

MANITOBA CULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF

Annual General Meeting
February 11, 2017 at 10:00 am
The Arts and Cultural Industries Association of Manitoba (245
McDermot Avenue)

**Third Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Cultural Society of the Deaf (MCSD)
245 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba
February 11, 2017**

Present at AGM

Board: Rick Zimmer, Cheryle Broszeit, Sarah Klassen, Dianne Mondor, Dana Zimmer,
Alice Crawford

Members: Tim Dans, Doug Momotiuk

Associate Members: Danica Loewen, Janine Guinn

Observers: Abby Dans, Katarina Ziervogel

Interpreters: Monica Furer & Cindy Boscow

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 10:35 am.

2. Adoption of Agenda – February 11, 2017

MOTION: To accept the agenda as distributed.

Moved by: Tim Dans **Seconded by:** Cheryle Broszeit

Carried

3. Adoption of AGM 2016 Minutes

MOTION: To accept the minutes as distributed.

Moved by: Tim Dans **Seconded by:** Dianne Mondor

Carried

4. Board Reports

4.1. Board's Report

4.1.1. Defty Awards

- See attached board report
- MCSD will not be hosting the live steaming event due to conflicts with the weekend

4.1.2. Bylaws

- See item 6.1

4.1.3. Charitable Number

- See attached board report

4.1.4. D'Arts Camp

- Hired Vanecia Austria to be the coordinator

4.1.5. TAMYC

- See attached board report

4.1.6. Photography Club

- See attached board report

4.1.7. Photography Art Show

- See attached board report
- Tim Dans: The Edge Gallery on Main Street would be a possible venue for art shows

4.1.8. People of the Eye

- See attached board report

4.1.9. Canada 150

- Government of Canada has established a 33 million dollar fund to celebrate 150 years. MCSD has applied for \$350,000 grant.
- MCSD wants to use this grant in part to celebrate the 200 anniversary of ASL.

4.1.10. Round Table at the University of Winnipeg

- See attached board report

4.1.11. Manitoba Art Council

- See attached board report

4.1.12. Grant Writing Workshop

- Showed 5-minute video from workshop
- Participants were from 5 different provinces and 2 different countries
- Thank you to Alice Crawford for doing a wonderful job with organizing the whole Nurturing Deaf Artists Weekend
- Doug Momotiuk: Speaking as a representative for The Accessibility for Manitobans Act
 - Goal is to provide better accessibility for Manitobans, effective November 2017. The policy could be helpful in attaining interpreting services.

4.2. Treasurer

4.2.1. Reviewed Financial Report

- GIC matured January 2017. We reinvested for 18 months with an interest rate of 1.10%
- Have some deferred funds left from previous grants

4.2.2. Approval of 2017 budget

- Separated into MCSD budget and D'Arts Camp Budget
- Any grant money received will be added to the budget

MOTION: To accept the 2017 budget.

Moved by: Dana Zimmer **Seconded by:** Tim Dans

Carried

5. Projects in 2017

5.1. Deaf Art Camp

- See attached board report

5.2. Canada 150 Grant (Celebration of 200 Years of ASL)

- If MCSD is successful with the grant, we will hire someone to coordinate the events
- MCSD will announce status of the grant and request ideas for using the funds

6. New Business

6.1. Bylaws

- See attached Bylaws
- MCSD hired a lawyer to change the MCSD Bylaws into more accessible language
- Doug Momotiuk: Requested clarification on the meaning of 'corporate seal'
 - MCSD does not have a business number, therefore does not have a corporate seal.
- Doug Momotiuk: 'Disclosure' involves any involvement with another organization that could result in a conflict of interest.

MOTION: To accept the revised bylaws as of February 11, 2017

Moved by: Tim Dans **Seconded by:** Dana Zimmer

Carried

6.2. Board Elections (run by Doug Momotiuk)

- Nominations for President
 - Rick Zimmer is nominated to be the President of MCSD by Dana Zimmer, seconded by Tim Dans

MOTION: Nominations for MCSD President be closed

Moved by: Tim Dans **Seconded by:** Dianne Mondor

Carried

- Rick Zimmer is declared President by acclamation.
- Nominations for Vice-President
 - Cheryle Broszeit is not interested in running for the position of Vice-President of MCSD

- Thank you to Cheryle Broszeit for all of her work for MCSD
- Tim Dans is nominated to be the Vice-President of MCSD by Rick Zimmer, seconded by Dana Zimmer
- Katarina Ziervogel is nominated to be the Vice-President of MCSD by Cheryle Broszeit
 - Katarina respectfully declines the nomination

MOTION: Nominations for MCSD Vice-President be closed

Moved by: Rick Zimmer **Seconded by:** Dianne Mondor

Carried

- Tim Dans is declared Vice-President by acclamation.

