

AGM MINUTES - THE VANCOUVER LIFE DRAWING SOCIETY

24 June 2023 / 2:00-4:00 PM / At the studio, 1011 Main St.

ATTENDEES:

Chair: Doug Smardon

Vice President: David Boal

Treasurer: Nick Jackiw

Secretary: Lindsay Towns

Director At Large: Alain Boullard

Director at Large: Jaime Jones

Other Members of the Society: 21

STANDING ITEMS:

1. Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm
2. Secretary establishes there is a quorum: Yes, 27 people in total
3. Adoption of agenda: Adopted
4. Approve Minutes of 2022 AGM: Approved
5. President's Report and Follow Up Communique.
6. President's Acknowledgement of volunteers and donors.
7. Treasurer's Report : 2022 fiscal year ended in a surplus, much healthier funds than during Covid and indeed better performance than Nick has seen in many years. Winter, as always, flagged a bit. Almost half of income is from member ticket sales. Substantial charitable donations; about 10% of income. About 13 attendees per session on average, much better than during Covid as well.
8. Approve Treasurer's Report: Approved

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introductions

- The secretary collected the names of all in attendance in order to grant them a complimentary session ticket for attending the AGM.
- The Vice President reported that Killian O'Reilly and Sarah Heng Hartse, though not in attendance, had expressed willingness prior to the AGM in the Director at Large positions.

2. Election of Board of Directors

- Strike a nominations committee
- Accepting nominations for Directors at Large (maximum of three positions)
 - Election of Directors at Large
 - Christian Geiser
 - Killian O'Reilly
 - Sarah Heng Hartse
- Accepting nominations for Secretary
 - Election of Secretary
 - Lindsay Towns
- Accepting nominations for Treasurer
 - Election of Treasurer
 - David Boal
- Accepting Nominations for Vice President
 - Election of Vice President
 - Bryce Baril
- Accepting nominations for President
 - Election of President
 - Kevin Hartwig
- The former board agrees to assist the new board for at least 6 months as the transition is made, moving into Past Board Member volunteer positions for that period

- Congratulations to the new Board of Directors

3. Open Discussion with Members

- Session managers in attendance noted that they had excellent responses to the announcements made just before sessions; indeed, this was why the AGM attendance was so great. Have the board produce regular announcements to be given weekly when there are upcoming events, to supplement emails and posters.
- Grandy made an excellent suggestion to establish committee teams to tackle finite projects, such as painting studio walls. Volunteers want to step up, but fear the time commitment of year-long Board terms.
- Kevin Hartwig mused that, as a session manager, he gets a lot of walk-ins, and wants a solution that doesn't involve forcing people to create a Robostrar account on the spot.
- It was agreed that a gallery committee be started to brainstorm ideas for future shows.

4. Nick Jackiw's Role as Admin

- Jim Poole raised the question of how the Society could survive the hypothetical loss of Nick Jackiw as a volunteer, since Nick is
 - Responsible for Robostrar's design, implementation, maintenance, and customer service, and
 - Is the primary administrator of the society, handling session manager registration, session scheduling, and model booking.
- Nick reviewed the current Board's various strategies for mitigating the risks of over-dependence on Robostrar and his role in it.
 - Robostrar's critical institutional data is backed up regularly in data formats accessible outside of Robostrar, should Basic need to return to a pre-Robostrar business model at any point.
 - Nick has also established an informal tech committee (which consists of Nick, Bryce Baril, and Max Manning), who review Robostrar design and operation at a software level and can provide

knowledgeable insight into it in the event that Nick cannot fulfill his duties.

- Robostrar's design permits multiple administrators (Doug has been serving as a backup to Nick in this capacity for a year already) and Nick encourages the new Board to appoint a board member to co-admin with him.
- Nick currently shares his customer service and initiation duties with Cyprian and would appreciate additional support. Lindsay has offered to collect common questions into an FAQ and assist with customer queries.
- Doug pointed out that it would be best to further distribute Nick's admin responsibilities among existing or new formal volunteer positions.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.