



AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting #2-2015

February 11, 2015 7:00 PM

Craig Mather, Chair

1	Motion to Approve Agenda	all	
2	Statements of Conflict of Interest	all	
3	Business Arising from the Previous Minutes (Jan. 14, 2015)	all	
4	Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Jan. 14, 2015)	all	
5	Update from the Executive Director	Laura Schembri	10 min
6	Update from the Executive Committee	Craig Mather	5 min
7	Finance Committee Update	Levon Yazejian	10 min
8	Governance Committee Update	Craig Mather	10 min
9	Joint Initiatives Committee Update	Laura Schembri	5 min
10	Fund Development Update	Laura Schembri	5 min
11	New Business	all	
12	Confirmation of Next Board Meeting - March 4, 2015	all	
13	Motion to Adjourn	all	



Minutes of Meeting

February 11, 2015 #2-2015

Aurora Cultural Centre

Board of Directors

Present Craig Mather Lindsay Ablett
 Levon Yazejian Laura Schembri
 Heidi Franklin Gabi Dragomir
 Mukhlis Mutlag Frank Pulumbarit
 Bonnie Kraft Carol Mather
 Karin Allan

Regrets Eric Acker

Absent Mayor Dawe
 Councillor Abel

1. Motion to approve Agenda

Moved: Carol Mather
Seconded: Heidi Franklin
CARRIED

2. Statement of Conflict of Interest

No Conflict of Interest was reported.

3. Business arising from Previous Minutes (January 14, 2014)

No new business arising from Previous Minutes.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting (January 14, 2014)

Moved: Levon Yazejian
Seconded: Gabi Dragomir
CARRIED

5. Executive Director Update - Laura Schembri

Highlights

Upcoming Concerts –

Great Artist Music Series - March 6, Jue Wang May 1, 2015, 8 pm

John Sheard Presents The Great Reunion Series - Chris Whitely May 2;

Dan Hill June 12, 2015, 8 pm

Judy Marshak Quartet – February 14, 2015, 8 pm

The Aurora Cultural Centre won its section in the Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards and received the *Award of Excellence in Financial Reporting Transparency* for organizations with a budget up to 1 million dollars. The Centre is developing a reputation beyond the borders of Aurora.

The Centre is accredited with SOCAN (Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada). SOCAN deals with the performing rights for live performances, performing arts etc.

January visitation was 2243; up from the 1898 people through our doors in 2014.

Our next Board meeting is 6:30 PM. March 4, 2015. It is a Public Meeting as well, starting at 7 pm

6. Executive Committee Update - Craig Mather

Executive Committee was charged with doing Laura's performance review, Board is involved in that review and will be asked to participate and provide feedback during that review.

Update on the Budget Presentation - Heidi Franklin

Budget Presentation to the Town will be on March 2, 2015 7 pm
All Board members are requested to be present.

7. Finance Committee Update - Levon Yazejian

Financial statements will go to the auditor once Bookkeeper completes accounting this week. All of the Centre's financial information and records will then go to the auditor for review.

8. Governance Committee Update - Mukhlis Mutlag

Policy Review - Levon Yazejian

Governance Committee reviewed Governance Policies, and all other committees' Policies and Standards, as well as the Imagine Canada's requirements. Committee has worked on a new Imagine Canada Tracking sheet for all other committee's to use to make sure we are in compliance with Imagine Canada. The Board is asked to consider Governance Committee proposed recommendations, and for each committee to look at their own Standards and Policies, which is due to Imagine Canada by the end of April. All changes need to be Board Approved first.

The Governance Committee recommends that: The Board recognize the detailed policy review that has been undertaken in accordance with Imagine Canada's standards and asks that it's Committees bring forward their recommendations for changes as soon as possible.

Moved: Levon Yazejian

Seconded: Gabi Dragomir

CARRIED

9. Joint Initiatives Committee Update - Laura Schembri

The committee is in discussion with Town concerning parking issues in our parking lot. The Town will erect signs to say "No Parking 1AM to 7AM" and "Authorized Parking Only".

