



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
March 29, 2017
OWN Co-op, 115 The Esplanade**

Present

Suzanne Kavanagh (President)
Cherril Baker
Debra Corey (Treasurer)
Catherine Limbertie
Marcus Little

Apologies

Call to Order and Opening of Meeting

Suzanne Kavanagh

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Lori Lytle was appointed as recording secretary. Amendment to Agenda: due to illness, the presentation by Clyde Wagner was moved to the beginning of the schedule, followed by regular business.

1.0 Guest Speaker – Clyde Wagner, CEO and President, Civic Theatres Toronto

Clyde Wagner became the first CEO and President of Civic Theatres Toronto in January 2017. He discussed the amalgamation process of the three theatres concerned (Sony Centre, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, and the Toronto Centre for the Arts), explaining that the restructuring would create one organization that operates all three buildings. He emphasized that the goal of this amalgamation is to maximize the potential for the three buildings as welcoming, innovative and creative spaces that serve and reflect the needs of the city of Toronto.

Mr. Wagner talked about the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts specifically as a space that is underutilized and operating at a low 35% capacity. Civic Theatres Toronto is evaluating how to optimize the building's use as a creative space that is more accessible to the public, in the short term and also the much longer term.

His presentation concluded with a question and answer period, mainly focused on the issue of community/neighbourhood involvement with the theatre spaces. Mr. Wagner explained the importance of community engagement while staying within budget, and emphasized that the spaces belong to the community, and residents need to take ownership and bring their ideas to him.

2.0 Approval of the AGM Agenda

It was **moved** to approve the Agenda for the AGM. The Agenda was **ACCEPTED**.

MOVED BY: Cherril Baker
SECONDED BY: Sharon McMillan

3.0 Approval of AGM Minutes from March 30, 2016

It was moved to approve the Minutes of the Delegates' Annual General Meeting held on March 30, 2016. The motion was **CARRIED**.

MOVED BY: Dan O'Leary
SECONDED BY: Wally Simpson

4.0 Treasurer's Report

Debra Corey

Debra Corey, Treasurer, reviewed the draft of the Association's financial statements. Expenses of \$24,184 went to community donations, including \$20,000 to Heritage Toronto, as well as to other special events. The project costs of \$1,917 included gardening expenses and the senior's TV, and the Office and General costs of \$1,388 included marketing, as well as building and hosting the new SLNA website. The year-end balance is \$25,570.

The previous auditors declined doing an audit this year, therefore a new auditor will be sought and information will be reported when available.

4.1 Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report

It was **moved** to accept the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2016 as circulated. All those voting were in favour and the motion was **CARRIED**.

MOVED BY: Toby Tenenbaum
SECONDED BY: Kathryn Cymbalisty

5.0 Nominating Report and Election of Board of Directors

Marcus Little

There are currently 5 openings on the Board. Marcus Little announced the nominations

as follows: Richard Anobile, Kathryn Cymbalisky, Sharon McMillan, Toby Tenenbaum and Elisabete Way.

The floor was opened to nominations. Jacquie Williams was nominated by Cherril Baker, and she accepted and was added to the ballot. Zoe Brown was nominated by Catherine Limbertie, and she declined, expressing an interest in joining Committees at this time instead. Nominations were closed, candidates each had two minutes to introduce themselves, and the vote was conducted. Brian McElwain, Dan O'Leary and Chris Conrad acted as scrutineers.

5.1 Election Results

Marcus Little

Marcus Little announced new Board Members as:

- Richard Anobile (1-year term)
- Kathryn Cymbalisky (3-year term)
- Sharon McMillan (3-year term)
- Toby Tenenbaum (2-year term)
- Elisabete Way (1-year term)

6.0 President's Report

Suzanne Kavanagh

Suzanne Kavanagh provided highlights for 2016. Guest speakers at meetings included:

- Representative from West Don Lands
- Representative from Toronto's First Post Office
- Representative from Waste Management
- Dulce Gomes representing the Toronto Public Library

It was noted that Association members have been involved in work related to the founding of Waterfront for All, and that representatives regularly attended meetings for the Gardiner Environmental Assessment, the West Don Lands, and the St. Lawrence Market Precinct Advisory Committee. The SLNA also supported the naming of Reg Taylor Way. Suzanne Kavanagh mentioned that she will appear as a witness in the Licensing Tribunal for the Rebel night club.

The SLNA donation to Heritage Toronto supported four historical plaques, marking the "Original Ten Blocks of the City", 17 Toronto Street, the Young People's Theatre, and the cholera epidemic in St. James Park.

Suzanne Kavanagh announced that the new SLNA website will be going live on Friday, March 31, 2017 at www.slna.ca. She asked members to help with editing the site, and encouraged them to add to the Event Calendar.

7.0 Volunteer Recognition

Dulce Gomes was thanked for her service and presented with a Volunteer Recognition Certificate. Two retiring Board members, Catherine Limbertie and Debra Corey (Treasurer) were thanked for their service and each presented with a token of appreciation.

8.0 **Adjournment**

It was **moved** that the meeting be adjourned. All those voting were in favour and the motion was **CARRIED**.

MOVED BY: **Dan O’Leary**

Secretary

President