



Kindle Arts Society

Annual General Meeting

November 25, 2018

Time: 12:45 (doors at 12:10)

Location: Fisgard Forum

Board of Directors members in attendance: **4**

Total number of Kindle Arts Society membership as of Nov 25, 2018: **305**

Number of members in attendance at AGM (including Board members): **34**

Number of guests / non-member community: **0**

Quorum met? Yes (*quorum = 5% of total membership*)

Chair: Fletcher H.

Secretary: Esha W.

12:45 Meeting called to order

Verify quorum, review AGM meeting rules

12:55 - 1:45 Director's Reports

- Chair's Report - Fletcher
- Summary of Board Goals from 2017 AGM/Town Hall - Esha
- Report on 2018 Director's Strategic Planning Retreat - Esha
- Communications co-Directors' Report - Esha and Amara
- Co-Chair's Report - Liam
- Treasurer's Report - Jackie

1:45 - 1:55 [Break]

1:55 - 2:30 Questions to 2017-2018 Board

1. What exactly does the new Regional Liaison position mean?

The position liaises with other regional interactive art organizations and reports to the board on any potential for collaboration. Esha adds update from Amara on ongoing discussion with GVIAS re: potential art grants cooperation.

2. Will Laketown contract be available?

Co-Chair responds that contract will be shared with members once finalized.

3. Are all 2018 art grant cheques sent out?

Treasurer responds: Not yet, but will be by end of year.

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2:30 - Nominations for new Board Members

DISCUSSION about number of directors on Board.

- Member says since each board reports that there is more work to be done than capacity exists within the board, so increasing number of board members from 5 to 7 could help with workload.
- Member says increasing number of board members is counterproductive because it makes scheduling board meetings among volunteers more difficult and otherwise complicates decision making processes.
- Member adds that the mandate of the last few boards, and intention of the community from 2017 Town Hall, has been to increase the Society's capacity to accomplish Society's goals by decentralizing decision-making processes and growing leadership capacity in our community outside of the Board of Directors (Kindle Arts Teams, projects, and other non-event focussed community groups).

MOTION to increase number of Board Directors from 5 to 7. Motion failed.

DISCUSSION about self-nominations and consent culture.

- Member says that the Society's 11th principle, consent, is not reflected in the practice of nominating others without their permission, and so only self-nominations should be allowed during this AGM vote.
- Member says that ideally, those nominating others should ask beforehand if nominee is comfortable being publicly nominated. Acknowledges that unwanted or unexpected nominations can feel blindsiding and manipulative.
- Member says that there is value in nominations, even if unexpected. Points out that 2 of previous 5 board members were nominated unexpectedly, and had a positive experience with the nomination process. The nature of nominations is that they can be refused, which is consent in practice.
- Member says that consent seems to only be an issue if someone not present is nominated and cannot refuse, queries whether anyone plans to nominate an absent member. No one so plans (and members who wish to run without attending must self-nominate in advance in writing).

MOTION to only allow self-nominations for this AGM only. Motion failed.

- All agree that, as far as possible, any nominations should only be made after consulting in private with the potential nominee.

Chair reads nominations and voting procedures.

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Fletcher self-nominates
Liam self-nominates
Jaclyn self-nominates
Allister self-nominates
Jeff K. self-nominates
Jane nominated Milka (with consent)
Lorne self-nominates

All nominees introduce themselves briefly - 2min each.

Voting

Votes are collected by Election Tellers (Esha & Megan), who then recess to count votes.

Presentation by BM Regional Contacts (RCs) while Votes Counted

Voting Results

Only 5 of 7 nominees got more than 50% of votes: Fletcher, Jackie, Liam, Allister, Camille

3:15pm - Adjournment for Town Hall discussions