



Nelson
District
Arts
Council

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, February 20th, 2025 @ 7:00pm
Zoom

Present: Sydney Black (Executive Director), Devon Caron (President), Avi Phillips, Ingrid Love, Rob Fahie (Accountant), Gita Moore (Director), Corey Friesen (Treasurer), Michelle Hart, Erica Konrad, Hannah DeBoer-Smith (Director), Steph Kellett (Director), Michelle Oakley, Ron Robinson (Director), Johanna Sandhukal, Nicole Charlwood, Myra Rasmussen, Daniela Bustos, Nick Shave, Lauren Galbraith, Eric Galbraith, Phoebe Sutton, Jess Phillips, Stephanie Myers, Kaitlyn Nobiss, Samantha Jade Miranda, Lachlan Myers, Anna Wynne, Sela Phillips, Alan Black, Sam Hobeyn

Minutes: Sydney Black

Chair: Devon Caron

Call To Order: **7:03pm**

Amendment to agenda: Stephanie Kellett will not be standing for another term on the board of directors.

Approval of Amended Agenda: *Motion to Approve: Corey Friesen/Hannah DeBoer/AIF*

Approval of the Minutes: AGM February 21st, 2023 *Motion to Approve: Corey Friesen/Dani Bustos/AIF*

Reports:

President's Report: Written by Devon Caron, Presented by Michelle Hart:

- Overview of NDAC programming including:
 - **Dynamic Year** – NDAC continued to support and promote the arts in Nelson and beyond.
 - **New Website** – Launched an accessibility-focused site to enhance artist and community connections.

- **Strategic Vision** – Guided by values of accessibility, advocacy, sustainability, and community-building.
- **Public Art** – Added five new murals and introduced an accessibility guide for festival inclusivity.
- **ArtWalk Success** – 36th year with 60+ artists in 28 venues, all fees waived for accessibility.
- **Performing Arts** – Dance Educators' Showcase raised \$8,000+ in bursaries for local dancers.
- **Artist Support** – Rural Artist Support Weekend hosted 180+ attendees for professional development.
- **Youth & Community** – Led mural projects, Bigby Place Arts Initiative, and The Narrows artist residency.
- **Advocacy & Partnerships** – Sponsored local arts events and strengthened regional arts leadership.
- **Looking Ahead** – Committed to fostering a vibrant, inclusive arts community in 2025.

Motion to approve President's Report: Hannah DeBoer/Stephanie Kellet/AIF

Executive Director's Report: Written by Sydney Black, Presented by Sela Phillips

- Local members over 130, Board of 9
- Review of Programming, Grants, Funding & Partnership.
- Continued partnerships with local other groups

Motion to approve ED's Report: Dani Bustos/Michelle Oakley/AIF

Finance Report: Written by Corey Friesen Treasurer for NDAC, presented by Lachlan Myers:

- **Financial Growth** – NDAC's budget grew to \$333,875 in 2024, with key investments in website development, strategic planning, and policy advancement.
- **Artist Support** – ArtWalk 2024 waived all fees, ensuring artists kept 100% of earnings. 76% of the budget (\$254,997) went to artists, arts workers, and administrators, with 80% staying local.
- **Looking Ahead** – With \$333,875 in revenue and \$341,169 in expenses, NDAC maintained strong programming. In 2025, we're securing funding to expand and sustain the arts in Nelson.

Presentation by Rob Fahie for Pinnacle Accounting:

- Review of accounting records for 2024

Motion to Approve Financial reports ending in December 31st, 2024: Myra Rasmussen/Leah Gallicano/AIF

Board Elections:

Devon Caron has reached his six year term! Thank you Devon!
Leah Gallicano has reached her six year term! Thank you Leah!
Corey Friesen has wrapped up his term. Thank you Corey!
Stephanie Kellet has wrapped up her term. Thank you Stephanie!

Standing for re-election:

<i>Gita Moore</i>	*Accepted
<i>Hannah Deboer Smith</i>	*Accepted

New Board Nominees: (from the floor)

*Michelle Oakley nominated by Hannah Deboer seconded by Devon Caron *Accepted*

*Michelle Hart nominated by Hannah Deboer, seconded by Myra Rasmussen *Accepted*

*Nicole Charlwood nominated by Devon Caron seconded by Lauren Galbraith *
Accepted*

*Samantha Jade Miranda nominated by Myra Rasmussen seconded by Dani Bustos
Accepted

*Anna Wynne nominated by Dani Bustos seconded by Myra Rasumussen *Declined*

Nominations are called from the floor three times. Nominations closed.

Motion to approve the elected Board of Directors: Leah Gallicano/Stephanie Kellett/AIF

Board Resignations: N/A

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Michelle Hart/Myra Rasumussen

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43pm