fee increase

On March 3rd Basic Inquiry increased its modeling fees by \$5, from \$65 to \$70 per session as voted on at the last AGM. The new modeling price needs to be added to the rental contract when the Society rents out the studio space and provides a model. Randal has agreed to make this change so it reflects the increase from \$75 to \$80 per session; another \$10 above the regular rate to compensate for the lack of the tip jar.

Monday Portrait Session

The Monday Session has begun its trial period, and has been quite successful. We have a request from Alain Boullard to purchase light stands for the session. Presently the Society is using stands on loan from Alain.

Purchaser Position

The position of purchaser has been filled by Jack Picknell. He picked up a new ceramic heater for the studio at a cost of \$23. The glow from the broadcast

heater could be quite bright and bothersome to artists and it was moved and carried at the AGM to discontinue use of this heater. The board has requested that Jack purchase 3 more ceramic heaters, as well as 4 footstools and research suitable light stands.

Alliance for Arts

The need for a follow up with Alliance for Arts was discussed. Randal offers to update Basic's membership with them.

Outgoing Treasurer's Membership benefits

Doug Janzen has been provided with a 2011 membership, as well as free sessions until May 12, for his much appreciated work as Treasurer of the board.

New Business

Financial Report

Turnout has been quite high in January and February of 2011, and the studio has made a bit of money. It is suggested that we make another \$5000 term deposit with Vancity but it is decided that the Treasurer look into other investment options with the bank, and to get back to the board with these options. The Treasurer to also arrange for her signing authority on the Society's Vancity accounts.

Taxable Donations

The Board would like to remind members that Basic Inquiry has a charity tax number, so any donations made to the studio are tax deductible. A request will be made to Lucas, our web master, to add this to the website.

Lease Agreement for 1011 Main Street

With the current lease agreement expiring in July of 2012, Doug Smardon makes a motion to stay in the current space & sign a new 5 year lease agreement with the City of Vancouver. It is decided that the board explore new lease options, perhaps 3 years with an option to extend or cancel and/or possible sublet giving the Society options to move if the opportunity arises.

Special Events Coordinator

A follow up with the Society's current coordinator, Elizabeth Nichols, needs to be made, to confirm that she will be continuing with this position through 2011. The President to contact Elizabeth and inquire as to her willingness to continue with the fine work she has done for the Society to date.

Canadian Foundation for Donner Awards for Non Profit Societies

There was an invite by the CF DANPS to make an application for an award but the Board passed on this as it appears to apply more to societies that participate in social welfare functions such as the Untied Way or Red Cross.

Jo-ann is going to explore nominating Doug Janzen for the Arnold Edinborough prize. It is in recognition of young professionals under the age of 40 who have contributed generously in time and effort to a not for profit society. The top prize includes \$5,000 that the winner can donate to the organization of their choice.

Other

The Vice President, Randal Cullen, moved to form a forward planning committee to best utilize our resources and space. The motion was carried and passed by the Board.

Randal also wants to encourage more interest in holding drawing courses in the studio. The board is looking for interested parties to explore using the space for their courses.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.