



**Calgary Arts Academy Society  
Annual General Meeting  
November 22, 2016**

**In Attendance:**

**Directors:**

Todd Hirsch; Rob Roach; Paul Knapp; Mary Anne Desmeules; Ken McNeill; Linda Fox-Mellway; Carolyn Ferraby; Neil Tichkowsky; Katherine Taylor

**Regrets:** Dave Taylor; Al Wahlstrom

**Administration:**

Dale Erickson; Michelle Stonehouse; Janice Nigh; Kevin Loftus; Jan Jordan

**Members:**

Dylan Thomas; Alyson Moore; Miguel Mckinnon(parent); Brad Weinberger(parent); Angela Singh(parent); Eliana Clay(parent)

**1. Call to order**– 7:05 PM - Todd Hirsch - Quorum established.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion: 2016-11-22-01**- Motion to approve the Agenda as presented

**Moved:** Todd

**Passed**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2015 Annual General Meeting**

**Motion: 2016-11-22-02** – Motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 Annual General Meeting as presented

**Moved:** Todd

**Passed**

**4. Presentation of the 2015/16 Audited Financial Statements findings**

The Finance committee met on November 16, 2016 with Carlos Alvarez and Rola Chadi of KPMG, and reviewed the financial statements in detail. Ken McNeill reported that the 2015/16 Calgary Arts Academy audit was completed in record time and efficiency. Ken, on behalf of the finance committee, expressed appreciation to Dale, Jan and Administration, for the management of the financial affairs of Calgary Arts Academy. The committee feels the financial affairs of CAAS are being handled professionally and with competence, and in keeping in the best interest of the school. Calgary Arts Academy continues to be in solid financial position, and reports a clean audit. He thanked the team for their work on this. The Audited Financial Statements were distributed electronically to members, and once approved will be filed with Alberta Education. Todd also thanked the finance group for their due diligence.

**Motion: 2016-11-22-03** - To approve the 2015/16 Audited Financial Statements as presented. A signed copy will be sent to Alberta Education.

**Moved:** Ken McNeill

**Seconded** – Dylan Thomas

**Passed**

**5. Recommendation for Auditors for the 2016/17 – Ken** – At the 2015 AGM it was recommended that CAA send an RFP out for a new auditor. In conjunction with the Calgary Girls School, several proposals were received and KPMG’s proposal far exceeded the others. It was recommended and voted on, at the next general meeting to appoint KPMG. The result has been very positive.

**Motion: 2016-11-22-04** – To Appoint KPMG for the Calgary Arts Academy 2016/17 Fiscal Year Audit

**Moved:** Ken McNeill

**Seconded** – Linda Fox-Mellway

**Passed**

## **6. Annual Education Results Report (AERR) and Three-Year Education Plan**

Michelle shared the results and highlights of the Annual Education Results Report and Three Year Education Plan. These important documents include results from parent surveys. CAAS continues to improve significantly every year, is ahead of the province in all categories and is considered to be a safe and caring place. Results will be posted to the website no later than November 30, 2016. CAAS Board is working at furthering research on Alumni successes after graduating.

## **7. Achievement Test Results**

Dale shared results of Calgary Arts Academy’s Provincial Achievement Test results. The results demonstrate that CAAS continues to excel, in meeting and exceeding expectations, and that learning through the Arts does make a difference. CAAS is very proud of the results, and all staff members are commended for their fine work in accomplishing these goals. Todd congratulated the staff and students on the excellent work and the continued successes of Calgary Arts Academy. Results will be posted to the CAAS website.

**8. Youth Campus Update** - The Youth Campus is ahead of schedule by two months. Calgary Arts Academy Foundation was accountable for raising one million dollars towards the \$11.9 million dollar project. CAAF is happy to report the goal has been met and exceeded. The goal has been raised to \$1.5 million dollars to upgrade areas that funding will not cover.

For information on the Youth Campus please refer to [caaschool.com](http://caaschool.com) under School Life

## **9. Election of Board of Directors**

Todd expressed his appreciation for his position as Board Chair and how honoured he is to be a part of such a fantastic organization. He shared the roster of recommended directors for the 2016/17 school year:

- Paul Knapp, Ken McNeill, Mary Ann Desmeules, Linda Fox-Mellway, Neil Tichkowsky, Katherine Taylor, Rob Roach, Todd Hirsch, and Al Wahlstrom, are returning directors in the 2016/17 year to be ratified at the AGM.
- Dave Taylor joined the Board in the spring of 2016 and was appointed a Director with ratification recommendation for the AGM
- Pat Cavill is a former Board Director and wishes to be re-appointed for the 2016/17 school year.
- Carolyn Ferraby is a returning appointed School Council Representative



- Please see the CAA website for Board bios

### Recommended Changes to the Board:

#### New Appointments:

- Dave Taylor
- Pat Cavill

#### Positions Held:

- **Chair:** Todd Hirsch
- **Vice Chair:** Rob Roach
- **Treasurer & Secretary:** Ken McNeill
- **School Council Representative:** Carolyn Ferraby

#### Returning Board Members:

- Todd Hirsch
- Al Wahlstrom
- Rob Roach
- Ken McNeill
- Mary Anne Desmeules
- Paul Knapp
- Linda Fox-Mellway
- Katherine Taylor
- Neil Tichkowsky
- Carolyn Ferraby (School Council)

Todd requested a motion from the floor, to approve the board recommendations for 2016/17.

**Motion: 2016-11-22-05:** To approve the 2016/17 Board of Directors as presented.

**Moved:** Dylan Thomas      **Seconded** – Dale Erickson      **Passed**

**8. Tribute to retiring Directors**– Todd is pleased to report that there are no retiring directors this year.

### 9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:49 PM