



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Folk Music Ontario

Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel & Suites, Toronto, ON

Saturday, September 29, 2018

10:30am ET

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The President, Katharine Partridge assumed the chair and the Secretary, Amie Therrien acted as the Secretary of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am ET. Katharine Partridge declared that notice of meeting was sent out in a timely fashion per the organization's bylaws and that quorum was met.

Jan Cody requested that an item be added to vote on the proposed bylaw amendments. Item added as 6a.

Preetam Sengupta requested that an item be added to introduce the candidates in the board election. Item was added as 6b.

MOTION: Moved by David Warren and seconded by Shawna Caspi that the agenda be accepted as amended. ***Motion Carried.***

Christa Couture read the land acknowledgement. Preetam Sengupta performed an opening song.

2. Approval of 2017 AGM Minutes

Draft minutes of the October 21, 2017 AGM of Folk Music Ontario were distributed online via the Folk Music Ontario website and in the printed 2018 conference program.

MOTION: Moved by Preetam Sengupta and seconded by Rachel Barreca that the 2017 AGM Minutes be approved. ***Motion Carried.***

3. President's Report

The President's Report was presented in the printed 2018 conference program distributed to all conference delegates as well as verbally presented by Katharine Partridge.

4. **Executive Director's Report**

The Executive Director's Report was presented in the printed 2018 conference program distributed to all conference delegates as well as verbally presented by Alka Sharma, FMO Executive Director.

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

FMO Treasurer Dave Cool presented a verbal report on FMO's financial status including the audited financial statements that were included in the printed 2018 conference program and sent by earlier email to all members.

Member questions:

Q: How is this year's conference shaping up financially compared to underperforming conferences in the past few years? The board acknowledged that registrations were at 622 and that there was a task force to investigate options for the conference model and changes recommended will be implemented next year.

Q: Are there provisions in the contract with the conference hotel to account for the disruption due to protesting hotel workers? The Executive Director acknowledged that this will be discussed with the hotel.

Q: How does reducing the conference by one day help revenues? The Executive Director clarified that it will reduce expenses and that the regional year round activities are expected to add additional revenue.

Q: Have the short term loans from board members been paid off? The board confirmed that they have.

Q: Has there been consideration for changes to provincial funding sources that may occur due to the new Ontario government? The board acknowledged that it will affect the organization and that advocacy work was being done by the FMO Advocacy Committee as well as Music Canada Live.

MOTION: Moved by Malcolm Byard and seconded by Glen McFarlane that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted. Motion Carried.

6. **Appointment of Auditors for Fiscal year Ending March 31, 2019**

MOTION: Moved by Brigid Wilkinson and seconded by Malcolm Byard that David Burke Auditing Firm be appointed as the auditors for fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. Motion Carried.

6a. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

The proposed bylaw amendments were distributed via email to members in a timely fashion in advance of the AGM and were presented verbally by Janice Cody.

MOTION: *Moved by Glen McFarlane and seconded by Nicole Colbeck that the proposed amendment to item 13.01.00 to accurately reflect the organization's current year end date of March 31st be approved. **Motion Carried.***

MOTION: *Moved by Kate Urqhart and seconded by Max Merrifield that the proposed amendment to item 6.11.00 to accurately reflect FMO's current and future voting processes to include electronic submission be approved. **Motion Carried.***

MOTION: *Moved by Shawna Caspi and seconded by Alex Mallett that the proposed amendment to item 4.05.00 to accurately reflect the organization's current practices for calculating a quorum for attendance at board meetings in alignment with the Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act be approved. **Motion Carried.***

6b. Introduction of FMO Board Election Nominees

The candidates running for the board were introduced by Preetam Sengupta as:

- Richard Henderson
- Emma Jane Julien
- Max Merrifield (incumbent)
- Tim Des Islet
- Syma Shah

7. New Business

The board was asked to consider engaging youth membership in governance.

Regarding the protest of workers at the conference hotel, a member encouraged everyone to show support perhaps by playing songs for the workers. The board was also asked to use their influence to put pressure on the hotel to resolve the dispute and to request compensation or to negotiate reduced fees for the 2019 conference.

The board was asked to consider reviewing the dates that the conference is held as it was felt that there were a significant number of people from the agent community who may have been pulled away by POP Montreal, which is happening on the same weekend. The Executive Director noted that the conference was scheduled as it was in 2018 to avoid conflicts with WOMEX and English Folk Expo.

8. **Adjournment to Awards Brunch**

Katharine Partridge called the meeting adjourned on Sep 29, 2018 at 11:39 am to be called back to order at the Awards Brunch.

9. **Election of Directors**

The meeting was called back to order by Katharine Partridge on Sep 30, 2018 at 10:49 am. Preetam Sengupta announced that the Board members elected by the membership were:

- Max Merrifield (returning)
- Emma Jane Julien
- Syma Shah
- Tim Des Islet

MOTION: *Moved by Treasa Levasseur and seconded by Eve Goldberg that the election results be accepted. **Motion Carried.***

MOTION: *Moved by Alex Sinclair and seconded by Nicole Rochefort that the ballots be destroyed. **Motion Carried.***

10. **Adjournment**

Katharine Partridge declared the meeting adjourned on Sep 30, 2018 at 10:53 am. The next regular meeting will be held during the 2019 Annual Conference in Mississauga, Ontario.



Amie Therrien, Secretary
FOLK MUSIC ONTARIO

September 28, 2019

Date of Approval