

FINE ARTS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE
Meeting of 2012 October 25th

Called to order by President Gayla Worden at **9:10 am**

Present—Gayla Worden (Chair), Donna Kaminski (Treasurer), Andreas Berko, Sherri McEwen, Gaye McVean, Jonathan Teghtmeyer, Kerry Martens, David Fettes, Tammy Watt, Judy Smallwood, Nancy Bridal, Bonnie Cohoe, Kelly Van Sluys, Helen Chimirri-Russell (AFA), Ross Bradley (AFA), Kathy Robinson, Katherine McKee, Christine Henzel, Diane O'Rourke (secretary).

Absent— Greg A. Jeffery, John Poulsen

Item	Action
<p><u>1. Additions to the Agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fort McMurray - Conference? - Generalist Rep? 	<p>Approval of agenda as amended motion made by Gaye McVean</p>
<p><u>2. Adoption of Agenda and Receipt of Reports</u></p> <p>Resolved, that the agenda be adopted as amended and that all reports listed be received. Motion: Gaye McVean Second: David Fettes <u>Carried.</u></p>	<p>Adoption of Order Paper and Receipt of Reports</p>
<p><u>3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>Resolved, that the minutes of the FAC Council Executive Council meeting held 2012 09 08 be adopted as printed. Motion: Kelly VanSluys Second: Donna Kaminski <u>Carried.</u></p>	<p>Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Meeting as Printed</p>
<p><u>4. Reports</u></p> <p>a. Treasurers' Report</p>	<p>Adoption of reports</p>

<p>Donna Kaminski, treasurer, reviewed the report and responded to questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See reports - Concern: shows deficit for 2011 conference – mistake. <p>Motion: To approve budget to recommend budget to AGM Motion made: Nancy Bridal Second: Kerry Martens <u>Carried.</u></p>	<p>as printed</p>
<p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presidents Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Report b. Music: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Report c. Art: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Report d. Drama: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report e. Dance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Report f. CARFAC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report g. EARFAC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Past year: with Carly Lagore – hosted Saturday sessions (with good response); looking to branch out to other streams. - Technical Theater (San Diego)– all drama and tech theater – found nothing comparable in Canada - Nancy suggests Drama Works (Alberta) - Technical Theater also available in Calgary (now) h. SARFAC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See report i. A Fine Facta: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Report - Judy (or someone) – article about Conference 2012 - Any info from AFA to submit? - November 15th deadline for next edition; March 1st for Spring edition j. University of Alberta: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome Kathy Robinson - Miriam will submit report - Add links from U of L to FAC website - Idea for new teachers: invite to conference as guests (consider offering a Saturday registration so that they do not need a substitute teacher) - Advertise better at universities...? k. University of Lethbridge: 	<p>Adoption of reports as presented and printed</p>

- See report

l. University of Calgary (TBA):

- Suggestion from Kathy Robinson: Colleen Whidden

m. Alberta Education:

- Framework for Student Learning (publication) - outlines the relationships among literacy, numeracy, competencies and subject/discipline areas are essential for students to become engaged thinkers and ethical citizens with an entrepreneurial spirit.
- Curriculum Redesign (publication) – program of studies, learning/teaching resources and assessment – informs how curriculum will be redesigned
- What part will FAC/Specialist Councils/teachers in general play in the redesigning of curriculum? Christine: May not look exactly the same as the last time curriculum was developed, but lots of involvement is needed. Information provided in publication speaks to involvement/direction.
- Prototyping, consultations and focus group discussions will occur from late Fall 2012 to Spring 2014 will engage education stakeholders and partners in collaborative ventures and Alberta Education.
- Inspiring Education (publication) – forming foundation
- Alberta Ed Rep to inform FAC of developments/how we, as a council, can be involved.

n. AFA:

- Welcome to Helen Chimirri-Russell, Ross Bradley and Jeffrey Anderson
- 1) Website – building lesson plans/links to using AFA art collection; working on communication between old website/info and new one
- Primary contact for project is Helen Chimirri-Russell
- This project is seen as the beginning of an ongoing relationship between AFA and FAC
- 2) Artist in Education Program
- Program is **not** cancelled (rumours to otherwise)
- Paul Reich is a contact (A Fine Facta contact...? Ongoing blurb possibility?)
- April 1st deadline
- Question from Judy: can we get a grant to bring artists into schools to teach teachers? Rather than just students? Suggestion from Ross: During residency, there should be a time that artist(s) is working with teachers
- 3) Individual Program Grants/Resources
- Consultants available in all areas to assist
- Grants for students and teachers (career development and individual development)
- Splash contest: creating awareness/advocacy tools for the Arts – reaching out to broader radar – not just teachers whom are already

advocates. Check out website for more details – share knowledge of contest!

o. Staff Advisor:

