



**Annual General Meeting / Pontiac Artists' Association**  
**Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 7:00 pm**  
**Stone School, Portage-du-Fort, QC**

**MINUTES**

Present: France Lamarche (President); Valerie Bridgeman (Vice-president) Christopher Seifried (Treasurer); Louise Guay (Director of communications); Nicole Lavigne (Secretary); Marie-Jeanne McTiernan; Dale Shutt; Bonnie Zimmerling; Rhonda Morrison; Manon Labrosse; Basil Tanguay; Tina Michaud; Sheila McGregor; Frances Shea; Carol Bretzholf; Glen Hartle; Kathi Telfer; Cheryl Dolan; Shannon Purcell; Emilie Chazelas; Gabrielle Dupuis; Julianna Rowsell; Cindy Lottes.

**1. Opening of meeting and welcome by the President**

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**2. Approval of the agenda**

Reading of proposed agenda.

Acceptance moved by Shannon Purcell, seconded by Dale Shutt. All in favour. Carried

**3. Adoption of minutes of Annual General Meeting of December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014**

Reading of minutes of AGM of December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014. Bonnie Zimmerling moved to accept, seconded by Dale Shutt. Carried.

**4. Annual Reports of PAA committees:**

- a. **President (France Lamarche);**
- b. **Stone School Gallery (Dale Shutt);**
- c. **Pontiac Artists Studio Tour (Jeanne McTiernan);**
- d. **Pontiac School of the Arts (France Lamarche);**
- e. **Artists' Residency Project (Valerie Bridgeman).**

Annual reports were presented by representatives of the committees. Dale Shutt moved to accept the reports, seconded by Tina Michaud. All in favour. Carried.

**5. Presentation of the Vision and Mission**

France Lamarche explained that the objective for updating the Vision and Mission statements of the PAA was to reflect the goals and nature of activities of the Association in a format better suited to support funding requests to various government organisations. She then explained the process followed to obtain the draft presented to the Annual General Meeting. After discussion, members agreed to the next steps which will include posting the current draft on the PAA web site for comments by all members. Following a consultation period of at least three months, there will be a call for a Special General Meeting to review the revised draft and obtain members' approval.



## **6. Financial report**

Christopher Seifried presented the financial report prepared by the Accounting Firm Smith Porter Hétu. He mentioned the important contribution of Gabrielle Dupuis in bookkeeping over the year and thanked her on behalf of the Board and PAA members.

Dale Shutt moved to accept the presentation of the financial report, seconded by Tina Michaud. All in favour. Carried.

## **7. Budget for 2015-2016**

The proposed budget for 2015-2016 was presented by Christopher Seifried. He also confirmed that the Association now has the status of "*organisme culturel ou de communication enregistré*" with Revenu Québec which allows the PAA to emit receipts for donations. This information will be posted on the web site.

Jeanne McTiernan moved to accept the budget for 2015-2016 as presented, seconded by Shannon Purcell. All in favour. Carried.

## **8. Naming of Auditor for 2015-2016**

No auditor was appointed for 2015-2016.

## **9. Break / Volunteer sign up**

## **10. Naming of a president and secretary of election**

Dale Shutt was named president of the election and Jeanne McTiernan, secretary. The following accepted their nominations: France Lamarche, Louise Guay, Christopher Seifried, Nicole Lavigne and Manon Labrosse. The following refused their nominations: Valerie Bridgeman, Bonnie Zimmerling, Cindy Lottes and Gabrielle Dupuis.

## **11. Election of Board of Directors**

The following members were elected: France Lamarche, Louise Guay, Christopher Seifried, Nicole Lavigne and Manon Labrosse. On behalf of the Board and PAA members, France Lamarche thanked Valerie Bridgeman for her inspiring contribution over the years. Many members joined in to express their appreciation of all her work and commitment.

## **12. Question period**

Exchanges took place on the possibility of emitting a tax receipt for donation of an object, on recruiting volunteers to help with the Art Auction planned for the spring and to participate on a committee to organize a Talk Series, and on the process to organize courses at the School next year.

## **13. Close of meeting**

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Close of meeting was proposed by Jeanne McTiernan, seconded by Shannon Purcell.  
Carried. The meeting was closed at 9:20 pm.