

Saskatchewan Choral Federation Annual General Meeting Minutes

*Saturday, October 29, 2022
Annual General Meeting 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Held by Zoom*

1. Call to Order – Cynthia Peyson Wahl

In attendance:

SCF Board: Cynthia Peyson Wahl, Marley Duckett, Megan Kent, Erich Chang, Bob Nicholls, Kelsey Kuz, Josh Hendrickson, James Hawn

Administration: Sheryl Neher (Executive Director), Kayla Stadnick (Program Manager)

Others: Louella Friesen, Pauline Roth, Marcia McLean, Pamela Cochet, Diane Taylor-Neale, Britni Shingoose, Kyera Levesque, Stewart Wilkinson, Richard Janzen, Rita MacLeod, Audrey Falk Janzen

2. Introductions & Opening Remarks – Cynthia Peyson Wahl, President

- Cynthia welcomed everyone in attendance. She mentioned that the meeting will be recorded to ensure that we have a complete record of the meeting. The SCF acknowledged with gratitude that we are privileged to live, work and sing on the traditional territories of the Cree, Saulteaux, Nakota, Lakota, Dakota, Dene and the homeland of the Metis. We are committed to building genuine relationships today and tomorrow.

Cynthia also acknowledged the significant funding SCF receives from Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. Every lottery ticket purchased helps fund programs and services of cultural organizations such as ours.

The president ran through a few items relating to the voting procedures.

We will have pre-determined a mover for each of the motions from within the SCF Board and will need a seconder for the motions. Please raise your hand to indicate you are seconding the motion.

For voting on motions.... We will assume that unless you indicate otherwise you are in favour of the motion. If you are not in favour please indicate so by raising your hand. If you abstain, please unmute yourself and say that you abstain.

3. Adoption of Agenda – Cynthia Peyson Wahl

Motion: THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Mover – Kelsey Kuz

Seconded – Marcia McLean

Vote – Carried

4. Adoption of October 30, 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes – Cynthia Peyson Wahl

Motion: THAT the minutes of the October 30, 2021 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Mover – James Hawn

Seconded – Stewart Wilkinson

Vote – Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes – Cynthia Peyson Wahl

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Reports – Q & A - short verbal report – Written/printed report will be sent out

President's Report – Cynthia Peyson Wahl – general comments about the past year and looking forward to the future. Full written report in the annual report.

Executive Director's Report – Sheryl Neher

Quick overview with full written report available in the annual report. Covid restrictions caused ongoing challenges for Sheryl and Kayla; Two summer students this year brought different strengths; social media training session was held for members – small but successful; Sask. Youth Choir was cancelled due to low registrations and Covid; holiday sing-along with German Club; Chorfest last held in person in 2020 so 7 workshops were held on-line with various clinicians,

including evening sessions; Kayla and Sheryl attended Podium virtually; many on-line meetings held within the last year with Saskatchewan cultural organizations, national groups, and the SCF board; beneficial programs with Sask Arts Alliance and Choral Canada; ongoing work being done in terms of diversity (training, professional development); funding extension with Sask Lotteries has been approved for another year; upcoming - new board members

Nominations Committee Report – James Hawn

Nominations are no longer accepted from the floor of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations and/or applications from interested candidates must be received in advance and approved by the Board prior to going to the membership for election at the AGM. Here is the current Board status:

- Three positions are entering the second year of their term:
 - Cynthia Peyson Wahl (second year as President)
 - James Hawn (second year as Past-President)
 - Marley Duckett (second year as President-Elect)

- Four positions are entering the second year of their term:
 - Erich Chang (second year of first term)
 - Megan Kent (second year of first term)
 - Kelsey Kuz (second year of last term)
 - Joshua Hendricksen (second year of last term)

- One person will be stepping off the Board this year:
 - Bob Nicholls – was thanked by James for his work on the board, as secretary, and for library work

Two members have offered to let their name stand for election to the Board:

- Chloe Golden, Regina
- Britni Shingoose, Saskatoon

The Saskatchewan Choral Federation Constitution provides for a Board of not less than 8 directors along with incorporation with the Information Services Corporation of not more than 12 directors.

With the departure of one director (Bob) and the addition of two new directors, an election is not required.

Motion: THAT the appointment of Marley Duckett as President-Elect for 2021-2022 be ratified and further,

Motion: THAT Marley Duckett be appointed to the President-Elect position for a one year term from 2022 to 2023.

Mover (both motions)– James Hawn

Seconder – Rita MacLeod

Vote – Carried

The 2022-2023 Saskatchewan Choral Federation Board will be:

James Hawn, Past-President
Cynthia Peyson Wahl, President
Marley Duckett, President-Elect
Erich Chang
Joshua Hendrickson
Megan Kent
Kelsey Kuz
Chloe Golden
Britni Shingoose

The remaining two executive positions – Treasurer and Secretary – will be elected or appointed by the Board at their first meeting.

One of the duties of the Nominations Committee is also working on the Awards and Recognition Program in place with SCF.

James explained the new process, that SCF tries to present awards in the community rather than at the AGM to allow for more participation and public acknowledgement. More information on recipients will be available in the printed annual report. Unfortunately we were not able to present awards to all recipients in person and are hoping to STILL acknowledge them at upcoming events this year if possible.

2021 - 2022

Deidre and Russ Baird – Pro Musica

Dean McNeill – Outstanding Administrator

For Community Service - Patricia Deibert and Cathy LaFleche

*The Golden Note for 25 years of involvement included Fred Barker, Paul Denham, Marlene Taylor
University Choral Leadership Award winners were – Anika Sukkhu, U of S and Vynz Hipolito, U of R
Dr. Dominic Gregorio Award*

James announced the Award recipients for 2022/2023.- *info. about them will be available on the website shortly*

Richard Janzen – Pro Musica

Audrey Janzen – Community Service

Pamela Cochet – Community Service

Louella Friesen – Golden Note – 25 years of involvement

Pauline (Paula) Roth – Golden Note – 25 years of involvement

Matthew Praksas – Nova Voce Scholarship – Notable future conductor

We hope to get to their communities to present their awards in person at some point over this year.

7. APPROVAL OF Reports - Cynthia Peyson Wahl

Motion: THAT the Reports be accepted as presented.

Mover – Megan Kent

Seconded – Rita MacLeod

Vote – Carried

8. Treasurer's Report – Erich Chang

REVIEW AUDITOR'S LETTER AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion: THAT the audited financial statements for 2021/2022 be approved

Mover – Erich Chang

Seconded – Kelsey Kuz

Vote – Carried

Appointment of the Auditor – Erich Chang

Motion: THAT the accounting firm of MWC Chartered Professional Accountants be appointed as auditors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Mover – Erich Chang

Seconded – Marley Duckett

Vote – Carried

9. Ratification of Board Actions – Cynthia Peyson Wahl

Motion: THAT the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2021-22 fiscal year be ratified

Mover – Bob Nicholls

Seconded – Diane Taylor-Neale

Vote – Carried

10. New Business – Cynthia Peyson Wahl

There was no new business.

11. Adjournment – Cynthia Peyson Wahl

Motion: THAT the 2022 Annual General Meeting be adjourned

Mover – Rita McLeod

Vote – Carried