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MISSISSAUGA ARTS COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS Wednesday, August 2, 2023 from 7:00-8:00pm

In-Person Meeting

Committee Room A - Mississauga Civic Centre
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga ON L5B 3C1

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Mississauga Arts Council (MAC) Board President, **Ken Jones**, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

MAC Director, **Christine Griffin** delivered the land acknowledgement as follows:

The Mississauga Arts Council acknowledges that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Huron-Wendat and Wyandot Nations. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land, and give our respect to these peoples and their ancestors who have been inhabitants of this land since time immemorial. We also recognize that Mississauga is now home to many global Indigenous Peoples.

Ken Jones explained the “show of hands” voting process for the meeting to all in attendance.

2. Appointment of Secretary and Verification of Quorum

Ken Jones motioned that MAC Administration Lead, Susan Durnin, be appointed secretary of the Annual General Meeting of Members.

Motion: That Susan Durnin be appointed secretary of MAC’s Annual General Meeting.

Motion: Ken Jones
Second: Ron Duquette

Outcome: Motion Approved

Susan Durnin verified the following:

Proof of Notice: Pursuant to article 8.11 in the by-laws, notice of the time, place and date of the Annual General Meeting of members, was sent to all members more than 10 days in advance of the meeting by email.

Report on Attendance: There were 33 members in attendance and 3 proxies received.

Quorum: Pursuant to article 8.12 in the by-laws which states that ‘twenty (20) members present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business’ it was deemed that there was quorum for the meeting.

3. Introduction of MAC Directors, Advisors, and Staff

MAC Vice President, **Ron Duquette**, introduced MAC’s Board of Directors and Advisory Board Members.

In Attendance:

- Ken Jones, president
- Charles Chu, treasurer
- Anna Adams, director and MBOT representative
- Helen Almeida, director
- Jason Chellew, director
- Deta Constantine, director
- Wendy Furtenbacher, director and City representative
- Christine Griffin, director
- Imran Hasan, director
- Sumeeta Kohli, director
- Jung Ah Kwon, director
- Mike Dougals, executive director and ex-officio board director

The following directors were unable to attend and sent their regrets:

- Sarah Rustomji, secretary
- Filip Plaskota, director

MAC’s non-voting Advisory Board members provide context and expertise to MAC’s board members as necessary and serve on sub-committees. This year’s Advisory Board includes:

- David Ho
- Amena Mohammad
- Tracy Xavier

MAC Executive Director, **Mike Douglas** introduced MAC Staff.

- Mike Douglas, Executive Director
- Susan Durnin, Administration Lead
- Jacqueline Mak, Creative Director/Strategist
- Sherri Murray, Communications Manager
- Sabrina Cunha, Multimedia Designer

New to MAC, and thanks to generous grants from Ontario Trillium Foundation and Canada Summer Jobs (among others):

- Maria Naqvi, Content Creator (with thanks to Ontario Trillium Foundation)
- Patricia Dolar, Reporter, Arts and Culture (with thanks to Ontario Trillium Foundation)
- Anubhav Singh, Video Editor (with thanks to Canada Summer Jobs)
- Madison Espie, Development Manager (in attendance, starting on August 14, 2023)

4. Review and Approval of April 13, 2022, AGM Minutes

MAC Director **Anna Adams** confirmed that the Minutes from last year's Annual General Meeting had been distributed electronically to all MAC members, and hard copies were available to all in attendance. Minutes from 2022 AGM:

<https://www.mississaugaartscouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/AGM-2022-Minutes.pdf>

She asked for a motion that the reading of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting held on April 13, 2022 via zoom be waived and that the Minutes be approved as distributed.

Motion: That the reading of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting held on April 13, 2022 be waived and that the Minutes be approved as distributed.

