

Vancouver Fringe Theatre Society
Annual General Meeting 2023 - Minutes
Meeting: 14 August 2023 at 6:00 pm via Zoom

1. Welcome – President and Board Chair

Leslie Carty welcomed members to the 2023 Annual General Meeting and introduced the current Board of Directors.

a. Land Acknowledgement

Leslie provided a land acknowledgement.

2. Appointment of Meeting Chair

Carl Nohr was appointed as Chair of the meeting. Carl is a professional registered parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians.

3. Adoption of Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th edition was adopted, with additional special rules for electronic meetings.

4. Establishment of Meeting Quorum

The Chair confirmed that the quorum of 10 voting members was present.

5. Approval of Agenda

No amendments to the agenda were proposed.

Motion: to approve the agenda provided in advance of the meeting.

Motion passed.

6. Approval of Minutes from the 2022 AGM

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the 2022 AGM.

Motion Passed.

7. Receive President's Report

Leslie provided a brief update and expressed appreciation for those that are members of the Society and those that volunteer their time with the organization. She commended the new Transparency Report and invited the Executive Director, Duncan Watts-Grant, to comment on the Report.

The floor was opened to questions, and the President responded to questions on governance and hiring processes. The Executive Director responded to questions on his experience in arts administration, his vision for creative partnerships and supporting emerging artists and the challenge of moving to year round programming.

The written President's Report will be filed as received.

8. Receive 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements

Lee-Lynn Gann, Treasurer of the Society, provided a report on the Society's 2022-23 fiscal year audited financial statements and briefly discussed financial challenges faced by most arts organizations post-COVID and financial objectives for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

The Statements will be filed as received.

9. Appointment of the Auditor for 2023-2024

Motion: To appoint Enns & Company as the Auditor for the Society to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and to authorize the directors of the Society to fix the remuneration to be paid to the Auditor.

Moved by Lee-Lynn Gann – Seconded by Leslie Carty – *Motion passed.*

10. Election of Directors

Motion: To elect Robb Beggs, Hassan Pardawalla and Ally Schuurman and re-elect Lee Lynn Gann as Directors of the Society for terms of two years.

Motion Passed.

11. Other Business

There was no other business. Carl offered closing remarks.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.