7. Announcements

- 100 Decibels: A Deaf Mime Troupe will be performing in Edmonton this weekend and in Toronto in 2 weeks
- Winnipeg Jewish Theatre (WJT) is searching for a 20-year-old male individual who uses ASL to act in a play. More information is available on the MCSD website.
- Doug Momotiuk – Manitoba Deaf Association’s AGM will be on March 9. Wab Kinew, MLA of Fort Rouge will be giving a presentation. He has a Deaf cousin.

8. Adjournment

Rick Zimmer adjourned the meeting at 11:46 am.

MCSO AGM Feb 11, 2017

MCSO's Board of Directors Report

Between June and December 2016, the MCSO board has been working hard to get grants for various projects. We continue to work on 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 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 MCSO you will be:

- supporting the organization to promote Deaf culture and Deaf artists
- supporting the advocacy efforts of MCSO 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 MCSO revitalizing Manitoba's Deaf arts community with events such as art shows, storytelling, and mime performances

We thank board 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 MCSO 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.

June to December 2016:

- 1) **Defty award:** Defty awards of excellence in the Arts 2016 will be dedicated to filmmakers. Gala of Defty Award night on September 24, 2016 was cancelled and postpone to 2017.
- 2) **Bylaw:** Our bylaws have been finalized and will discuss at the AGM.
- 3) **Charity Number:** Gerry Atwell and Colin Foran to work on getting a charity number for MCSO. Gerry found information that we will need to wait till 2018 because we just got our INC back in 2013 and need to wait for 5 years until we can apply for a charity number.
- 4) **D'Arts Camp:** We got a grant from the Winnipeg Art Council. D'Arts Camp will run for 4 weekends in March and April 2017 from 1pm - 5pm 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. Also, we are able to hire project coordinator for Youth D'Art Camp to run this project.

- 5) **TAMYC:** 7 Deaf artists applied for a Professional Development Grant from the Canada Council for the Arts (CCA) to get funds to cover the ASL interpreting fees and their course fee for the 'The Art of Managing your Career' course. This course will be offered in the spring of 2017 at ACI. They will find out by the end of February if their grant application to CCA was successful. They are hoping to be able to take this excellent and practical course instructed by Heather Bishop where she will teach them how to promote and manage their careers and businesses in the art world.
- 6) **Photography club:** They successfully fundraised sufficient funds to cover the costs of the photography course from Prairieview School in January 2017. The fundraising will cover three courses for 2017. Congratulations to these artists!
- 7) Six Deaf photography students had the amazing opportunity to learn under the seasoned photographer/artist Sheila Spence. The art show became reality in August 2016 at *La Maison des Artistes*. The 4-week show was extended to 5 weeks due to an outpouring of positive feedback the Curator received. The opening reception was an overwhelming success with roughly 170 people in attendance, plus over 300 people taking in the show during its run. A special documentary (link below) about the curator was created by VICE, highlighting *Seeing My Voice*.
http://www.vice.com/en_ca/video/behind-the-scenes-at-a-visual-art-show-featuring-deaf-artists.
- 8) **"Peuple de l'oeil" ("People of the eye"):** MCSD is working with "The People of the Eye" exhibit for 2017 to find a venue that is roughly 1,000 square feet. "The People of the Eye" will showcase the history of Deaf people. We are hoping that Winnipeg Deaf artists will be able 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.
- 9) **150 Canada:** We have applied for the grant and are still waiting to hear from them. We should know by the end of March or April.
- 10) **Round Table at University of Winnipeg** – One of our board members attended the Disability Arts Round table in December. We put forward these issues for Deaf Accessibility in the Arts.

Interpreting costs are a barrier for developing skills

Need a space for Deaf artists (i.e. - Aboriginal Centre)

Deaf artists need networking in mainstream art which is hard as most of it is by mouth, and once we get something going, momentum is easily lost. It is difficult to find the right connections in the art world.

English as a second language is and currently is necessary for website, grant submissions, or biographies. We presented that we should have an option to submit in ASL

MAC and WAC don't consider interpreting a legitimate expense – MCSD would be happy to partner with them to figure out the process

Accessibility for Deaf individuals is ongoing

i.e. – ramps are built once buildings are typically accessible, but language accessibility is rare.

Difficult to find Deaf artists

They are possibly mainstreamed and isolated. How do we connect them with MCSD?

Partnering with organizations would be beneficial, to share grant funds for interpreting services and provide space to use for shows, meetings, etc

We recognize support MCSD has received from MAWA, MTC, ACI, Graffiti Gallery, and AANM.

11) **MAC (Manitoba Art Council):** 3 MCSD board members attended the Community Consultation for Accessibility on Friday, Jan 1. We shared our experience regarding barriers and made several suggestions to them on how they can change to allow for more accessibility for Deaf people when they apply for a grant from MAC

We want to thank Cynthia Benoit for her volunteer work to translate English to French for the CCSD annual report.