Motion: Charles Chu
Second: Wendy Furtenbacher
Outcome: Motion Approved

5. President's Report

Ken Jones delivered the President's Report as follows:

2022 was a year of resurgence, and our annual report highlights MAC's achievements by the numbers. MAC's dynamic staff, still relatively new to each other, took their individual practices to higher levels of impact and benefit.

MAC's popular signature events The MARTYS and The MACsquerade Ball - were both sold out. The public embraced the return of these in-person gatherings, and both evenings were wonderful reunions for the city's arts community to finally gather in person.

The surprisingly good returns from this year's MACsquerade Ball are most promising, setting MAC off on solid footing in 2023 to invest in more new arts projects and initiate more connections between our varied creatives and the residents of Mississauga using MAC's local artist platform, MartysHUB.com.

Bolstered by MAC's Board of Directors, volunteering at the RAMA Gaming Centre by MAC's community members raised over \$50,000 for the MAC MicroGrant program supporting artist-led initiatives.

MAC is very grateful for the strong support of the City of Mississauga and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, together they helped MAC create record-setting opportunities to support artist projects.

MAC saw increased attendance at Cranberry Christmas Market in particular and Beauty of Bees found a beautiful new home in the Streetsville's Pollinator Garden. Sauga Teens Got Talent, Amphitheatre Unplugged, the MediaMakers program in schools, and the entire TD Culture Lab professional development series - all glowed with resurgent interest in this comeback year. Saying it with Flowers featuring visual artists and creative gardening expert Frankie Flowers initiated an exciting new collaboration with Hyatt Place Hotel.

Growing our Murals with MAC program from scratch in 2022, we saw 23 professional artists deliver 28 murals...with more projects underway in 2023.

2022 was a stellar year for Board attendance and increased commitments. Board members developed new policies, covering political activity, conflict of interest, and code of conduct, modernizing MAC governance, while MAC modernized its accounting in line with the speed and security of electronic banking.

MAC's progress along its strategic path has excelled with the adoption of nimble and agile business methods, the wholehearted commitment to digital competency while growing opportunities for artists to work here in their hometown. As MAC currently develops a new three-year strategic plan for 2024-26, we are reflecting on the success of our strategic goals and planning our new trajectory to achieving our vision of Mississauga as a vibrant cultural community where arts and culture thrive.

Thank you for being an important part of MAC's success in 2022 and helping us grow our impact in 2023.

With no questions or comments, Ken Jones asked for a motion to approve the President's Report as presented.

Motion: To approve the President's Report as presented.

Motion: Helen Almeida

Second: Imran Hasan

Outcome: Motion Approved

6. Approval of Audited Statements – January 1 – December 31, 2022

MAC Treasurer, **Charles Chu**, presented the Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements as follows:

My name is Charles Chu and I'm the Treasurer for MAC. Working together with our staff, community, membership and other supporters we have been able to operate and identify ways to bolster artists with full acknowledgement of COVID-19 and its still lingering impact in 2022.

Looking at the bottom line, the excess of revenues over expenditures have seen an unprecedented increase from the prior year and this is due to two reasons.

Firstly, it was because of revenue growth we have enjoyed thanks to increased success with Fundraising efforts related to our supporters at our annual Masquerade Gala who believe in MAC and the cultivation of the arts in Mississauga.

Secondly it was backing that we had received from private individual donations and funders in particular the City of Mississauga and the Ontario Trillium Foundation amongst others.

All this assistance enables MAC to give more to professional creatives and artist-led projects, which raise their profiles and give them the tools to hone their craft in Mississauga. We're excited to direct our surplus into new and exciting MicroGrants and other projects in the upcoming year.

Despite our success this year, we do continue to rely on all of you to help us advocate for the arts, the artists and their works in Mississauga. We look forward to your continued advocacy. Thank you!

You can find a summary of MAC's 2022 Audited financial statements on pages 34 to 36 in the Annual Report. An electronic copy of the Annual Report was sent to all members and is available for download on our website. Hard copies are available for those in attendance this Evening.

