

AGENDA  
FINE ARTS COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Heritage Room  
Delta Calgary South

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:12am

2. Welcome and Introductions

Gaye McVean, John Poulsen, Kelly van Sluys Bonnie Cohoe Tammy Watt Donna Kaminski Kelly Frewin Greg Jeffrey Marv Hackman David Fettes Gayla Worden Judy Smallwood

Regrets: Natasha Joachim, Diane O'Rourke, Karen Schwieghardt, Miriam Cooley, Alberta Ed rep, AFA rep, U of C rep,

3. Approval of agenda

**Motion:** to approve the agenda Donna

ATA Educational Trust and grants

Carried

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

Errors and omissions: none

**Motion:** to accept the minutes: Gaye and seconded John

Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

Donna presented the proposed budget that will be presented to the FAC AGM. One significant issue was ATA pays 52 cents per Km, FAC pays 40cents per km.

**Motion:** John moves that we change our mileage rate from 40 cents to 52 cents per kilometre. Carried

Discussion around the issue, many viewpoints discussed. Information was presented from other councils; carpooling, renting vehicles may be cheaper in some cases (i.e. Lethbridge to Edmonton).

**Motion:** Donna, seconded by John moved that we increase the payment for our webmaster from \$600 to \$750 per 6 month term.

Carried

**Motion:** Donna, seconded by Kelly van Sluys, moves that we approve the 2011-2012 budget for presentation to the AGM of the FAC as amended. Discussion around the conference costs for last year, this year and next year. Carried

**Tabled until later in the day**

6. Committee Reports (as presented)

President

Music

Art

Drama

Dance

CARFAC

EARFAC

SARFAC

FINE FACTA Editor: need contacts for articles, suggestions to

Bonnie. Fall issue will be out in January

University of Lethbridge: Television and film is now in the domain of CTS. John would argue that this should remain under the auspices under of Drama.

University of Alberta: not available

University of Calgary (TBA)

Staff Advisor: shared Jonathan's baby pictures. Council should be writing an advocacy letter on behalf of the Fine Arts.

PEC Liaison: 564 Beginning Teachers at their conference. ATA have begun conversations with other than the 3 big universities, MRU and Concordia, this is an ongoing discussion. Legislature is back in session, (fall sitting) Thomas Lukazak (mixed reviews) private members motions brought forward include; Motion 540, urges the government to look at funds from other organizations ,while others work casinos. Motion 580, union dues should be voluntary, Motion 597 GSACRD, is the public school board, in Morinville only has Catholic schools, looking at a secular public school option, survey to have a single school board. ATA President is looking forward to returning to work in January. Tripartite discussions are again under way.

Alberta Education – no new representative

AFA (speaking at luncheon tomorrow)

Motion: Bonnie, seconded by Kelly Van Sluys to accept the reports as presented. Carried

#### 7. Strategic Planning Grant

Information item; we applied for a grant to apply for a strategic planning grant. Decisions are to be made in the next couple of days Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 at the Greenwood Inn in Lacombe

#### 8. Fine Facta (as per report)

There was discussion around going electronic, rather than print for our Fine Facta magazine. Do we do an email survey of membership around this issue? We need articles for Fine Facta, from our subject area specialists. If you see articles that are worth reprinting we can get

permission to reprint articles. The deadlines for articles for Fine Facta; By the end of December to Bonnie.

9. Subject Area Blogs (transfer to new members)

Blogs need to be started from new, as they attached to a specific email address. Discussion around establishing a facebook presence for FAC. Blogs are not always doing what they really want to do, that maybe more user friendly. Jonathan and our webmaster could work together to establish a facebook presence. Check with your people in your subject area meetings to see if this is something we want to do.

10. Webmaster

Andreas did come to Edmonton, there are some issues with access points, many of the issues have been resolved. We are moving from a renovation to a re-construction. He cannot commit to come to each meeting, but we need to look at our website on an ongoing basis.

11. CMEA (Canadian Music Education Association)

The CMEA is looking to establish a coalition or alliance with all music groups in Alberta. Advocacy has to go through table officers. We can attend these meetings for information; further action has to go through council and ATA table officers.

Jonathan also sent information around Choralies in Edmonton, in July 8-15<sup>th</sup> 2012.

12. CSEA (Canadian Secondary Education through Arts)

They would like to publish an article in our magazine. In order to publish in an outside magazine, we need to go through Jonathan as our staff officer.

13. ABA Partnership

ABA conference is next week. We have paid for a session sponsorship at this conference. We need to see the results of this work, and if we should then continue this work.

14. Beginning Teacher's Conference

Discussion around how we may be represented at future conferences. What are other councils doing at Beginning Teachers? We will ask Andrea Berg for this information. Issues for presenters, they need a presenter evaluation, many ideas will be forwarded to Andrea to improve this event.

15. Conference 2012 update Oct 25, 26, 27<sup>th</sup> 2012, Westin Hotel and Victoria School of the Performing Arts

We have the Westin Hotel on hold right now and using Victoria FPA school for the Saturday. We have to be aware of room assignments as the walls are very thin. The plan for the 2012 conference: Thursday night CSEA reception, Friday night FAC reception, FAC AGM Friday lunch, CSEA AGM Saturday, Banquet for the Saturday night.

16. Specialist Council President's Fall Meeting rigor mortis set in and I was way more interested in the conversation than the typing, sorry☹

a) Special Project Grants

Has to be resource specific. Take on a special project looking at the arts, in Japan and in the far east there is strong need for creativity.

b) IT information (ATA)

The ATA has changed the face of the website, including using event wizard for online registration. The costs would be slightly less than other existing programs.

c) LCD projectors

ATA has purchased 21 LCD projectors for the use of specialist councils. There will be a cost to rent these projectors.

d) Special Edition (Newsletter for Specialist Council Executives)

The Special Edition will be available to all executive council members to assist with their work on specialist councils. This will be an e-publication.

e) Membership (how to increase)

Why would someone want to be a member of FAC

Skill development

Free hotel, conferences, mileage

Weekends away

Travel

Making a difference

Feeling of community

One of a kind people

Sharing of successes

And other items in a long list

A very lively and varied discussion followed. High school completion rates, the types of students that stay in school, the business orientation and “entrepreneurship”

Zombie walk was discussed, as possible action to engage students and parents. “The World without Art”

Container Art.

Traveling set of sketch books, using the idea of a “World without Art”

f) Succession Planning for executive

Don't need to “keep reinventing the wheel”

We recycle a lot, as do other councils

Are we just serving the same small group?

g) Strategic Planning Retreat (Jan. 20, 21, 2012

#### 16. Advocacy

a) Council of School Administrators

an internal letter between councils does not need to go through PEC

b) Minister of Education

What sort of person is our new minister?

#### 17. Other Business

Educational Trust: 7 members received funds from this to attend a FAC conference between Sept 2011 and November 2012.

CTS talk about it in the Drama meeting (subject area meetings Saturday at lunch)

Conventions: Specialist Councils get a table at teacher conventions.

#### 17. Adjourn

**Motion:** Tammy moves that we adjourn at 3:17pm

Carried