

Winnipeg Film Group 2023 AGM Minutes -Mar. 20th, 2023, at 7pm
Via Zoom and in-person at the WFG Dave Barber Cinematheque

In-Person Attendance:

WFG Board:

Ryan Simmons (Chair)

Fernando Dalayoan (Treasurer)

Jean-Jacques Javier (acknowledged Amanda Kindzierski woke up)

Regrets:

Michelle (Fritzi) Adleman

Voting Members:

Leslie Supnet (WFG staff)

Jaimz Asmundson (WFG staff)

Dylan Baillie (WFG staff)

Jillian Groening (WFG staff)

Olivia Norquay (WFG staff)

Eric Peterson (WFG staff)

Jon Lee-Wing (WFG staff)

Nic Kaneski (WFG staff)

Karen Remoto

Eric Peterson

Aikaterini Zegeye Gebrehiwot

Henning Frederik Malz

Karen Teller

Jay Teller

Kevin Nikkel

David Zellis

Amanda Kindzierski

Kevin Reid

Yuan Zhou

General Public:

Scott Young

Nick MacMahon

Zoom:

WFG Board:

Kier-La Janisse (Vice-Chair)

Marc Greene

Brenda Austin-Smith

Voting Members Zoom:

Mark Single

Andrew Forbes

Emily Labby

Taavo Soodor

General Public Zoom:

Ross Ikeda

Meeting Chair: Ryan Simmons

Minutes by Karen Remoto (Fritzi Adelman is unavailable to attend)

1. **Call to Order (Chair's welcome and opening statement)**

Ryan Simmons calls the meeting to order at 7:09pm, gives land acknowledgement.

2. **Motion to Approve AGM Agenda**

David Zellis makes first motion to approve the agenda. Second motion by Aikaterini Zegeye Gebrehiwot.

3. **Disclosure of Proxies**

No proxies.

4. **Motion to Approve 2022 AGM Minutes**

David Zellis makes first motion to approve 2022 AGM Minutes. Seconded by Kevin Nikkel.

5. **Chair's Report (Ryan Simmons)**

Opening statement from Ryan Simmons- comments that the first action was to hire Leslie Supnet, the current ED where the board works together to support ED.

6. **Presentation of Annual Report (Executive Director)**

Leslie pays tribute to voting members who have passed:

Howard Curle- Aug. 12th, 2022- age 74 years old (University of Winnipeg teacher)

Erin Hembrador- Oct. 28th, 2022- 33 years old (WFG filmmaker)

Sharon Thiessen Woods- Feb. 7th, 2023 (WFG bookkeeper for 10 years)

Leon Johnson- Mar. 10th, 2023 (WFG founding member)

Leslie Supnet presents the Annual Report.

7. **Presentation of the 2021/2022 Audited Financial Statements – Mark Single from OnBusiness and appointment of the Auditor for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year.**

Mark Single from OnBusiness presents the financial statements.

Motion to approve financial statements by Jon Lee-Wing. Seconded by David Zellis.

Motion to appoint OnBusiness as WFG auditor for the 2022/23 Fiscal Year.

First motion to Aikaterini Zegeye Gebrehiwot, Seconded by Kevin Nikkel.

Mark Single has left the meeting at 7:53pm.

8. **By-Law updates**

Ryan Simmons moves to put section 8.01 of the Winnipeg Film Group's By-law No. 1 back into the by-laws

8.01: All general members, regardless of their category of general membership, shall, commencing sixty days after the first date of original membership, be entitled to one vote per member at all meetings of the Group, and shall be entitled to participate equally with honorary members in any distribution of the property of the Group upon dissolution of the Group, and shall be eligible for nomination and election as Directors of the Group. All other rights and privileges of the general membership shall commence on the date that membership fees are received by the Group.

Kevin Nikkel comments on having the paragraph to be put back in and mistake to be taken out. Should have a policy in place for memberships needing to be renewed have been lapsed.

Leslie will have a CMS in place as a future solution for this issue.

Any member of past, renew your membership today- can still vote, can't vote if you're a new member- have to member of 60 days of good standing. Prevents a new member from voting

Kevin Nikkel states that he has been member since 2 years ago, renewing today - can be a member and vote today.

Kevin Nikkel makes first motion. Seconded by Fernando Dalayoan.

9. **Elections**

a. Directors- Three vacancies for one-year appointments elected by the board. People may self-nominate or nominate others. Appointed board member positions are intended for the need for outside expertise and are not required to be WFG members (bylaw article 4.01).

Ryan Simmons comments that Kevin Tabachnick requests to be voted as an appointed board member but not in attendance.

Ross Ikeda mentions his professional role as an accountant through his intro through Zoom. Yearlong position: one position left. Ryan asks if anyone want to join committees with a to do list, including strategic planning meeting to get together.

b. Speeches (5 min max per nominee)

Aikaterini Zegeye Gebrehiwot introduces herself and communicates her interest in becoming a community appointee.

10. **Adjournment**

Jean-Jacques Javier motion to adjourn meeting at 8:03pm.