ALL Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 Beveridge Arts Centre, Acadia University

Board Members Present: Jessica Bradley, Vicky Dekker, Susan Surette Draper, Brian Jones, Grant Lohnes, Carolyn Mallory, Heather McNally, Brenda Murray, John Owen **ALL Members Present**: Penni Burrell, Graham Daborn, Anthony Harding, Trevor Lloyd, Ed Sulis, Gisela Westphalen

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 2 pm by John Owen.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Anthony Harding moved to adopt the agenda as written. Susan Surette Draper seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

3. Minutes of 16 April 2014 AGM

Vicky Dekker moved to adopt the 2014 AGM minutes. Brian Jones seconded the motion. Unanimously carried. There was no further business arising from the minutes.

4. Chair's Year-End Report

John Owen (acting Chair after the mid-term resignation of Susan Cargill due to an opportunity to have a show for her artwork) reported that our membership stands at 249 members. We ran a total of eleven courses, all of which were fully attended.

5. New Advisory Board Member

Susan Surette Draper moved to elect Carolyn Mallory to the Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Vicky Dekker. Carried unanimously.

6. Changes to Advisory Board Calendar and Procedure

After thorough discussion, Heather McNally moved to adopt the rule that Advisory Board Members will serve a 2 year term, with no cap on the extended length of term. Anthony Harding seconded the motion. It was also agreed to open regular Board meetings to the general membership. It was agreed that the ideal number of Advisory Board members is ten. The Board will meet four times per year: September, November, January, March, as well as an August Potluck to promote courses, a Christmas Potluck, and the AGM. Minutes of ALL meetings will be circulated to the general membership. Carried unanimously.

7. **<u>Remove "50+" From The Mandate?</u>**

After lively discussion, it was agreed to open the membership to interested individuals younger than age 50. This would require some tweaking of course topics. This "age" issue will be put to the membership in an online vote.

8. **Program Suggestions**

The concept of weekend workshops, involving several hours per topic, was also discussed, which will enable participation of those who cannot commit to a regular seasonal course.

Other program suggestions were: philosophy, retirement money management, current events, senior first aid, art history, and economics.

9. <u>Adjournmen</u>t

There being no further business, at 3:15 pm Susan Surette Draper moved to adjourn the meeting.