

MUSIC *for* CANBERRA

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday 11 May 2019 at 12:15pm
Room 14, Ainslie Arts Centre

Attendees: Andrew Lander
David Harvey
Russell Eade
Liesl Centenera
Louis Sharpe
Mary Firkins
Lindy Reksten
Bruno Yvanovich
Yu Lan Chan
Celia Dickinson
Shilong Ye
Cath Webb
Mary Tough
Stephanie Neeman
Hayley Manning
Zanele Ramsay-Daniel
Luke Wensing (by proxy)
Maree Robertson (by proxy)
Maeve M Wilson (by proxy)
Margot Firth (by proxy)
Thelma Caruana (by proxy)
Michelle Suen (by proxy)
Brian Suen (by proxy)
Christine Paynter (by proxy)
Fay Bruce (by proxy)

The meeting opened at 12:27pm

1. Welcome

Liesl Centenera, Chair, welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. Confirm previous minutes – AGM, Saturday 19 May 2018

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- 2.1 The minutes from the 2017 AGM were accepted unanimously.
Moved by: Liesl Centenera
Seconded by: Yu-lan Chan

3. Receive and accept reports from the Board for 2018

3.1. Chair

Liesl Centenera, Chair, reported that Music for Canberra had a challenging year to begin with due to not having an acting CEO. She thanks all of Music for Canberra for sustaining the organisation during this difficult time. She stated that we were unable to expand the organisation during this time, and that our focus for this year will be on growth and expanding our funding base. She commented on potentially expanding Music for Canberra programs to include more collaboration with Canberra Symphony Orchestra, the School of Music and other music companies in Canberra. With this in mind, we still need to focus on our community programs and focus on how we can still utilise our government funding on these in a successful way. We need to make sure we are a leader in Canberra for offering these types of programs.

3.2. Treasurer

Andrew Lander, Treasurer, noted that we had a surplus this year of \$26,677. The surplus is fairly precarious given that we now have CEO and it is back to business as usual. In terms of cost management, Andrew mentioned that a lot of out costs will be difficult to reduce in many spaces. We have spent a lot of time focusing on debts owed to us by MFC members who have not yet paid their invoices, and the team spent a lot of time last year trying to bring that money in. This year, we need to find a way to focus on reducing this problem. We were up on last year and are in surplus. It will be important going forward that we retain these reserves. We need to think about how we invest this money, as we are currently being very conservative with several term deposits. The overall picture is very positive. Last year, we received fewer donations from previous years and this is something we need to focus on. \$14,000 last year, only \$3000 this year. We need to build the connections that encourage people to make donations. Membership fees were up slightly, box office sales were down slightly, workshop fees did not change. The ACT Arts Fund grant is really important to us. The Snow Foundation and Mazda foundation also contributed greatly. We need to offer something to our donors in return.

3.3 Audited Financials

The audited financial report was presented to all members present at the meeting. Might need to review this in the coming years. Encourage staff to take their annual leave.

Moved by: Liesl Centenera
Seconded by Lindy Reksten

4. Board Election

Chair: Liesl Centenera remained in the position of Chair of the Board

Vice-chair: Lindy Reksten nominated for the position of Vice-chair

Treasurer: Andrew Lander remained in the position of the Chair of the Board

Secretary: David Harvey nominated for the position of Secretary.

Ordinary board members: For nominations were received from Russell Eade, Yu-Lan Chan, James Copelin and Vy Le.

Liesl Centenera thanked Cath Webb, Bruno Yvanovich, Natalie and Nathan Hancock for all their commitment and time to the board during their tenure.

5. Any other business

None.

The meeting closed at 12:41pm.

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