



Windsor Endowment for the Arts

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes

Date: November 12, 2009 @ 6:00 PM

Location: Tsunami Glassworks Inc. & Suede Productions

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** Eva Milinkovic, Director and owner of Tsunami Glassworks Inc. welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended an invitation to observe the glassblowing demonstrations throughout the evening. Eva introduced Leona MacIntyre, Director who would act as Mcee for the evening.
2. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm with Leona MacIntyre, Vice President in the chair.
3. **Call for Quorum** – A quorum was confirmed with 21 members and 60 guests in attendance.
4. **Approval of Agenda – (Copy Attached)**

MOTION: MOVED BY JOHN LAYCOCK , SECONDED BY EVA MILINKOVIC
TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED

5. **Presidents Message (Copy Attached)**

MOTION: MOVED BY NADIA BECHIRIAN-TISEO, SECONDED BY RANDY FRABOTTA
TO RATIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2009. CARRIED

6. **Minutes of the 2008 AGM – (Copy Attached)**

MOTION: MOVED BY PINA CIOTOLI, SECONDED BY PHYLLIS LEWIS, TO APPROVE
THE MINUTES OF THE 2008 AGM AS PRESENTED, WITH THE FOLLOWING
AMENDMENT:

It was noted that a change in Auditors was approved by the Board of Directors during the year to
the firm of Collins Barrow Windsor LLP.

CARRIED

7. **Finance Report** – Presented by Denise Hrastovec, CA, Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants

MOTION: MOVED BY NANCY NICHOLSON, SECONDED BY NADIA BECHIRIAN-
TISEO, TO APPROVE THE FINANCE REPORT AS PRESENTED. CARRIED

8. **Appointment of the Auditor**

MOTION: MOVED BY JENNIFER ESCOTT, SECONDED BY RANDY FRABOTTA,
TO APPOINT THE FIRM OF COLLINS BARROW WINDSOR LLP FOR THE YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2010. CARRIED

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9. **Election of 2010 Board of Directors**

Introduction of the proposed Board of Directors for 2009-2010.

President	Carolynne Rourke
Vice President	Leona MacIntyre
Secretary	Patricia Lewis
Treasurer	Nancy Nicholson
Financial Advisor	Arthur Weingarden
Director	Pina Ciotoli
Director	Jennifer Escott
Director	Nadia Bechirian-Tieso
Director	Eva Milinkovic
Director	Randy Frabotta
Director	Heather Nash – LOA
Friend of WEA	John Laycock

MOTION: MOVED BY MAGGIE ACHESON, SECONDED BY PHYLLIS LEWIS,
TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2009-2010, AS PRESENTED
CARRIED

10. **By Law Amendments** - The proposed by-law amendments were circulated with an explanation for the change. (Attached)

MOTION: MOVED BY PINA CIOTOLI, SECONDED BY PATRICIA LEWIS,
TO APPROVE THE BY-LAW AMENDMENTS AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED

SOCIAL PORTION OF THE MEETING

Introduction of Pina Ciotoli, Director, who invited all those in attendance to enjoy the balance of the evening, refreshments, glass blowing demonstrations, and the Art Alley leading to Suede Productions, where the Guest Speaker, former Music Director of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra, Susan Haig would make her presentation. Jennifer Escott,, Director, and volunteer Cristian Palameta, acted as host and hostess for the Art Alley walk to Suede Productions Studio.

Presentation of WEA's new community program: Carolynne Rourke, President, presented the new Arts Leadership Awards and Grants program to be launched in the fall of 2010. Informational Brochures on the new program were available with the full document to be posted on the web site.

Pina Ciotoli, Director, introduced John Morris Russell, Music Director of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra who spoke on the importance of arts and culture in the community. John introduced Susan Haig, whose presentation titled "*Ensuring the Conditions for Creativity*" was well received by the audience and followed by a question and answer period.

Carolynne Rourke thanked Susan Haig for her presentation and ended the evening with closing remarks including a special thank you to Jason Smith, a former Board Director, who was instrumental in bringing Windsor Endowment for the Arts to the attention of a major anonymous donor whose generosity changed WEA's directions.