- Specialist Council table at conventions
- Deadlines for councils: Fall PDAC (24th November); Expenses (December)
- Specialist Executive Council forms to be filled in; return to Jonathon
- Government: Education Act - ATA is concerned about Charter Schools (Old School Act – Charter is only business)
- Charter of Right and Freedoms – concerns about definition of ‘school’/controversial issues (sex, religion...)
- ATA concerned about symbolism of change
- Waiting until Spring (likely) to pass the Bill
- Dollars and Cents: asking for public input about priorities of budgeting (check out the online survey); question about tax/royalty policies – not included on survey
- ATA: Looking for instructors for workshop program (November 14th deadline) – go to Summer Conference to taught/learn how to be a presenter – see website for more info
- Inspiring Education: Minister Johnson is supportive
- A Great School For All (ATA document)
- Tripartite discussions - ongoing; deadline is October 31st; could be extended...? If agreement comes about – will be local bargaining/discussions. If no agreement – no bargaining.
- Big issue of discussion: teacher expectations/work environment/work load/class size...asking teachers to develop and share own story with friends, family, etc – spread the news
- At Our Best for Students (publication) – 5 things teachers are asking for – available on website – or if you want a paper copy – ask Jonathon.

p. PEC Liason:

- Absent (provincial meetings)

Resolved, that the reports are accepted.

Motion: David Fettes

Second: Gaye McVean

Carried.

Other Business:

- a) Three year plan
 - Starts now! (Officially – even though we have already accomplished some of the proposals)
- b) Beginning Teacher’s Conference (Sept. 29th)
 - Very successful – more than 700 delegates
 - Next year: Calgary and Edmonton conferences since large number of

delegates

- Offered free registration for this year's conference as a prize instead of previous prize of paying for substitute teacher for day of conference (ATA issue with pay/substitute/pension)

c) Website

- New look/template; some things still need to be tweaked
- Questions or comments, or things you want posted – communicate with Andreas
- Mail Chimp (free – upgrades available to avoid advertising) – automatic email(er); up and running – seems to be working quite well
- New Twitter page – hashtag (#) for this year's conference: Fear No Art – a poster to be put up at registration desk

d) Conference 2013

- Awesome choices for presenters and displayers!!
- Budget is looking good.
- Need: some executive to introduce presenters.

f) AFA – Splash Contest

- See last notes under N) AFA

g) Other:

1) Fort McMurray

- David in contact with FA folk; Ft. McMurray is interested in hosting FA sessions – costly to present/have sessions (in all 4 strands) in that area
- Fly there Thursday night-Sunday – consider costs covered/not covered
- FAC could get a Ft. McM regional rep...
- potentially a 'mini maddash'
- Nancy, Tammy, Kerry all interested
- As a partnership, we could offer to do sessions for free (we don't have money to offer for it); need to explore this further – our expenses would need to be covered (by them) – consider regional grant money
- great opportunity to get more FAC members

2) Conference 2013

- No longer in Banff due to date restrictions
- Considering: Red Deer, Calgary (Deerfoot Inn or Sheraton), or Edmonton (Radisson), \$159+ a night
- Where was first FAC conference held?
- Executive: please actively seek people to help with conference planning committee
- Real Learning First Program (ATA) – possible funding for conference
- Consider: corporate sponsors? Sponsorship/grant: Community Initiatives/Alberta Lotteries (coming up in December)?
- Consider: partnering with a university for key note speaker

- Consider: adjusting budget proposal for next year's conference since it will be in Calgary instead of mountains – adjust to fewer delegates (closer to 100 rather than 150)
- If we change budget to accommodate a smaller attendance next week we can balance it by: exec/committee expenses (\$1500 instead of \$3000); speakers (\$1100 from \$1500); printing (\$500); office/misc could go down to \$1000

- Changes made: see budget report

Motion: To accept amended budget

Made by: Tammy Watt

Second: Bonnie Cohoe

Carried.

- Consider a cancellation fee/drop date
- Consider a three year plan for conferences since hotels book two years in advance: Calgary 2013, Mountains 2014, Edmonton 2015

- **Motion: To develop a three year rotation for conference location between Calgary, Edmonton, Mountains. Made by David Fettes**

Second: Bonnie Cohoe

Carried.

- **Motion: 2013 Conference will be in Calgary. Made by Nancy Bridal**

Second: Tammy Watt

Carried.

3) Generalist Rep? Elementary?

- could bridge a gap – generalists need to know about fine arts as well – but don't know where to go for support/ideas/lessons
- teachers teach many subjects – specialties or not
- Executive positions are defined in Constitution – would need to be amended; would have to give three months of notice (through email/blog/Fine Facta).
- consider making a motion at January meeting (think about PD money, budget...)

Working Groups:

- a) AFA
 - b) Policy and Constitution
 - c) Advocacy
- Generalist Rep?
 - Conference \$\$ for new teachers
 - Tammy: Art Exhibition; 'ted talk' at convention

Resolved, that the reports are accepted as presented and printed. Motion: Gaye McVean Second: Tammy Watt <u>Carried.</u> Adjournment: 2:30pm	

To consider for next meeting:

- 1) Generalist Rep on FAC
 - Consider making a motion at January meeting (think about PD money, budget...)
- 2) Consider: All (except Treasurer – needs to be live time) reports to Secretary a week before meetings; to be reviewed prior to meeting.