

Saskatchewan Choral Federation Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, October 17, 2020, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting

In attendance:

Board: James Hawn, President; Jennifer Lang, Past President; Daryl McKinnon, Treasurer; Bob Nicholls, Secretary; Kelsey Kuz; Dave Pearce; Joshua Hendrickson; Justin La; Stewart Wilkinson

Members: Diane Taylor-Neale, Melissa Morgan, Marley Duckett, Kathy Stokes, Deborah Nelson, Marcia McLean, Corinne Groff, Cynthia Peyson Wahl, Phoebe Voigts, Clayton Braybrook, Bryn Frape

Staff: Sheryl Neher, Executive Director; Kayla Stadnick, Program Manager

Guests Dean Kush, Paul Gingras, Rita McLeod, Shirley Enns, Monique Lovatt

AGENDA

Welcome and opening remarks

1. Call to Order / Welcome

Quorum was established and President James Hawn called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance, did Land Acknowledgement, acknowledged funders.

He then introduced Dean Kush, CEO of SaskCulture, who brought greetings from Sask Culture. Dean thanked the SCF board and volunteers for their work, especially during the difficult Covid-19 period, recognizing that business is not as usual. SaskCulture understands the difficulties for organizations such as the SCF. He thanked Sheryl for her leadership.

James then discussed the voting procedure for the virtual AGM.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Jennifer Lang/Dave Pearce. **Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2019 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the October 5, 2019 AGM be adopted as circulated.

Kelsey Kuz/Dave Pearce. **Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- None

5. Reports

- **President** – (James Hawn)

James' report is included in the Annual Report. James thanked our office staff for ushering SCF through this difficult time, and to the board members for their work. He also thanked choirs and members for their continued efforts and support of choral music throughout Saskatchewan.

- **Governance Committee** – (James Hawn)

Policies have been updated and will be sent out.

- **Executive Director** – (Sheryl Neher)

Sheryl's report is included in the Annual Report.

- **Nomination Committee** (Jennifer Lang)

Jennifer provided information on people leaving the board, board members letting their name stand again, board members remaining on the board, and new board members. She gave brief biographies of those new to the board.

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:

Two positions are entering the second year of their term:

- Kelsey Kuz
- Joshua Hendricksen

• Five people will be stepping off the Board this year:

- o Justin La, Saskatoon
- o Daryl McKinnon, Regina
- o Dave Pearce, Regina
- o Stewart Wilkinson, Regina
- o Jennifer Lang, Saskatoon

Six positions are up for election for two-year terms. The remaining incumbents are:

- Bob Nicholls, Regina, who has agreed to let his name stand.

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

- Marley Duckett, Saskatoon
- Bryn Frape, Saskatoon
- Deborah Nelson, Regina
- Cynthia Peyson Wahl, Regina

Due to extenuating circumstances and there not being a President-Elect to move into the President position as James Hawn has filled the President position for two years, the SCF Board of Directors is recommending to the membership to keep consistency within the organization that James remain President for the next year. Cynthia Peyson Wahl has agreed to take the President-Elect position for the next year and at that time will move into the position of President for a two year term.

Motion: That James Hawn remain President for the 2020/2021 year and then move into Past-President be ratified and further,
THAT Cynthia Peyson Wahl be appointed as President Elect for 2020/2021 at which time she will move into the position of President for a two year term from 2021 to 2023.

Jennifer Lang/Daryl McKinnon. **Carried.**

Awards:

Mention was made of last year's awards. Jennifer indicated the 7 winners in 2019, winners who were: Pro Musica – Dr. Dominic Gregorio; Outstanding Administrator – Jacquie Ackerman; Golden Note – Maxine Moore; Community Service – Denise Germain, Clayton Braybrook, Diane Gryba and JoAnne Kasper.

Dr. Dominic Gregorio University of Regina Choral Leadership Award – Chloé Golden; University of Saskatchewan Choral Leadership Award – Tallissa Edwards

This year's awards: (A number of recipients are with us on the Zoom meeting today.)

- Pro Musica – no award this year
- Community Service – Corinne Groff, Regina
- Golden Note – Phoebe Voigts, Saskatoon (conductor); Judy Fawell, Regina (singer); Monique Lovatt, Regina (singer); Sandra Pfeifer, Regina (singer)
- Outstanding Administrator – Mark Anderson, Luther College HS, Regina

6. Treasurer's Report

- **Approval of the Audited Financial Statements to June 30, 2020**

Daryl McKinnon presented the Treasurer's Report and reviewed the 2019-20 Audited Financial Statements as circulated.

Motion: That the 2019 – 20 Audited Financial Statements be approved as circulated.

Daryl McKinnon/Kelsey Kuz. **Carried.**

- **Appointment of the auditor for 2020-2021**

Motion: That the accounting firm of MWC (Mintz Wallace Ceholski) be appointed as auditors for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Daryl McKinnon/Jennifer Lang. **Carried.**

Motion: That the reports be accepted as presented.

Jennifer Lang/Bob Nicholls. **Carried.**

7. **Motion:** That the actions of the board be ratified for this past year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).

Dave Pearce/Joshua Hendrickson. **Carried.**

8. **Announcement of 2020-21 Board of Directors**

The Saskatchewan Choral Federation Constitution provides for a Board of not less than 8 directors. With the departure of five directors and the addition of four new directors an election is not required.

The 2020-2021 Saskatchewan Choral Federation Board will be:

James Hawn, President
Cynthia Peyson Wahl, President-Elect
Vacant, Past-President
Marley Duckett
Bryn Frape
Joshua Hendrickson
Kelsey Kuz
Deborah Nelson
Bob Nicholls

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

Jennifer Lang thanked those going off the board for their hard work during their term(s) and the support they have given SCF and the choral community in the province. This included Stewart Wilkinson, Justin La, Dave Pearce, Daryl McKinnon, and Dave Pearce.

James thanked Jennifer, who is also leaving the board, for her keen insight and diligence in supporting SCF and choral music in the province.

9. New Business

None

James thanked everyone for attending the virtual AGM this year and to Sheryl and Kayla for making the meeting run smoothly.

10. Adjournment

Motion: that the 2019 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Jennifer Lang. **Carried.**

Signed.

James Hawn, President

Bob Nicholls, Secretary