



## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Folk Music Ontario

Westin Bristol Place, Mississauga, ON

Saturday, October 17, 2015

10:30am to 12:00pm EST

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The President, Alex Sinclair assumed the chair and the Secretary, Amie Therrien acted as the Secretary of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am ET. Alex Sinclair declared that quorum was met.

***MOTION:*** Moved by David Newland and seconded by Jennifer Ives that the agenda be accepted. ***Motion Carried.***

#### 2. Approval of 2014 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the October 18, 2014 AGM of Folk Music Ontario were distributed via paper copy to members during the meeting and were approved as distributed.

***MOTION:*** Moved by Dan Greenwood and seconded by Coco Love Alcorn that the 2014 AGM Minutes be approved. ***Motion Carried.***

#### 3. President's Report

The President's Report was presented in the printed 2015 conference program distributed to all conference delegates as well as verbally presented by Alex Sinclair. The verbal presentation included:

- The FMO Equality Statement recently approved by the Board
- That the financial status of FMO is continuing to improve
- That FMO has a broad slate of events year round including the annual conference, festivals retreat, songwriters events, youth mentorship program, art beat, export development program, pan am games/union summer, showcases in ottawa
- Thank you to board members whose terms are expiring: Scott Merrifield, Shawna Caspi who are not returning and Kathy Partridge and Jan Cody who are running again

**MOTION:** Moved by Hal Brolund and seconded by Grit Laskin that the President's Report be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

#### 4. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's Report was presented in the printed 2015 conference program distributed to all conference delegates as well as verbally presented by Alka Sharma, FMO Executive Director. The verbal presentation included:

- Conference registrations comparable to last year at 740 delegates
- Current membership numbers: 305 individuals, 36 Ontario organizations, 14 Non-Ontario organizations , 28 festivals
- Festival Retreat: 16 festivals 25 attendees
- New and upcoming events include Ontario Scene by NAC, Union Summer, Megaphono, APCM – songwriters event and another one in Sudbury

**MOTION:** Moved by Bill Garrett and seconded by Bob LeDrew that the Executive Director's Report be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

#### 5. Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements

The Treasurer's Report was presented verbally by Jan Cody and the audited financial statements were included in the printed 2015 conference program and sent by earlier email to all members. The verbal report included:

- A five year deficit reduction plan began after a \$107,000 deficit was recorded in 2013, which was reduced to \$86,000 in 2014, and to \$57,000 in 2015.
- Thank you to our admin and ED efforts for continued cost savings while also delivering and to increasing high quality programming and for increasing revenue through funder support
- Please note year over year comparison of 2015 to 2014 within this year's report, shows a full 12 months for 2015 against a partial 9 month year for 2014 explaining almost all year over year differences. The year end change was confirmed to members the previous year, to ensure revenues and expenses will now be recorded in the year that activity takes place.
- Looking forward with a Revenue Generation committee now formed, the focus is new revenue to achieve the 5 year deficit plan

**MOTION:** Moved by Eve Goldberg and seconded by Dave Newland that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

#### 6. Appointment of Auditors for Fiscal year Ending March 31, 2016

**MOTION:** Moved by Malcolm Byard and seconded by Kenneth Bruce MacGregor that David Burke Auditing Firm be appointed as the auditors for fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. **Motion Carried.**

**7. Strategic Planning Committee Report**

Kathy Partridge, chair of the FMO Strategic Planning Committee verbally presented the 2015-2020 FMO Strategic Plan supported by the report projected on a screen.

**ACTION ITEM:** Amie Therrien and Kathy Partridge to work with staff to craft a message to let members know how they can help including joining committees as well as helping with FMO events in their local area.

**8. New Business**

No new business was presented.

**9. Adjournment to Awards Brunch**

Alex Sinclair declared the meeting adjourned on Oct 17, 2015 @ 11:36am to be called back to order at the Awards Brunch.

**10. Election of Directors**

Meeting was called back to order by Alex Sinclair on Oct 18, 2015 @ 10:40am. Shawna Caspi, Chair of the FMO Nominating Committee announced that the Board members elected by the membership were:

- Jan Cody (returning)
- Andy Frank
- Max Merrifield
- Kathy Partridge (returning)

**MOTION:** Moved by Nicole Colbeck and seconded by David Warren that the election results be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hal Brolund and seconded by David Warren that the ballots be destroyed. **Motion Carried.**

**11. Adjournment**

Alex Sinclair declared the meeting adjourned on Oct 18, 2015 at 10:43 am. The next regular meeting will be held during the 2016 Annual Conference and AGM.



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Amie Therrien, Secretary  
FOLK MUSIC ONTARIO

Oct 22, 2016

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Date of Approval