



Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
1:00 pm, Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Liane Gayler, Maura Sharkey-Pryma, Robert Klakowich, Carol Mellors, Dan Sutherland, Reinhard Berg, Lary Benson, Elizabeth Grigaitis

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda: moved by Carol, seconded by Liane. Carried.
2. Approval of Minutes from the 2019 AGM: moved by Liane, seconded by Lary. Carried.
3. Financial Report
 - a) Presentation of balance sheet
 - Current balance: \$1,053.60
 - It was difficult to collect membership fees for the 2020-21 year due to the lockdown. Usually faculty have the opportunity to make cash or cheque payments to AIMTAC through the Conservatory office when returning their signed contracts in June. However, this year faculty submitted their contracts online. As a result, paying AIMTAC dues was not easily done. There are currently only 3 paid members of AIMTAC. Dan has the list of membership.
 - Question raised: is there a way for faculty to pay membership dues by e-transfer?
 - Dan moves to adopt the financial report as presented, Liane seconds. Carried.
 - b) Appointment of auditor for 2020
 - Robert moves that Carol will be auditor next year. Liane seconds. Carried.
 - c) Current scholarship funds: \$2708.85
 - approximately \$800 raised at the benefit concert in March
 - the current balance of scholarship funds is higher than usual because there was no spring festival and therefore no scholarships were granted this year
4. Acting President's report
 - This past academic year was divided into two periods: pre- and post-pandemic

- The focus of the pre-pandemic period was organization of the Scholarship Benefit Concert which took place on March 1st in Muttart Hall. The concert was well attended and a resounding success! The program featured scholarship winners, faculty, and guests, including the YEGWQ wind quintet.
- The pandemic brought all activity for the second half of the year to a halt.
- All further projects such as workshops, social events, and other fundraising was put on hold. There was no spring festival and thus no spring scholarships were granted.
- Teachers had to adapt and transition to other methods of instruction. Some teachers have found this challenging while others have easily innovated and adapted to online teaching.
- The Conservatory adopted a new business model in response to MacEwan's new budget during the pandemic period. Teachers are now responsible for collecting tuition payments directly from students. The Program Coordinator position was eliminated along with a lot of the typical programs the Conservatory would run during the year, particularly summer events which would attract students province-wide.
- A present concern for AIMTAC is a recent decline in membership. According to AIMTAC's by-laws, membership includes all teachers contracted by the Conservatory, and that anyone who wishes to opt out must especially state this intention on their contract. Currently the contract states: "Do you wish to join AIMTAC - yes or no?" By signing the contract, teachers have already joined. This must be reflected in a new contract wording so the initiative to opt out resides with the teacher.
- After some thirteen years of being on the AIMTAC executive in various roles, including five or six years as editor of the AIMTAC Advisor newsletter, the acting president will be stepping down this year.
- Robert moves to adopt the acting president's report, Carol seconds. Carried
- Many thanks to Robert for his significant contribution to the AIMTAC executive over the years!

5. AIMTAC Mission Statement

Motion: The Association of Independent Music Teachers at Alberta College adopts the following as its official mission statement:

The Association of Independent Music Teachers at Alberta College (AIMTAC) is the advocative body within the Conservatory of Music that works with administration to address the needs and interests of its members. Respecting the Conservatory's long and distinguished history, the Association promotes a collegial environment conducive to an exceptional music teaching and learning experience.

- Robert moves to adopt the official mission statement as written, Carol seconds. Carried.

6. Election of Officers 2020-2021

2019-2020 Officers:

President:	vacant
Vice President:	Robert Klakowich
Secretary:	Elizabeth Grigaitis
Treasurer:	Dan Sutherland
Directors-at-large:	Carol Mellors Geraldine Haythorne Reinhard Berg Karen McNaughton Echo Mazur Liane Gayler

Nominees 2019-2020

President:	
Vice President:	
Secretary:	Elizabeth Grigaitis
Treasurer:	Dan Sutherland
Members at large:	Carol Mellors Geraldine Haythorne Reinhard Berg

Further nominations

- Robert nominates Maura as president, Lary seconds
- Carol nominates herself as vice president
- Carol moves nominations cease

a) Adoption of Officers 2020-2021

- Robert moves to adopt the above candidates. Liane seconds. Candidates voted in unanimously.
- A warm welcome to Maura!
- Robert steps down and Maura chairs the remainder of the meeting as the new president.

b) Thank you to outgoing Executive

- Thank you to Liane, Echo, and Karen for their contributions the last year. Liane had to step back mid-season. Echo and Karen will be stepping back for the 2020-21 season. Wishing them all the best!
- Big thank-you to Robert for his contribution to the executive, especially in stepping up in recent times to chair the meetings the past year and a half while the presidency was vacant. You will be missed!

7. Tentative date for Scholarship Benefit Concert: March 21, 2021

- This is a tentative date at this point and will need to be reconsidered at a later time
- Concerns: the concert may need to be scaled back, consideration for social distancing, possibility of livestream...
- Possibility of inviting fall scholarship winners and faculty volunteers to perform. (No spring scholarship winners to ask this time due to cancelation of spring festival.)

8. Other initiatives

a) PD workshops?

b) Zoom check-ins?

c) Other ideas?

- What are faculty interested in?
- Possibility of one or two PD workshops - can be held online (Ron?)
- Currently Conservatory is already offering Zoom faculty check-ins
- Can be further discussed at upcoming executive meeting

9. Concerns, questions

- Membership numbers and wording of contract
- Dues: can we collect by e-transfer? Dan will look into this possibility.
- List of new executive members and their e-mail addresses to send to Faye for inclusion in the Friday newsletter along with reminder to pay membership dues
- Mailing address: Concern that we may need to go back to having an executive member use their personal address since it is not possible to use the Conservatory as AIMTAC's mailing address.

10. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Date of next executive meeting is Tuesday, November 3 at 1:00 p.m.