

Board Meeting Minutes

The Vancouver Life Drawing Society

Monday November 14, 2016; Campagnolo's Restaurant at 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7pm

In attendance: Douglas Smardon (president), Alain Boullard (member-at-large), Nick Jackiw (treasurer), Paul Kernan (secretary); Randal Cullen (vice-president) joining at 8:10pm. Notes reconstructed in February 2017 by Nick Jackiw.

Standing Items:

1. The Board reviewed and unanimously adopted the minutes of Feb 23, 2016.
2. Financial Report. The Treasurer presented finances through the end of September, which have continued well. Revenue is down by end of summer, but this is expected in our annual cycle, in which our greatest revenue bump comes from our membership renewals in late spring. Since our last meeting, we have also experienced a transition at Quantum Accounting from Donna Wang our long-term (and now retired) bookkeeper, to Akiko Inomata. The Treasurer has met with our new bookkeeper and this transition has gone smoothly. We are also in the midst of a major transition at VanCity, our financial institution, from one software infrastructure to another, and this is going very poorly—for us as well as many other VanCity clients, reports say. Treasurer is following this and working with Sam Taludker, our agent at VanCity, to manage our interests til the new system is happily in place.
3. Models - Nothing significant to report: model bookings have been routper routine.

New Business:

1. Painting Group Approval. The President reviewed Alice Koan's written (and previously circulated) proposal for a 2017 Painting Group , following her 2016 Painting Group. The Board discussed and approved, there being no unavoidable conflicts with the proposed use of the studio. The President agreed to notify Alice

- and coordinate with her on potentially clearing Tuesday evenings for future session availability.
2. Long term member recognition. The Board had a long discussion on appropriate ways the Society might recognize and honor long-term volunteers for their contributions as they step down. Given one of our session managers—the last volunteer who was also a founding member of Basic Inquiry—is hoping to step down soon, the Member-at-large volunteered to discuss potential options and possible forms of recognition with the volunteer and report back. No further action taken at this point.
 3. Board member needs. The Board briefly discussed whether current board business model, practices, venues, and timing was working well from everyone on the Board, and working well for the Society. A variety of topics were visited. The Secretary proposed that regularly-scheduled meetings on dates negotiated well-in-advance could better permit some e-mail discussions to be tabled “to the next meeting” without that being a curse of indefiniteness. The Board agreed to the following forward meeting schedule to take us through the 2017 AGM: 16 January (Q1); 10 April (Q2 and AGM planning); 21 April (AGM), with all meetings to transpire at Campagnolo at 7pm. In other business, the Secretary agreed to coordinate a meeting time with the Treasurer, President, and possibly the Vice-President when Nick could present and train other Board members on the Google Drive contents, organization, and use of the Society’s collaborative file server.
 4. Saturday Session Manager. Colin Ayres, our Saturday session manager, has announced his desire to step down, and his attempts to source a replacement from his session have not been successful. Treasurer proposed recruiting Danielle Wills, who has recently joined us as Purchaser but expressed willingness to take on more serious duties if they arose. Nick will follow up with Danielle on this and report back to the Board.
 5. Other business. In other business, the Treasurer raised the issue as to whether our annual income—which has exceeded \$50,000 in several of the past years (as have our expenses)—now meant we were obligated to collect and report GST, per various cited concerns raised by members. After discussion it was agreed Treasurer

should consult with the chief accountant at Quantum on these topics and develop a set of recommendations for the Board to consider at its next meeting.

There being no other business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.