

**FINE ARTS COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE**  
**Meeting of 2012 January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Called to order by President Gayla Worden at **7:30pm**

**Present**—Gayla Worden (Chair), Donna Kaminski (Treasurer), Andreas Berko, Nancy Bridal, Al Chapman, Miriam Cooley, Katherine Deren, Kelly Frewin, Greg A. Jeffery, Sherri McEwen, Gaye McVean, John Poulsen, Judy Smallwood, Jonathan Teghtmeyer, Kelly Van Sluys, Tammy Watt, Diane O'Rourke (secretary).

**Absent**—Bonnie Cohoe, David Fettes, Kerry Martens

| Item  | Action   |
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| <p><b><u>1. Additions to the Agenda</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ABA</li> <li>- Speaker list from and for conventions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                           |  |
| <p><b><u>2. Adoption of Agenda and Receipt of Reports</u></b></p> <p>Resolved, that the agenda be adopted as amended and that all reports listed be received.<br/> Motion: Kelly Frewin<br/> Second: John Poulson<br/> <u>Carried.</u></p>              | Adoption of Order Paper and Receipt of Reports |
| <p><b><u>3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Resolved, that the minutes of the FAC Council Executive Council meeting held 2011 11 14 be adopted as printed.<br/> Motion: Gaye McVean<br/> Second: Judy Smallwood<br/> <u>Carried.</u></p> | Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Meeting    |
| <p><b><u>4. Reports</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Treasurers' Report</b><br/> Donna Kaminski, treasurer, reviewed the report and responded to questions.</p> <p><b>b. Conference:</b><br/> - Still a few invoices from conference to go to Treasurer</p>         | Adoption of reports as printed                 |

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| <p>- Issue to be resolved: FAC was double billed by CSSD/ATA</p> <p>Resolved, that the reports are accepted.<br/> Motion: Gaye McVean<br/> Second: Kelly Van Sluys<br/> <u>Carried.</u></p>   |   |
| <p><b><u>Committee Reports:</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Presidents Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Successful conference, had more student registrants than in the past</li> <li>- Welcome Sherri McEwen (new music rep)</li> <li>- Funding for Strategic Planning retreat was awarded by ATA</li> <li>- Still hearing that some people do not know what specialist councils are/are available...spread the news!</li> <li>- PDAC in Edmonton – Gayla attended</li> <li>- Looking forward to working with ABA and Orff</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Music:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Orff conference in Vancouver – canvassing school division for help/support</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Art:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lots of hits on blog since October – once a month reminders are helping</li> <li>- ‘How Do The Arts Impact Our Life’ project is up and running – exhibition in May – Dreams take Flight charity – held at West Island College</li> <li>- Tammy going to Visual Arts Conference in New York – will report</li> <li>- Spread the word – deadline: February 7, 2012</li> </ul> <p><b>d. Dance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- See report</li> </ul> <p><b>e. A Fine Facta:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- See report</li> </ul> <p><b>f. CARFAC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to report</li> <li>- Initiating a meeting in the near future</li> </ul> <p><b>g. EARFAC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 sessions in February</li> <li>- Working with Marian Dobson</li> <li>- Email list is up and running</li> <li>- Need official receipts for teachers who register for sessions:</li> <li>- President (Judy Smallwood) and Treasurer (Karley Lagore) to open bank account; FAC to give EARFAC \$500 to start account</li> </ul> <p><b>h. SARFAC:</b></p> | <p>Adoption of reports as presented and printed</p> |

- SWATCA going well – lots of sessions
- Two people still on bank account that are not on SARFAC – will change to include Kelly Frewin
- i. U of L:**
  - See report
- j. University of Alberta:**
  - See report
- k. University of Calgary (TBA):**
  - Jonathon made contact after last meeting, nothing since – he will try again
- l. Staff Officer:**
  - Two lawyers brought in to review labour laws – they have exceed expectations of board
  - Problems within school boards: memo to teachers with problems with assignable time (ended up being speculation), news/media involved (Calgary Herald) – all talk is speculation right now
  - Editorial from ATA in Herald today (Jan. 20 2012)
  - Please stay informed – visit ATA website; help people understand the job of a teacher – spread the word, tell your story!
  - U of C – School for Public Policy – report came out today – saying that public workers are paid more than in other provinces (did not mention that so is almost everyone else)
  - TAFT – Political engagement seminar – raise the profile of education/teacher awareness of issues
  - Minister’s 10 point plan: is being reviewed (again) – just another way for things to be delayed?
  - Specialist Council table at conventions – reminder: if you are ‘manning’ the table, you still have obligation to attend sessions
  - Request for Specialist Council speakers/keynotes
  - Association has purchased LCD projectors – specialist councils can rent
  - Greater Edmonton Francophone Board – francophone art teachers started specialist council: Conseil Francais – arts and culture educators
- m. PEC Liaison:**
  - Employment/labour laws
  - Continue labour peace (tri-partite discussions)
  - Minister became involved in process – in January appointed 2 lawyers to represent government in matters (board friendly lawyer leading process)
  - President Henderson – participated in council meeting (gaining her

