

FINE ARTS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

Meeting of Thursday October 2014

Called to order by President David Fettes at **9:12 am**

Present - David Fettes (Chair), Gayla Worden (Past President), Lindy Rasmussen (Treasurer), Gaye McVean, Stacey Richards, Mike Wheeler, Julie Herman, Naomi McQuaid, Greg Jeffrey, Renee Dowling, John Poulsen, Kurt Moench (ATA Rep filling in for Jonathon), Andreas Berkos, Diane O'Rourke (secretary)

Regrets— Jennifer Eiserman, Kathy Robinson, Erin McDonald, Shannon Panchuk, Heather Willms, Erin George-Samuel, Jonathon Teghtmeyer, Louise Condra,

Item	Action
<p>1. <u>Additions to the Agenda</u> - Other business: awards/recognition</p>	
<p><u>2. Adoption of Agenda and Receipt of Reports</u> Resolved, that the agenda be adopted as amended and that all reports listed be received. Motion: Mike Wheeler <u>Carried.</u></p>	<p>Adoption of Order Paper and Receipt of Reports</p>
<p><u>3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> Resolved, that the minutes of the FAC Council Executive Council meeting held 2015 03 07 be adopted as printed. Motion: John Poulsen <u>Carried.</u></p>	<p>Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p>
<p><u>4. Reports</u></p> <p>a. Treasurers' Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report - David to look into iTunes reimbursement - We should consider doing a draft/proposed budget for 2015 – Table Officers (David, Gayla, Lindy, Diane, Jonathon)...before September meeting. - During draft, add line in budget for Art Ex. – Calgary and Edmonton, (total of \$1200, to be divided), also add to budget for A Fine Facta to be printed in colour (see motion made below under A Fine Facta) 	<p>Adoption of reports as printed</p>

<p>b. Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mail received <p>Resolved, that the reports are accepted.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p><u>Carried.</u></p>	
<p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report 2. Art Rep. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report 3. Dance Rep. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report 4. Drama Rep. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would like to post on website a director's guide to Much Ado About Nothing - Steampunk production of Peter Pan – potential Facta article - Working on Fine Arts Night at school 5. Generalist Rep. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report 6. Music Rep. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report - Link on website – offering two already planned musicals (already written/performed by Naomi's school) - Songs/activities for Hymn Sing/Assembly times – available to share 7. CARFAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report - Put survey on rep blogs and website 8. EARFAC 9. SARFAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report 10. A FINE FACTA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report - June 1st due date for next edition - Maybe make it mandatory for exec to write one article each after conference? - Consider at next conference – ask delegates if they would prefer a digital copy vs. paper copy...might cut cost if fewer people want a paper copy. <p>Motion: This year's (fall 2015) edition to be printed in colour as a pilot, to be considered going forward.</p> <p>Made by John Poulsen</p> <p>Seconded by Naomi McQuaid</p>	<p>Adoption of reports as presented and printed</p>

Carried.

11. U of Lethbridge

- See report
- Big budget cuts (3.7%), considering closing programs ☹, colleges still have cuts but smaller than universities

12. U of Alberta

- Sabbatical

13. U of Calgary

14. Alberta Education

15. AFA

16. Staff Advisor

- Alberta Ed – as soon as election was called, AB Ed went into hiding, staff was told not to tell anyone anything. Meeting were planned, reps were told not to go. School boards had questions about new budget implementation, no answers. Uncertain of how things are going to proceed.
- SATs – grade 3- mandated, AB Ed not taking advice regarding
- Audited financial statements due soon.
- Budget –includes three new staff at provincial level (10% increase in membership since the last time budget was increased for new employees)
- Curriculum and workload issues –
- Provincial policy on fine arts? 2010 – new Fine Arts Curriculum...how can we address the issues - solutions to be presented at next year's ARA?
- Policy: A18, A19, A20 – 'complimentary courses' ...these courses have been cut back to barely nothing, program is minimized which makes it hard for specialists to do their jobs
- Workload for fine arts teachers/CTS teachers – asked to teach multiple classes, and multiple grades at the same time – to provide TFFI
- As a council, we should be looking at these issues and come forward with some possible solutions to these problems...since we're probably the only ones concerned about these issues – This is what we believe, this is what we think is important, this is what we want done about it.
- FAC should present something like:

Be it resolved that the ATA urge the Government of Alberta to provide sufficient, direct and targeted funding for curriculum review of the Fine Arts (Art, Dance, Drama, Music).

