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**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Annual General Meeting
November 20, 2012**

In Attendance:

Heather Campbell	Pat Cavill	Todd Hirsch	Dale Erickson
Josh Van Beers	Patti Wardlaw	Jan Jordan	Rob Roach

Members:

Janice Nigh	Kevin Loftus	Michelle Stonehouse	Rik Davis
Lise Twa	Jason Lindsay	Michelle Billington	Laura Allen
Brent Cooper	Danielle Rose	Nancy Williams	Dylan Thomas
Nicole Sylvestre	Sayward Wilkinson Blanc		

Invited Guests:

Steve Moore, MNP and Cheryl Gullason

Regrets:

John Gulak	Frankie Thomas	Ken McNeil	Al Wahlstrom
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1. Call to order– 7:00 PM - Todd Hirsch - Quorum established.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Todd asked if there were any changes or additions to the distributed agenda . The agenda was accepted as presented.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 22, 2011 Annual General Meeting

Todd asked if there were any changes or additions to the 2011 AGM Minutes as presented to the group. The minutes were accepted as written.

4. Presentation of the Audited Financial Reports

Steve Moore reported that the 2011/12 Calgary Arts Academy audit has been completed. The team from MNP worked very closely with Jan to complete the financial audit. Steve was pleased to report that Calgary Arts Academy is in good shape financially and that there were no material errors or omissions to report. He thanked Jan for her work on this. The reports were distributed for members to review, and to be returned for filing with Alberta Education. There was a brief question and answer period.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 22, 2011 Annual General Meeting as presented.

Moved: Jason Lindsay

Seconded: Michelle Stonehouse

Passed

5. Appointment of the 2012/13 Auditor

Todd made a recommendation that MNP be appointed for the 2012/13 Audit.

Motion: To approve the appointment of MNP for the 2012/13 Calgary Arts Academy audit.

Moved: Michelle Billington

Seconded: Michelle Stonehouse

Passed

6. AERR Report and Three-Year Education Plan

Josh shared a brief summary of the changes that are being made to the Annual Education Report and Three-Year Education Plan. The results will be posted to the website upon approval.

7. Achievement Test Results

Dale shared a presentation of Calgary Arts Academy's Provincial Achievement Test results. The results demonstrate that CAA 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 results. There was a brief question and answer period to clarify how results are determined and compared.

8. Election of Board of Directors

Todd gave a brief recap of the work of the Board of Directors in 2011/12. Rather than the usual Strategic Plan, they hired Story Engine to do a story on Calgary Arts Academy. Story Book interviewed several people who are involved in the school, including teaching staff, parents, students, parents, artist, choir members and Directors. After Story Engine completed their report, the Board followed up with a day and a half retreat to learn the results and to determine their direction from these results.

Todd reported that the Board had a good year and that the work they do is all about the students. At each Board meeting, they try to have a piece or presentation from students. He concluded with the statement that none of this would be possible without the help of the staff.

Recommended Changes to the Board:

Not Returning:

- Frances Thomas

Returning Board Members:

- Heather Campbell
- John Gulak
- Ken McNeill
- Al Wahlstrom
- Pat Cavill
- Todd Hirsch
- Rob Roach
- Patti Wardlaw – School Council

New Appointment:

- Cheryl Gullason

The Board Members that were present shared a brief history of themselves and Calgary Arts Academy. Cheryl shared her history and interest in the school and the Arts. Directors pictures and biographies will be posted on the school website. Todd asked for a motion that the new board for 2012/13 be ratified.

Motion: To approve the 2012/13 Board of Directors as presented.

Moved: Michelle Billington

Seconded: Nancy Williams

Passed

8. Tribute to retiring Director –to be scheduled for a later date.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 PM