

# MANITOBA CULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF

Annual General Meeting  
May 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm  
Deaf Centre Manitoba (Affleck Room)

## Second Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Cultural Society of the Deaf (MCSD)

285 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
May 5, 2016

### Present at AGM

**Board:** Rick Zimmer, Cheryle Broszeit, Sarah Klassen, Diane Mondor

**Members:** Venecia Austria, Karli Stephenson, Rita Aubry-Ruiz, Bruce Koskie, Linda Koskie, Tim Dans, Jordan Sangalang

**Associate Members:** Jennilee Martin, Janine Guinn, Judith Bennett

**Observers:** Mar Koskie, Shelby Graham, Pearl Wiebe, Emily Kehler, Breanne Burch, Chantel Tengerdy, Pamela Friesen, Robyn McRae, Taylor Huckerby, Madi Jocelyn, Kenneth Anderson, Tarcisio Filippelli, Kayle Miller, Martha Gerbrandt, Cindy Boscow, Randi Monkman, Gery Atwell

**Interpreters:** Brenda Rutherford and Shaina Dumont

A quorum of members was met and the Annual General Meeting was called to order.

### 1. Call to Order

R. Zimmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

### 2. Adoption of Agenda – May 5, 2016

**MOTION:** To accept the agenda with addition (Approval of 2015 minutes).

**Moved by:** Bruce Koskie **Seconded by:** Venecia Austria

**Carried**

### 3. 2015 Minutes

- R. Zimmer presented a summary of the MCSD AGM 2015 minutes

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes from the MCSD June 5, 2015 AGM as distributed.

**Moved by:** Bruce Koskie **Seconded by:** Karli Stephenson

**Carried**

### 4. Board Reports

#### 4.1. Board's Report (See attachment)

- R. Zimmer and C. Broszeit presented a summary of the board's report

#### 4.2. Treasurer (See attachment)

##### 4.2.1. Review Financial Report

**MOTION:** To accept financial report as distributed.

**Moved by:** Bruce Koskie **Seconded by:** Cheryle Broszeit

**Carried**

##### 4.2.2. Approval of 2016-17 budget

**MOTION:** To accept the 2016-17 budget as distributed.

**Moved by:** Venecia Austria **Seconded by:** Tim Dans

**Carried**

### 5. Projects in 2016-2017

#### 5.1. The Art of Managing Your Career

- See attached Board Report

#### 5.2. The Debora Cardaci Mentorship project

- See attached Board Report

#### 5.3. Photography Show

- Will be happening fall of 2016

#### 5.4. D'Arts Camp

- Received \$10,000 grant
- See attached Board Report

#### 5.5. Defty Award 2016

- Will live-stream this fall
- See attached Board Report

#### 5.6. People of the Eye

- See attached Board Report

#### 5.7. Mentoring Artists for Women's Arts

- See attached Board Report

### 6. New Business

#### 6.1. Goal: Build a culture centre for the Deaf

- MCSD wants to add this goal to the goal statement

- Reasons to support this new goal
  - Historically, the Winnipeg Deaf community had Deaf hall (285 Balmoral Street)
  - Location for Deaf community to socialize and inspire each other
  - Winnipeg Deaf community currently does not have locations specifically for Deaf community gatherings
    - Deaf performance at Irish Club – large attendance is proof of the desire to have a cultural centre

**MOTION:** To add the goal of building a Deaf cultural centre

**Moved by:** Tim Dans      **Seconded by:** Jordan Sangalang

**Carried**

- Discussion:
  - Jordan Sangalang:
    - Explore the idea of a virtual space for pictures / videos
      - i.e. - board reports could be in ASL
    - Deaf youth need to be involved
  - Tim Dans:
    - cultural centre should be open to the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and hearing communities
    - Deaf community used to be thriving, but has dwindled
    - Establish ad hoc committee for the building of the Deaf cultural centre

