

**Minutes Board of Director's Meeting**  
**Monday, March 5, 2012**  
Meeting held at the Basic Inquiry Studio  
1011 Main Street

Attendees:

Doug Smardon – President  
Randal Cullen – Vice President  
Melissa Delamar – Secretary  
Jo-Ann Turford – Treasurer  
Alain Boullard – Member at Large

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Doug Smardon, President.

### **Old Business**

Review of last month's minutes

#### Wende Louise Davis Estate

The executor of W.L. Davis estate has kindly given the society permission to put a link to her website which profiles her accomplishments.

<http://wendeldavisart.com>

Discussion ensued on how a bursary could be set up in Wende's name and how it will be managed. Melissa and Randal will research the terms Capilano University and the Emily Carr Institute require for engaging in a bursary programme. Once set up the Vice President offered to approach other recipients of the W.L. Davis estate to see if they would be willing to contribute. The executor has indicated more money may be forthcoming with the sale of some real-estate.

There will be a vote taken by the members at the AGM to approve using the funds to finance a student bursary via the interest earned. The proposal is to invest the money in a debenture with the TD bank where interest rates will pay a greater return than what VanCity is able to offer under a term deposit.

#### Investing Society Funds

Investing \$10,000 of Society money into a TD debenture account is ongoing. The President and Treasurer have yet to get an appointment with the TD Bank to sign the paper work.

#### AGM

The new date for the Annual General Meeting is March 17, 2012. Sandwiches and coffee will be served from 1:15 – 2:00 pm, and the meeting will be held from

2:00 – 4:00. The AGM Agenda is attached. The Board approved a budget of \$500 for sandwiches and coffee that will be catered for the meeting by Jo-ann Turford.

## **New Business**

### Financial Report

After review, the 2011 financial year end statement was approved by the board. A correction was made on reported earnings from the January 30, 2012 minutes. Surplus earnings for 2011 were \$14,751.

### Prorated membership

A motion is made to return membership to a prorated format. The motion was seconded, and approved. Below are the new prorated membership rates that will come into effect May 1, 2012.

<u>Fiscal Quarter</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Corp</u>
May 1 to Jul 31	\$40	\$20	\$80
Aug 1 to Oct 31	\$30	\$15	\$60
Nov 1 to Jan 31	\$20	\$10	\$40
Feb 1 to Apr 30	\$10	\$5	\$20

### Tuesday evening session

A motion was made to create a Tuesday evening regular session starting April 1, 2012, to relieve some of the overcrowding during other sessions. The motion was seconded and approved by the board. The Society is now looking for a Tuesday evening session manager to start in April.

### Relief managers Compensation

A motion was made to delegate to session managers, the responsibility for issuing session tickets to volunteers who cover a session manager's session. *(Relief session managers receive 1 session ticket for every session covered and 3 session tickets for sessions covered on a statutory holiday).* This motion was approved.

### Gallery

Alain Boullard brought forward a proposal that members showing in the gallery be required to hold a minimum amount of time for gallery hours. Presently when members of the public stroll by the gallery and inquire as to when they can look no time can be given as the gallery is so seldom open. This item will be discussed further at the AGM.

### Special Sessions

Alain Boullard brought forward the proposal to spice up the sessions with special engagements of unique models. He recanted an opportunity he had to bring in a belly dancer for the MPC Monday night rental session and a flamenco dancer he

brought in for the Monday morning painting session. He would even like to schedule sessions where two models pose simultaneously.

The Board approved his ideal in principle but would like to ensure “special sessions” are properly advertised so members have the opportunity to attend. Special sessions could be arranged with the session manager and/or scheduled on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday evening. To be discussed further at the AGM.

#### Negotiated Session Extensions for More Studio Time

Alain Boullard since the last Board meeting also asked if members could negotiate with the model and session manager to extend painting sessions or have (gratis) extra studio time through the week to complete paintings. He was advised under the terms of the Gallery contract members showing in the gallery can use gallery hours for gratis private studio time as long as the gallery remains open to the public. This was tried at one Monday morning session but unfortunately these gallery hours are not pre booked or advertised as they happen randomly when members decide they need more time to paint.

The President suggested clarifying Alain’s original request that members be allowed to negotiate with the session manager and model to extend painting sessions to work on a painting as long as there is no extra cost to the Society. This way engaging someone’s “gallery hours” does not have to be part of the process. Booking gratis studio time through the week is not suggested here. There will be further discussion at the AGM.

#### Proposed Instructional Sessions vs The Societies Business License

The Society’s business licenses states, No instruction permitted. The City is open to receiving a proposal for allowing instruction with consideration to amend the License. The Board is still undecided on how to proceed on this matter and will discuss further with members at the AGM.

#### Lease renewal at 1011 Main Street

The rental lease is coming up for renewal June 1, 2012.

**Having no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

Please find agenda for the March 17, 2012 AGM below.

**The Vancouver Life Drawing Society AGM Agenda**  
**1011 Main Street, Saturday March 17, 2012**

- 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm sandwiches, snacks, coffee served and concession opened
- 2:00 pm Meeting commences
- One minutes silence for the passing of Richard Morris and John Hunter
- Review of last AGM minutes and President's Report
- Financial 2011 Report

**For Discussion**

- Investing Society monies into a debenture
- Wendy L. Davis donation from her estate and proposed bursary in her name
- Proposal to permit negotiated extensions of the painting sessions
- Proposal for running "special sessions"
- Mandatory minimum gallery hours Saturday afternoons
- Lease renewal at 1011 Main Street
- Proposed instructional session vs the business license; no instruction permitted
- Other

**Call for Volunteers**

- Tuesday evening regular session manager needed
- Relief session manager needed that can also cover rental sessions
- Lighting and show committees; eg. The upcoming Drawn Festival

**For Vote**

1. Motion to create a student bursary fund with monies donated by W.L. Davis
2. Nomination and vote on what school to partner with for the W. L. Davis bursary
3. Motion to increase the modeling fees another \$5 per session

- Existing Board of Directors resign

{Break – snack away}

- Election of New Board
- Door prizes; 9 draws for 9 Buddha Boards