



REGION OF WATERLOO ARTS FUND MINUTES

Thursday, October 24, 2013
4:40 p.m.
Room 217
Regional Administration Building
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Present were: Chair I. Stefanescu, I. Cisterna*, M. de Groot, J. Haalboom*, P. Mulloy*, M. Scott, K. Seiling* and A. Thomas

Members Absent: A. Aledeh, D. Mansell, E. McCluskie and P. Pulford

NEW BUSINESS

a) Panel Review Report

K. Seiling offered opening remarks about the report. He advised that the review panel members have expressed a willingness to attend a future meeting to assist the Board in determining a process framework.

* P. Mulloy joined the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

I. Stefanescu solicited general comments about the report from the members present.

The members provided feedback about the report recommendations; some expressing support for several elements of the report, others expressing concern with the proposed governance model and the practicalities of implementation. They discussed the levels of conflict, either direct or indirect, that any member could potentially have with a submitted grant application. It was noted by Board members that the report stated more than once that the panel found no misconduct by any of the Board members or any breaches of the Conflict of Interest policy.

The Board agreed to convey their appreciation to members of the independent review panel and to invite them to a meeting where the proposed recommendations could be discussed and the Board could establish a framework and timetable for dealing with the Conflict of Interest issue.

The Board discussed the development of a communications plan to share the report with the community. The members acknowledged the need to address the current public perception of how funds are reviewed and allocated to local projects.

* K. Seiling left the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

I. Stefanescu highlighted the benefit of the Arts Fund to the community and the potential to make the Arts Fund better as it moves into its second decade of operation.

* J. Haalboom left the meeting at 5:52 p.m., at which time quorum was lost.

Some meeting dates in early November were suggested. Staff was directed to poll the members for preferred dates and times and to arrange for the attendance of members from the independent panel review.

* I. Cisterna left the meeting 6:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS

**Review Panel Report on the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund Conflict of Interest Policy
(Date to be determined)**

**Thursday, December 5, 2013
(Review of Fall 2013 Stage 2 Applications)**

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIR, *I. Stefanescu*

CORPORATE CLERK, *S. Natolochny*