



## OSSDF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

(Held via Zoom)

### Minutes

June 14, 2023 at 7:30pm

**Present: Board Members:** Laurel Brown, Chair, Cathy Bowman, Meghan Kidd, Katie Knowlton, Joanna Perlus.

**Teacher Members:** Christina Kemp, Nikkie Price

**Other Guests:** Brianne Mauro

**Regrets:** Melissa Chiandussi, Cathy Harris

Meeting documents distributed include the Agenda, 2023-2024 Proposed Slate of Directors and Officers, Minutes of 2022 AGM and the August 31, 2022 Financial Statements.

Laurel Brown, as Chair of the meeting, gave the Land Acknowledgement, welcomed the Members and Guests, and outlined the purpose of the meeting. Laurel then thanked everyone for their work in our return to a Live Event, and their commitment to supporting youth artistry.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Laurel Brown moved that the agenda sent out with the Notice of General Meeting be approved. Seconded by Cathy Bowman. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held June 29, 2022 via Zoom**

The minutes from the Annual General Meeting of June 29, 2022 were presented for approval. The business discussed at the 2022 AGM related mainly to the Appointment of Directors for 2022-2023, DANCEFEST 2022, "Let's Dis-Dance (Again)", the Teachers' Council and Website/Social Media requirements. Motion to approve by Meghan Kidd; seconded by Nikkie Price; carried.

#### **Approval of Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2022**

The Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2022 were presented. Cathy Bowman reported that we had a small profit on the second virtual event, which helped to reduce our accumulated deficit. There was a discussion of out of the ordinary happenings during COVID. Motion to approve by Meghan Kidd; seconded by Katie Knowlton; carried.

#### **By-Law Resolution #2**

Laurel presented proposed By-Law Resolution #2, as follows:

*Whereas the ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DANCEFEST By-Law No. 1 sets the number of Directors at a minimum of Six (6) and a maximum of Ten (10) members.*

*Be it resolved, that the ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DANCEFEST Members hereby:*

- 1. Require that a minimum of Fifty Per Cent (50%) of Directors be certified by the Ontario College of Teachers*
- 2. Allow that the Directors in #1 be either active or retired.*

This motion is to ensure that the OSSDF directors have a complete understanding and appreciation of the current secondary dance curriculum and/or the extracurricular commitment from teachers who must be knowledgeable and respond appropriately to the demands from administrators and the district board offices around protocols for field trips. Furthermore, the empowering feedback of adjudicators at the OSSDF showcase of the performances of original choreography by youth fulfills a response to the “next steps” process in the dance curriculum. Motion to approve by Joanna Perlus; seconded by Meghan Kidd; carried.

**Election/Appointment of Directors**

Laurel Brown reported on recruitment of Board members for 2023-2024.

Resignations:

Laura Barnes.

Deb Kapp is moving to the Sub-Committee, Advocacy and Inclusion.

Melissa Chiandussi is moving to the Sub-Committee, Education and Resources.

Laurel then presented the proposed slate of Directors for 2023-2024 as follows:

<i><b>Board Position</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Operational Position</b></i>
<i>President</i>	<i>Katie Knowlton</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Laurel Brown</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Meghan Kidd</i>	<i>Vice-President Operations</i>
<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	<i>Cathy Bowman</i>	<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>
<i>Teachers’ Council Coordinator</i>	<i>Joanna Perlus</i>	<i>n/a</i>
<i>Member-at-Large</i>		<i>Website</i>
<i>Member-at-Large</i>		<i>Social Media</i>
<i>Member-at-Large</i>	<i>Cathy Harris</i>	<i>Education &amp; Resources</i>
<i>Member-at-Large</i>	<i>Nikkie Price</i>	<i>Event Support</i>
<i>Member-at-Large</i>	<i>Christina Kemp</i>	<i>Event Adjudication Platform</i>

Brianne Mauro expressed interest in joining the Board as a Member-at-Large, with the operational responsibility for Social Media. Her name was added to the above proposed slate.

Motion to approve the slate of Directors with the addition of Brianne Mauro as Member-at-Large was made by Cathy Bowman; seconded by Joanna Perlus; carried.

**Introduction of Sub-Committees:**

Advocacy and Inclusion

Deb Kapp,

Education and Resources

Melissa Chiandussi, Maddy Eby, Brianne Mauro

Grant Writing, Fundraising & Sponsorship

Laurel expressed interest in being part of the Grant Writing, Fundraising and Sponsorship Sub-Committee. Her name was added.

Laurel explained that the Sub-Committees would meet as necessary and make any reports to the Vice-President.

**Report on Membership**

Cathy Bowman reported that we had 17 schools take part in first post-COVID LIVE DANCEFEST (18 paid), with 368 participants and 198 dance entries. Our second virtual event in 2022 had 11 schools, 265 participants and 85 dance entries.

**Report on DANCEFEST Event & President’s Comments**

Laurel Brown reported that the Event as reported by Cathy Bowman was a great success as we moved back to hosting a Live Event. There continued to be issues with the Blueprint Adjudication system which will need to be fixed for 2023. Much manual work was necessary to calculate the overall results. We have been invited to attend and have a table at the Regional CODE conferences “CODE on the Road” in Windsor (Oct 21<sup>st</sup>), Kingston (May 2024) and Kenora (Sept 30<sup>th</sup>). Laurel will attend Windsor. There was a concern expressed by Windsor Schools regarding location of the Event

**Report on Teachers’ Council**

Joanna Perlus reported that the Teachers’ Council met several times through the year, with a DANCEFEST 2023 follow-up meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> with 10 teachers present.

**Laurel Brown**

Cathy Bowman thanked Laurel Brown for her long term as President of OSSDF, as she moves to the Past President position. This was echoed by all present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Joanna Perlus

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Director

Katie Knowlton

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Director