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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
VANCOUVER MUSEUM SOCIETY

Thursday, June 15th, 2023
MOV Joyce Whalley Room, Museum of Vancouver
1100 Chestnut Street
Vancouver, British Columbia V6J 3J9

PRESENT: (see attached "Schedule A")

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm. Bruce Miller, Chair of the Vancouver Museum Society, chaired the meeting. Antonette Piamonte was the Recording Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

UPON MOTION duly made by Bruce Miller, and seconded by Brenda van Engelen, the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of June 15th, 2023, be approved. All were in favour. **The Motion was carried**.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – June 16, 2022

UPON MOTION duly made by Deborah Schachter and seconded by Gloria Shu the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 16, 2022, be approved. All were in favour. **The Motion was carried**.

4. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

Bruce Miller, Board Chair thanked everyone for attending AGM. Miller highlighted that MOV is in a strong financial position and is supported by a skilled and dedicated staff. Miller concluded by thanking the members, donors, and funders for the generous and invaluable contributions to the organization.

5. ANNUAL REPORT

Mauro Vescera, CEO, reported on the highlights and initiatives of 2022 and some key projects for 2023. He explained that 2022 was another transitional year for the museum. The year began with programs being offered both in-person and virtually and as the year progressed, programs gradually returned to on-site.

The MOV, despite the transitional nature of 2022, posted a strong financial performance over the past year and currently sits on a small surplus. Audience and admission numbers have continued to grow towards pre-pandemic levels. MOV was able to mount two major exhibitions, three micro-exhibitions, and two on-line exhibitions in 2022. While education and public programming continued to offer in-person and virtual programs, they conducted over thirty programs during the year.

Vescera then moved to the 2023 activities. MOV has launched three exhibitions including *The Seat at the Table* satellite exhibition in partnership with the Chinese Canadian Museum and Cumberland Museum Society. There are three more exhibitions planned for 2023 along with a suite of education and public programming activities.

Vescera then summarized by saying that the numbers are continuously increasing towards pre-pandemic numbers. The museum has just finished union negotiations and is hiring to increase capacity.

Vescera closed his annual report by acknowledging and thanking the MOV Board and the staff team for their excellent work.

6. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Bruce Miller, standing in for MOV Treasurer Mr. Arnold Singh who was unable to attend the AGM, ensured that everyone had a copy of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2022.

UPON MOTION duly made by Deborah Schachter and seconded by Jane McFadden to accept presented financial statements to the membership. All were in favour. **The Motion was carried.**

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

UPON MOTION duly made by Anne Wyness and seconded by Brenda van Engelen that the firm of Rolfe, Benson LLP Chartered Professional Accountants be appointed as auditors for the year 2023. All were in favour. **The Motion was carried.**

8. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bruce Miller, Chair of the MOV's Nomination Committee, reported that the following individuals were nominated to the Board of the Vancouver Museum Society for a two-year term: **Lizzy Karp. Lillian Tummonds, Bruce Miller, Cameron Burke, and Arnold Singh.**

UPON MOTION duly made by Gloria Shu and seconded by Jane McFadden that the five nominated individuals be duly elected to the Board of Directors for two-year terms. All were in favour. **The Motion was carried.**

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Bruce Miller asked the members if they had other business to raise. A question was raised by a member about the number of board members and the offices they are elected for. Vescera

explained that there are up to fifteen board members who sit for a two-year term. Currently, MOV has board members from the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Miller added that there are sub committees which the Nominations Committee falls under.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

UPON MOTION duly made by Bruce Miller and seconded by Brenda van Engelen the Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Museum Society terminated at 5:20 pm.

Bruce Miller, Chair	Antonette Piamonte, Recording Secretary

Appendix A - Attendees at VMS Annual General Meeting

Names

Brendan Brooks
Antonio Piamonte
Brenda van Engelen
Anne Wyness
Deborah Schachter
Jane McFadden
Gloria Shu
Bruce Miller
Mauro Vescera
Antonette Piamonte