**MOTION:** Plan to establish an ad hoc committee for the building of the cultural centre

**Moved by:** Tim Dans      **Seconded by:** Venecia Austria

**Carried**

- Discussion:
  - Mar Koskie:
    - Deaf community needs to be involved
    - Edmonton Association of the Deaf earns revenue by renting out space in their cultural centre; MCSD can do same
  - Tim Dans:
    - Wider stakeholders should also be involved

- Tarcisio Filippelli:
  - Italian cultural centre has a room that different groups rent that earns some revenue
- Board will start investigating the feasibility of a cultural centre
  - Apply for grants, create business plan
- Ad hoc Committee interest
  - Tim Dans
  - Ad hoc Committee members should be an MCSD member

## **7. Announcements**

- MCSD has a website ([www.mcsd-dam.com](http://www.mcsd-dam.com)), Facebook page (Manitoba Cultural Society of the Deaf), Twitter and Instagram accounts to distribute announcements
- Bruce Koskie:
  - May long weekend at Camp Kakepitay / 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration
    - getting close to registration limit, registration can be dropped off at DRC
- Mar Koskie:
  - Magic of ASL will be on May 18, 7-10 at DCM
    - YCTD will be selling refreshments as a fundraiser

## **8. Adjournment**

R. Zimmer adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm

## **MCSD's Board of Directors Report**

During 2015- 2016, the MCSD board has been working hard to get grants for various projects. We continue to work on re-establishing this vital organization in the Deaf community. We have seen the value our endeavours bring to our community and to our youth who are beginning to bring new and exciting contributions to our artistic and cultural community.

We are still working on revising the Bylaws to ensure everything is in proper order. Hopefully they will be ready for the next AGM.

We have 7 new memberships this year for a total membership of 63. It is great to see some new individuals joining us. Our door is always open to new members so please spread the word.

As a member of MCSD you will be:

- supporting the organization to promote Deaf culture and Deaf artists
- supporting the advocacy efforts of MCSD to ensure equal access to Arts funding and skills development
- you will be able to attend any courses or events that are being interpreted or have a graphic note taker as a result of the work of MCSD revitalizing Manitoba's Deaf arts community with events such as art shows, storytelling, and mime performances

Although we have seen a few changes on the board in the past, we have a lot of faces that have offered their time and energy for many years. We thank them for their dedication to the organization but we all feel very strongly that new faces are needed. Your ideas and energy are vital to the continued growth of MCSD and so we ask you, if you are interested, please let us know. The youth is our future and without you we can only go so far.

2015 - 2016:

Successfully secured grant funds from the Manitoba Art Council. Well-known artist, Sheila Spence, mentored 6 Deaf photographers from September 2015 to May 2016. They took 18 classes, learning to host a Photography art show from beginning to completion. Their Photography Art Show will be in the fall of 2016. More information to come soon.

- 1) MCSD Hosted the Live-streaming Gala of Defty Award night on November 21, 2016 to celebrate and honour our five Manitoba Deaf Award winners, the Drumming Deaf students of the Manitoba School for the Youth Excellence in the Arts Awards.
- 2) A grant proposal was made to the Canadian Council of the Arts (CCA) for funds to teach Canadian Deaf Artists how to write a grant for their future projects led by Anita Small. CCA requested that this be made available to all Deaf Artists across Canada. The grant then was changed to include guest De'VIA (**Deaf View Image Art**) artist Ellen Mansfield who agreed to do a De'VIA Mosaic Tile Workshop and an Artist Talk about De'VIA. As well, there was a Deaf Performance by three groups of Deaf Artists and a tour of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. Mentoring Artists for Women's Arts (MAWA) offered to partnership with us for Ellen Mansfield's workshop and De'VIA talk, which was a huge help for us to obtain the grant. The grant was then approved. On the weekend of April 8-10, 2016, Dr. Anita Small gave a one-day presentation on how to write grants. Ellen Mansfield's Mosaic Tile workshop was filled to capacity and all had a great time. Her De'VIA talk shared her experience and explained what De'VIA is about. Saturday evening, we had the Deaf performance at the Irish Club. So many people showed up for it that we had to split the one two-hour show into two one-hour performances! The whole weekend event was a huge success! Many thanks to the hard-working board members, donors and volunteers who made it all possible! We had many positive compliments from our participants

who came from five provinces, England and the USA to join us for this amazing weekend.