strength back) – is expecting to go on convention circuit

**n. Alberta Education:**

- Lots of political activity
- Continuing work in resources
- EBulletin – tells all new program resources (spread the word) – Katherine will send link
- Continued conversations regarding curriculum
- ATA and Alberta Ed are collaborating
- Speak Out initiative – students are also voicing their opinion that the Arts are important; website very active

**o. AFA:**

- Participated in Fall Conference (with Board Chair) – advocacy
- Arts Education – AFA looking at funding – direct application – Artist Education program – maintain reach into classroom, will look into developing further
- AFA relationship with FAC – build curriculum pieces with art pieces in AFA collection/travelling pieces (8,300 pieces!!) – work together to create resources – could be travelling art or digital
- Culture Forum: Heather Klimchuk: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, Red Deer – hoping for 400 participants – dialogue – names from FAC (Judy, Gayla and John invited to attend)

**p. Conference 2011:**

- Closing comments and financial update
- See report

**q. Conference 2012:**

- FAC/CSEA joint
- Update from Miriam and Judy
- Gayla co-chairing with Miriam
- Most events will be held at Victoria School for the Arts
- Theme: Fear No Art – poster is already on website
- Jonathon and Gayla looking at contract for hotel (Delta)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – AGM meeting (afternoon)
- Conference organizing team to talk with Katherine re. francophone

presenters/workshops

**r. Webmaster:**

- Minutes of AGM on website
- Update – blogs (new music and drama reps) – cancel dance blog as rep is using facebook instead (Kelly to send link to Andreas); music – drop blog, rep using Google group instead; drama (TB!)
- Social media: idea: have a FAC page with options for art, drama, dance, music – more efficient – more posts/month = more attention – important to post regularly!
- Twitter – broadcast media – recognize that it’s out there – have a policy regarding what is posted – stay true to vision/mission and all posts should be appropriate
- Webmaster needs digital copy of A Fine Facta
- Twitter tutorial from Andreas – future agenda consideration

**s. Teacher’s Conventions:**

- Table for specialist councils at all conventions
- Gayla is hosting table for Palliser – need volunteers
- Volunteers for Calgary and/or any other convention ?
- Judy, Kelly, Kerri, SWATCA – possibly students (John to look into students hosting table – Jonathon to look into having someone from CTS to help as well)

**t. Combined Professional Development Area Conference and Invitational Curriculum Symposium:**

- David attended and will speak to this agenda item next meeting

**u. Constitution Amendments:**

- Brief review
- To be addressed tomorrow during Strategic Planning meeting

**v. Advocacy:**

- Books and articles from ATA library
- Letter to Council of School Administrators

**w. Other Business:**

- Donation “Educational Trust Fund”
- Donation to project “How do the Arts Impact My Life” -\$500

(Table this motion until tomorrow.)

Resolved, that the reports are accepted as presented and printed.

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| <p>Motion: Kelley Frewin<br/> Second: Kelly Van Sluys<br/> <u>Carried.</u></p> <p>Reconvene Saturday January 21, 2012: 8:45am</p> <p><b>Adjournment:</b> 10:17pm</p>   |                              |
| <p><b>Saturday January 21, 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amendment of original motion of Adoption of Reports as presented and printed regarding item v. Advocacy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support funding for project “How Do the Arts Impact My Life”: \$1000 (to aid in covering some costs {ie. Food, café workers, musician, other miscellaneous opening night costs}); funding through ATA FAC</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Motion: Kelley Frewin<br/> Second: Gaye McVean<br/> <u>Carried.</u></p> | <p>Adoption of Amendment</p> |

**3. Next Meeting**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012, at Gayla’s, breakfast from 8-9, meeting starting at 9:00am