17. PEC Liaison

- Association held a provincial election – online voting this time - successful because no big blow ups, unsuccessful because voter turn-out was really low.

- Fun fact: 1971 – in first 2 years, they completed over 200 legislative bills
- Blended learning - GUD project
- 2006 – LaPierre – School Works – rating schools based on achievement results, parents got involved/bad mouthing teachers – Association stepped in and issues are (finally) resolved
- 1.5% increase to fees.
- Leadership groups can request having a list of appropriate guest teachers for the fine arts.

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

Motion: Stacy Richards

Carried.

5) Business:

18. Conference 2015

- Schedule is just about finalized
- Keynote – Jeffrey Spalding
- We need exhibitors!! And Sponsors/door prizes!!!!
- At AGM take a moment to celebrate Gayla (outgoing Pres) – gift?

19. Conference 2016

- Kananaskis!
- Coming in around the same cost as Canmore
- We need a conference chair/committee.
- Conference 2017 – potential to be held in Lethbridge

20. Summer Conference

- Need to send someone! Register by June 6/8th

21. Beginning Teachers Conference

- Opportunity for members to be presenters was put on website
- 7 members interested in presenting
- Edmonton – Sept 24th -26th
- Calgary – Oct 1st-3rd
- David will email the presenters and submit paperwork.
- Mike Wheeler to do a drama session.

22. Art Exhibition

- Wrap-Up – THANK YOU SHANNON!!!!!!
- How to move forward for 2016 Ex. – what can we do to offer more support?
- Create a mini committee, create a list of jobs, delegate those specific jobs (ie. Food, set-up/take-down, catalogue....)
- Positive feedback from employees at CBE building to keep Exhibition up for two weeks – need clarification from building/organizers to book the space.

- Consideration for next year: have the art displayed at multiple locations? Or maybe a location that isn't public vs. private board space.
- Consideration for next year: online/digital exhibition on the FAC website.
- Can we lower the selling cost of the catalogues from \$15 to \$5-10? Never mind making money – covering cost would be ideal.

23. A Fine Facta

- New on website – opportunity for members to submit articles

24. Annual Report

- What have we done and what do we want to do?

25. Student Memberships

- \$0 cost for students, new ATA standard

26. FAC Schwag

- Advertising for FAC!
- Pens, travel mugs/pottery mug, Art apron/smock, USB drive...
- Naomi, Julie and Diane to do some research, present at next meeting.

27. Other Business

- And the (curriculum) Survey says....process is moving slowly, but progressing. John and Andreas to organize/analyze the data. Hoping to get an article in to A Fine Facta for next (fall) edition. Proposed a session for conference – or separate talk/discussion, in a separate room, for those interested. Another option – table/exhibit set up...
- Awards/recognition – Life Membership Award and MADD award...should be presented at AGM. Recognize/celebrate an 'outgoing' exec member, but cannot recognize/celebrate someone that is still on Council. Do away with plaques – consider a framed piece of art with a small plaque on it.

Motion: Move that John Poulsen heads a committee that will create a Thank You Celebration at 2015 AGM, and future AGMs, for persons who have contributed above and beyond.

Made by: John Poulsen

Seconded: Stacy Richards

Carried.

- Secretary PD monies – request for extra (beyond \$250 already allocated for Secretary) PD monies for glass fusion course (\$150 extra). Jonathon to check out appropriateness of using PD monies from area reps not using funds. (Offered by Naomi and Mike).

28. Next Meeting – Saturday August 29th, 9am, location TBA (but probably SARO)

29. Adjourn 2:44pm

Movement to adjourn made by Andreas Berkos

Carried.

Next meeting: Review of Council brochure