- 3) Another grant from CCA allowed us to hire Gerry Atwell and Colin Foran to work on getting a charity number for MCSD. Gerry is trying to find a grant to hire an executive director and set up D'Art Camp for youth. He also had several meetings with Arts & Disability Network Manitoba (ADNM), Manitoba Arts Council and Winnipeg Arts Council to discuss interpreting issues for Deaf Artists to access programs.

#### Goal for 2016 – 2017

1. The Art of Managing Your Career (TAMYC): Arts Culture Industries (ACI) could not get enough funds to cover the interpreting costs and MCSD could not either so it was not open for Deaf Artists. MCSD will encourage 7 to 9 Deaf people to apply for the Cultivate: Professional Development Grant from the Canada Council for the Arts to get funds to cover the ASL interpreting and their course fee this coming month. The grant is available until November 30, 2016. We are hoping to be able to take the TAMYC course offered the spring 2017 at ACI. This excellent, practical course instructed by Heather Bishop, teaches you how to promote and manage your arts practice.
2. The Debora Cardaci Mentorship project: The original grant by another organization was declined and MCSD has been asked to submit it under our name, which we will when it is ready. A well-known visual artist, Debora Cardaci, will mentor 5 Deaf Artists with 6 weekends of training (once every two months) - 5 hours per day - on a Saturday and Sunday - over the span of a year commencing this fall. Debora will teach a variety of mediums- drawing, painting and sculpting. The course is limited to 8 students who would be juried by Debora. The art supplies hopefully will be approved in the budget so this could cost nothing for the artists. The grant outlines 2 hours of interpreted instruction, followed by one hour of independent work.
3. Photography Courses at PrairieView: We thought that ADNM had offered to pay for interpreting for photographers level 2 course but they only can offer one or two classes to cover the interpreting fee which was not sufficient. The 10 photographers decided to fundraise to get the monies to cover the costs of the photography course from Prairieview School. The two fundraising events were successful and covered three courses. Congratulations to these artists!
4. ADNM has decided that they will pay for any ASL- English interpreting required by an art organization having an event requiring such, providing the organization is a member of ADNM and is a non-profit i.e. artist-run art organization. Aceart (an Artist Run Centre dedicated to the development, exhibition and information of

contemporary art by cultural producers) is to let all of the artist-run organizations (MAWA, Martha Street, Plug in, Videopool, etc) to know about it. If an event comes up that you are interested in going to, let ADNMM know and they will book an interpreter at no cost to you.

5. Mentoring Artists for Women's Arts (MAWA) wants to help Deaf female artists with artist mentorships or other projects that will help them develop skills to further their arts practice. We are starting to look at ways that we can work with them to providing Deaf women these opportunities. If anyone knows of a Deaf woman artist who wants to progress in her arts practice, please let us know.
6. D'Arts Camp: We are hoping to have D'Arts Camp this summer for youth if we are able to get a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation in addition to other grants. D'Arts Camp will run for 6 weeks in July and August 2016, two days per week from 1pm - 4pm for up to 10 youth who are Deaf and will blend youth who use ASL with youth who have cochlear implants along with a couple of hearing kids of parents who are Deaf. The children will be between 12 to 17 years old.
7. Defty Award 2016 will again be hosted by MCSD on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Defty awards of excellence in the Arts 2016 will be dedicated to filmmakers. The winner will be announced in August but the awards will not be given out until the *Defty Awards Gala 2016* on September 24, 2016. This event will be live-streamed again this year. More information about location, time and etc. will be shared in the near future.
8. "Peuple de l'oeil" ("People of the eye"): MCSD plans to have "The People of the Eye" exhibit in 2017 or early 2018 and we are looking for a venue that is roughly 1,000 square feet. "The People of the Eye" will showcase the history of Deaf people. We are also encouraging Winnipeg Deaf artists to show their artwork there as well. Once we have all the details, an announcement will be posted on the website and on social media.