



2016 AGM Minutes
Saskatchewan Music Festival Association, Annual General Meeting
Swift Current, Days Inn Banquet Room
October 29, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by President Nancy Toppings.

Tammy Villeneuve, accompanied by Kari Mitchell led the singing of O Canada. This was followed by a moment of silence in memory of volunteers and committee members who have passed away.

Nancy Toppings appointed Wendy Thienes as recording secretary.

Motion: to accept the agenda as circulated
Karen MacCallum/Carmen Ledding CARRIED

The roll call was conducted by Karen MacCallum. Representatives from the following District Festivals were present: Assiniboia, Battlefords, Biggar, Borderland, Carnduff, Eston, Humboldt, Kindersley, Lafleche, Maple Creek, Meadow Lake, Regina, Rosetown, Sask Valley, Saskatoon, Shaunavon, Swift Current, Twin Rivers, Vanguard, Watrous.

Karen MacCallum noted that there are two 3-year Board positions to be filled. Two nominations have been made: Bonnie Nicholson (Saskatoon) and Michael Lyngstad (Swift Current). Karen called for further nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

The minutes of the 2015 AGM as recorded in the Annual Report were presented.

Motion: that the minutes be approved as circulated
Carmen Ledding/Linda Swab CARRIED

Business Arising

Karen Unger presented the auditor's report as printed on p.67 of the Annual Report.

Motion: to accept the auditor's report
Karen Unger/Kelly Stein CARRIED

Motion: to appoint Marcia Herback as Auditor for the 2016-2017 fiscal year
Sandra Senga/Joanne Meszaros CARRIED

Total Assets for 2015: \$617,133
Total Liabilities: \$120,259
Net Assets: \$496,874

Karen MacCallum made the 2nd call for nominations from the floor. None were received.



Nancy Toppings presented an overview of the 2016 Annual Reports. She also gave a brief report on Nationals stating that Saskatchewan had the largest team ever to go to National Festival.

Correction on page 52 District Festival Stats: Sask Valley entries should read 214 not 114.

Motion: to adopt annual report as corrected.

David Sproule/Dianne Moss CARRIED

Motion: to ratify the motions of the board from the past fiscal year

Carmen Ledding/Heather Macnab CARRIED

New Business

The 2017 Shurniak Concerto Competition will be held on February 25 on the University of Regina Campus. Judges will be Elizabeth Raum, Gordon Gerrard, Darren Lowe.

The 2017 Provincial Finals will be held in Regina on June 2-4 in Saskatoon at the U of S Campus.

The 2017 FCMF Conference/AGM/National Music Festival will be in Ottawa from August 7-12.

Dean Kush brought greetings from SaskCulture, encouraging the promotion of purchasing lottery tickets to maintain a healthy Lotteries Trust Fund. Greetings from the SRMTA were brought to the assembly by Michael Lyngstad.

Carol Donhauser presented information on Member Funding. Nine festivals applied for \$10,000 of available funding for this year's funding deadline of October 15, 2016. Parameters for criteria will be revised and clarified for the next application deadline of October 15, 2017.

Greetings from Jerry Lonsbury, President of FCMF are included on page 2 of Annual Report. Joy McFarlane Burton of Saskatoon is the current Vice-President of FCMF and Karen MacCallum of Swift Current is a Director.

Karen MacCallum made the third and last call for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Motion: to close nominations

Tammy Villeneuve/Robin Swales CARRIED

Motion: to elect by acclamation Michael Lyngstad and Bonnie Nicholson

Marg Andres/Sherry Sproule CARRIED

Michael Lyngstad and Bonnie Nicholson were declared elected by acclamation. Following their election, Michael & Bonnie introduced themselves and outlined their involvement with their local festivals.

Nancy introduced the new Board. The President's gavel was passed from outgoing President Nancy Toppings to incoming President Karen Unger. First Vice President Sherry Sproule, Second Vice President Wendy Thienes, Kelly Stein, Kari Mitchell, Tammy Villeneuve, Bonnie Nicholson and Michael Lyngstad.

Karen Unger provided an office update; two new positions have been hired. Adjudicator Liaison/Program Coordinator is Karen Klassen and Administrative Assistant is Nancy Toppings. Nancy will be resigning from her board role effective today. Karen MacCallum will remain in the role of Past President for two more years.



Karen Unger extended our sincere gratitude to former Admin Assistant/Adjudicator Liaison Sandra Kerr for her years of service. Karen also extended appreciation to Carol Donhauser for her extraordinary, continued commitment to the organization.

Karen Unger thanked outgoing Board members: Robin Swales for his service over the past three years; Nancy Toppings for her service over the past 8 years.

Carol Donhauser presented the Best Program Award (\$50) to the Regina Music Festival. The program fulfilled all the criteria which include having the SMFA logo on the front cover and including all the mandatory advertisements and logos.

Nancy Topping adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.