10. Fund Development Update - Laura Schembri

Meridian will continue to be the Naming Sponsor for Meridian Gallery. In addition they will sponsor three concerts *and* "The Art of Wine" Fundraiser in May.

Apple Suites is now the Naming Sponsor for the Reception Gallery. The will be the sponsor for three years.

Tickets and Posters are now available for the Art of Wine, May 21, 2015 and is sponsored by Meridian. Hosted by Grapebrands, catered by Catherine's Kitchen on Industrial Parkway.

11. New Business

1. Board expressed interest on learning more about art. Suggestion was to have Art Appreciation series and Laura Schembri will look into having an artist come in to do an art presentation.

2. Craig Mather- almost time for a formal request as to whether Directors would like to continue on for 2015-16.

12. Confirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting

March 4, 2014 6:30 pm Public Meeting 7 pm

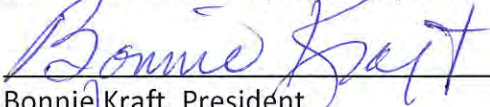
13. Motion to Adjourn 9:00 pm

Moved: Frank Pulumbarit

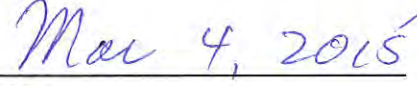
Seconded: Carol Mather

CARRIED

Minutes recorded by Secretary Karin Allan



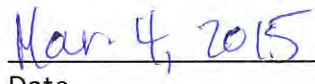
Bonnie Kraft, President



Date



Karin Allan, Secretary



Date



Media Release

For Immediate Release
February 10, 2015

Centre Receives National Honour for Transparency in Financial Reporting *Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards 2014*

Aurora, ON: Canada's most prestigious charitable financial reporting awards program has selected its 2014 winners. The Voluntary Sector Reporting Awards (VSRAs) recently announced five winners from over 140 national and international charities operating in Canada. The Aurora Cultural Centre is pleased to announce that it is one of the five category winners (Ontario-only organizations; total revenues up to \$1 million).

"If you want to know who some of Canada's best charities are, then all you have to do is look at the VSRAs. We honour the best charity annual reporting. These are charities that have excelled at transparency and accountability," said George Boland, Associate Director of the CPA-Queen's Centre for Governance, which organizes the VSRAs every year in partnership with the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

Executive Director Laura Schembri was joined by Board Members Bonnie Kraft (President), Craig Mather (Vice President) and Heidi Franken (Treasurer), along with Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe at the Awards Luncheon on February 6 in Toronto. "We are proud to receive the recognition of the CPA – Queen's Centre for Governance," reports Board President Bonnie Kraft. "This honour recognizes the Board's unwavering approach to transparency and accountability in all areas of the Centre's financial reporting, operations and governance." Centre Executive Director Laura Schembri agrees, saying "I am thrilled that the best practices of our hardworking staff have been so publicly celebrated. This is a ringing endorsement of the Centre's pursuit of excellence."

Now in its seventh year, the VSRAs honour top charities in Ontario, and those across Canada with a significant Ontario presence, in five categories. Judging criteria is based on transparent and easily-understood Audited Financial Statements that are presented in a public Annual Report that fully describes the organization's activities that resulted in the year-end financial standing. The Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting Transparency was accompanied by a cheque for \$5,000. This was the Centre's second year at the national event, having achieved an Honourable Mention status last year.

The Aurora Cultural Centre is an arts, culture and heritage facility located in Aurora's vital downtown heritage core celebrating its fifth anniversary in 2015. A Registered Charity, the Centre is accredited by the Imagine Canada Standards Program. The Aurora Cultural Centre gratefully acknowledges operational funding from the Town of Aurora.

For further information about this Award, please visit: www.annualreportaward.ca

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