

ART GALLERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held Saturday, April 24, 2021 via a virtual meeting hosted via Zoom commencing at 1 pm

Present:

Members present in person: Ken Solilo, Michael Maynard, Dimitri Papatheodorou, David McTavish, Glenda Jackson, Mary Ots Donaldson, Suellen Stratton, Adam Bureau, Cynthia Reyes, Linda Cardie, Elizabeth Palermo, Esther Robson, Keiko Morita, Michael Machon, Irena Orłowski, Daniel Cusimano, Ken Bagshaw, Astrid Richardsen, Lindsay Fuller, Sheila Drew, Felicity Pope, Jillian Roos-Markowitz, Rick Miller, Doug Johnston, Nicole Corbeil, Frank Godfrey, Frances Ferdinands,

Guests: Staff members Olinda Casimiro and Tara Lember, Auditor Michael McMurray, virtual meeting host Hannah DeGeer

1. Welcome and Call to Order.

Chair Mary Ots Donaldson welcomed the members and called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last General Meeting.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the last general meeting held May 30, 2020, was moved by Frank Godfrey, seconded by Ken Bagshaw and carried.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on May 30, 2020, was moved by Dimitri Papatheodorou, seconded by Ken Bagshaw, and carried.

3. Report from the Board of Directors, presented by the Chair.

Chair Mary Ots Donaldson described the Gallery's mandate, the work of Executive Director Olinda Casimiro and the staff and volunteers during 2020 in growing the Gallery's social media presence, the quality of the shows that were mounted, the elimination of the historical accrued deficit, the completion of the new bylaws for approval by the members, the board's intense gratitude for the active engaged support of Councillor Adam Bureau, for departing Board member Michael Machon's work on the finance committee, and for the Town's crucial ongoing provision of core funding.

4. Report from the Executive Director.

Executive Director Olinda Casimiro described the Gallery's 2020 60th Anniversary celebrations, the 2300 in-person visits during this pandemic year, the six exhibitions; the Spotlight Series' transition to online presentations; the launch of a YouTube channel, Window Wednesdays, Friday Video Shorts and View From the Easel artist interviews with Dimitri Papatheodorou; the distribution of Art To Go boxes for families and the monthly Volunteer zoom meetings and three additions to the permanent collection.

5. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements.

Treasurer Frank Godfrey introduced the Gallery's Auditor Michael McMurray of Welch LLP.

Mr. McMurray presented the Gallery's audited 2020 Financial Statements, commenting that total assets increased by approximately \$40,000, that revenues increased due to gifts in kind and federal grant revenues, that all funds are in a surplus position, and a new line now exists for Cataloguing to reflect the specific cost of the 60th Anniversary catalogue.

Motion to accept the audited 2020 Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report was made by Frank Godfrey, seconded by Dimitri Papatheodorou, and carried.

6. Appointment of Auditor.

Motion to appoint Welch LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, to conduct the Gallery's 2021 financial audit was made by David McTavish, seconded by Felicity Pope, and carried.

7. Adoption of New Bylaws

Motion to adopt the new Bylaws as provided to the members was made by Ken Bagshaw, seconded by Frank Godfrey, and carried.

8. Report from the Nominations Committee.

Nominations Committee Chair Astrid Richardsen explained the process for the nomination and appointment to the board set out in the bylaws, and then presented the slate of current directors standing for re-election, being Mary Ots Donaldson and Sarah Jacob each for a second term: both were re-elected. The nominations of Sheila Drew and Cynthia Reyes were presented to the membership. Ms. Richardsen asked three times for nominations from the floor; none were made. Sheila Drew and Cynthia Reyes were both elected.

The slate of members of the board was then presented by Ms Richardsen. Current board members Dimitri Papatheodorou, Ken Bagshaw, and Ken Solilo are entering the last year of their current terms; current board members Astrid Richardsen, Frank Godfrey and Michael Maynard are entering the second year of their current terms; none of these six board members are up for re-election this year

9. Questions and Other Business.

Chair Mary Ots Donaldson opened up the meeting for questions and other business.

Councillor Adam Bureau commented that 2020 was one of the Gallery's most successful years and that all of the staff deserved a round of applause for making it work. Elizabeth Palermo and Cynthia Reyes each had a question about the new Bylaws.

No further questions were raised; no other business was brought forward.

10. Adjournment.

Ms. Donaldson adjourned the Annual General Meeting at 1 58pm.