

August 2nd, 2020

Board attendees:

Holden Wall (chair)

Amanda Eagleson

Leslie Stark

Staff:

Carol Shillibeer

Laura Beatrice Covaza

Colleen Brown

Joseph Dandurand

Regrets:

Guests:

Meeting Began: 14:05

Meeting End: 16:15

Motions:

Motion to Approve Minutes July 5th meeting made by Holden Amanda Seconded. Motion Carried

Action Items:

1. Amanda to contact Linda Sum again for a more accurate estimate of policy review in terms of time
2. Amanda to contact Naomi Gracechild to see if meet current criteria to work with on a diversity audit
3. Holden to make changes (strikethroughs etc) to the Policy Manual to reflect recent changes after the AGM (and to include 'comments' with the date/reason for change)
4. Holden to contact Rabbit and discuss a review of the pride event

5. Whole board to come up with a list of names (12 ideally) to reach out to regarding contributing blog posts
6. Entire board to get back to Colleen with input regarding hullabaloo
7. Holden to start (and whole board to contribute) anonymous community facing forum for recommendations regarding interim board members
8. Amanda to have a quick message (zoom call meeting) regarding the membership lists (eventually we can discuss software set-up)
9. Entire board needs to consider slammaster hiring practices
10. Board to provide Colleen with Hamber Grant feedback/direction
11. Introductions to Max Sumner to be made by Colleen
 - *Moes payment needs to be added to the payment registrar*

14:04: Meeting Called to Order

Agenda Item 1:

Holden: Land acknowledgment

I want to acknowledge I am on the unceded Indigenous land belonging to the Musqueam, Skwxú7mesh, and Tsleil-Waututh People and ask that we consider the various traditional lands on which we do our meeting today and recognize the colonial violence which brought non-indigenous people to these lands

Amanda Compassion Acknowledgement:

Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”— Martin Luther King, Jr

Rest of Agenda Item 1 and Agenda Item to held until Leslie can get to a place where she can fully participate (with a mic) to cast votes.

Skip to Agenda Item 3:

Colleen presents the Arts Admin Report (link below)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MOMOxebdAOCMswdXx9tOzyiRxllf3Q2Dh8Rhk1D788g/edit>

Report Highlights Discussed:

- Hamber application this year. If accepted a reasonable expectation of the size of the grant would be \$5,000. I would like to focus this application on supporting a second partnership with a youth organization to follow the Broadway youth partnership.
- BCAC, due September 30
- Along with our new Financial Coordinator, Laura we have also contracted Dana, Tessa and Moe for curriculum development during July and August. More on curriculum development in programming.
- (Action Item) Board needs to consider hiring process for Slammaster
- Went over programming (mashed/Lillian Allen/Writers Fest)
- [PosAbilities](#)
- 3 Education Programs in Planning Stages
- Worry expressed regarding Hullabaloo. Free All-Star Slam idea? Action Item for board to provide input on this
- PAARC info
- “The Community Arts Council currently has one of the most thoughtful programs for spoken word artists that I have seen during the pandemic.” (not surprising given their excellent staff)
--Can we find time to discuss ways of honour aspects of our slam roots in new ways?

Return to Agenda Item 1

All action items from last board meeting were AGM related (with the exception of Joseph reaching out to Leslie regarding his book for auction). All action items completed.

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Agenda Item 2

Laura introduced and a meeting between Carol Leslie and Laura arranged.

Agenda Item 4

Max has extensive HR background which could prove very useful in shaping VPH's HR practice. Action Item for Colleen to make introductions with the board.

Regarding board recruitment Holden brought up the great idea of creating an anonymous community facing forum for recommendations regarding interim board members. Action Item for Holden to create community forum.

Action item for Amanda to arrange a zoom meeting with Colleen regarding membership tracking.

Agenda Item 5

Amanda presents idea of using the already existing platform of the website to let writers write about their (or other) poetry events/performances/poets/poems. Increasing community members going to the site as this will increase shares for writers featured. Holden to talk to Rabbit about

writing about the Pride event with VSO. Entire board to think of community members to reach out to regarding blog posts.

Agenda Item 6

Regarding Auction. Leslie to meet with Joseph. Joseph to provide books for auction. Amanda to meet with Leslie and sort chapbook bundles. Action item for leslie_stark@vancouverpoetryhouse.com to contact Leia regarding inputting rest of auction items to the auction site. (should be able to have up and going mid-month).

Agenda Item 7

Regarding Work Plan and Diversity Audit and Policy Review. Amanda to contact Naomi Gracechild regarding if we meet the criteria for diversity audit. Amanda to get in touch with Linda Sum again regarding a narrower price estimate for a policy review.

Agenda Item 8

Follow-up on AGM vote results. Holden had questions regarding the reflection of the policy changes. Action Item for Holden to make changes to policy manual and note reason and date in comments.

Meeting ends at 16:15