



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Annual General Meeting
November 16, 2021**

In Attendance:

Directors:

Ken McNeill, John McWilliams, Jim McLeod, Doug Frenette, Susan Wright, Neil Tichkowsky, Josh Dalledonne, Court Ellingson,

Regrets:

Linda Fox-Mellway, Todd Hirsch, Katherine Taylor

Administration:

Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Cole Jordan; Michelle Stonehouse; Cheralyn Doell

Members:

Christy Ford, Stephanie Westlund, Nancy Koutsela, Blythe Buttler, Lorraine Becker

1. **Call to Order (scheduled for 7:30 pm) through ZOOM meeting – 7:30 pm** – Ken McNeill - Quorum Established
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Ken McNeill - Considered Approved
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Annual General Meeting** - Change attendance from Susan Walker to Susan Wright - Considered Approved
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2021 Special General Meeting** – Considered Approved
5. **Opening Remarks** – Ken McNeill – CAA continues to enhance student outcomes. Covid has been difficult, but these challenges have been met with resilience and perseverance. Thanks to teachers for continuing the good fight. Thanks to Dale Erickson, Michelle Stonehouse and the rest of the administrative team. We express our gratitude for all. We continue to hope for a resolution for our space needs. Finally, amazing things happen when the school community come together. Thank you to families for their continued support.
6. **Presentation of 2020/21 Financial Statements & Auditor's Report** – Neil Tichkowsky – We had a good financial year again this year. Our Auditors KPMG gave passed us with a clean audit, At every turn there were no issues identified. The board is happy to recommend the approval of the financial statements. Despite the current circumstances, our financial

security remains intact. From a management control standpoint everything was above board. Thanks to Cole and his team for all their hard work again this year.

Motion 2021–11-16-1 – Neil Tichkowsky - To approve the 2020/2021 Audited Financial Statements and auditors report as presented – Seconded Doug Frenette – Motion Passes

7. **Recommendation for appointment of 2021/22 Auditor** - Neil Tichkowsky – The next item is recommending KPMG for the auditor for the 2021/2022 School year. We have a strong rapport and good working relationship with them. They are familiar with our operations and the years of working with them has helped the audit process be smooth and painless.

Motion 2020-11-17-2 – Neil Tichkowsky - To re-appoint KPMG as auditors for the 2021/2022 school year as recommended by the board – Seconded John McLeod – Motion Passes

8. **AERR Report and Three Year Education Plan** – Dale Erickson – There is a new process for the AERR and the three year plan. Results are reviewed in November and the plan is created in the spring. Alberta Education has met with us regarding the AERR and have confirmed that we are meeting all their requirements, and that we are in good standing with them.

One of the new items included in the AERR report is the inclusive education summary. It is important as currently we receive less funding than other jurisdictions for inclusive education. We continued to have strong results with 87% of students feeling connected to our community. WE also had strong results in in the survey regarding our Access to supports, Education Quality, Parental involvement, and overall engagement. We didn't have PAT's this year, but we were asked to create our own local measures. Our students were measured by their report cards.

The full AERR is located on our website.

Motion 2021–11-17-3 – Jim McLeod - To approve the 2020/2021 AERR as presented – Seconded Susan Wright– Motion Passes

9. **Election to the Board of Directors** – Ken McNeill – The directors have been accepted by the board, and the members of the society. The newest addition to the slate is Lorraine Becker. She has experience in environmental accounting and resource management, as well as experience in government relations. She has a fantastic collegial nature and has the ability and fortitude to get things done.

Motion 2021–11-17-4 – Josh Delledonne - To approve the slate of Directors as presented – Seconded Court Ellingson– Motion Passes



2021 2022 Slate

Ken McNeill
Neil Tichkowsky
John McWilliams
Susan Wright
Doug Frenette
Jim McLeod
Court Ellingson
Joshua Dalledonne
Lorraine Becker

10. Tribute to retiring Directors – Ken McNeill – This year we have 3 retiring members.

Todd Hirsch, first joined in 2006. Todd has been the face of the CAA, serving first as a director then as the Board Chair. He has been our spokesperson at Vertigo, Jubilee, and out in the community. He has been a strong advocate for the school and for arts education.

Linda joined the board as a consultant with Stampede originally, Linda joined the board after that project. Linda represented the school very well and her experience on city council has been a great contribution.

Katherine came to us after being VP of communications with a political party. She was very active with MLA meetings and on the governance committee. Katherine was a key to getting our CAA Next Chapter video completed.

We thank them all very much for all their passion for students and school, and for their many years of service.

11. Adjournment – 8:20