Annual Report:

<https://www.mississaugaartscouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/MAC-Annual-Report-2022-Web.pdf>

With no questions or comments about the audited financial statements or treasurer's report, Charles Chu asked for a motion to approve and adopt the 2022 Audited Financial Statements.

Motion: That the 2022 Audited Financial Statements be approved and adopted.

Motion: Anna Adams
Second: Jason Chellew
Outcome: Motion Approved

7. Ratification of the Actions of the Directors

MAC Director, **Jung Ah Kwon**, made a motion to ratify the actions of the directors as follows:

I now hereby move that all acts, contracts, By-Laws, proceedings, appointments, elections, and payments enacted, made, done, and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Mississauga Arts Council since the last Annual Meeting of Members be approved, ratified and confirmed; and insofar as any such corporate proceedings have not been validly enacted, passed, sanctioned, confirmed, authorized or made, the same are hereby for greater certainty enacted, passed, sanctioned, confirmed, authorized or made, with retroactive effect, and in all other respects with the effect stated in the minutes and records of the Mississauga Arts Council.

Motion: To ratify the actions of the directors.

Motion: Jung Ah Kwon
Second: Helen Almeida
Outcome: Motion Approved

8. Board Elections

MAC President **Ken Jones**, announced that he would be stepping down from the Board of Directors into a position on the Advisory Committee this fall. As per the organization's bylaws, he will continue in his role as board president until his successor has been elected.

MAC Director and member of the Human Resources committee **Deta Constantine** thanked Ken for his services to MAC, calling his expertise "treasured" and indicating what a privilege to have him serve on the board of MAC. Deta Constantine then continued with the election of MAC's Board of Directors.

The following Directors are in their second year of a two-term appointment and were not required to stand for election:

- Charles Chu
- Deta Constantine
- Imran Hasan
- Sumeeta Kohli
- Jung Ah Kwon
- Filip Plaskota
- Sarah Rustomji

The following directors are appointed and were not required to stand for election:

- Anna Adams is serving a four year term as our MBOT representative.
- And we would like to welcome our newest board member, our city appointee, Wendy Furtenbacher.

The following Directors are seeking re-election for a 2-year term to the Board:

- Helen Almeida
- Jason Chellew
- Ron Duquette
- Christine Griffin

Deta Constantine moved that the proposed slate of candidates be approved as Directors of the Mississauga Arts Council for the 2023/2024 year.

Motion: That the proposed slate of candidates be approved as Directors of the Mississauga Arts Council for the 2023/2024 year.

Motion: Deta Constantine
Second: Elizabeth Banfalvi
Outcome: Motion Approved

Deta Constantine declared Helen Almeida, Jason Chellew, Ron Duquette, and Christine Griffin as Directors of the Mississauga Arts Council for the 2023/2024 year.

9. Update from MAC Executive Director

MAC Executive Director, **Mike Douglas**, presented an update on MAC's activities in 2023.

Presentation Slides:

https://www.mississaugaartscouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/230802_AGM-Presentation.pdf

10. New Business

MAC President, **Ken Jones**, asked those present to share any questions, comments, and/or new business.

Artists present made known their need for creative space within the City of Mississauga and a discussion was had. MAC noted that with thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of Mississauga, we are undertaking a creative space survey to understand the needs of artists for creative spaces and the available private sector spaces for creative purposes in Mississauga.

Upcoming events were shared including:

- August 3, 2023 - MAC sponsored Writing Workshop led by Kim Cayer at Studio.89
- September 17, 2023 - MAC sponsored Writing Industry Day at Clarke Memorial Hall
- November 30, 2023 - MACsquerade Glam Ball '23 at Le Treport
- December 9, 2023 - Cranberry Christmas Market

11. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Ken Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Mississauga Arts Council.

Motion: To adjourn the Annual General Meeting of Members.

Motion: Anna Adams
Second: Jason Chellew
Outcome: Motion Approved

2023 Annual General Meeting of MAC Members was adjourned at 8:15 PM