

Purple Hills Arts & Heritage Society Annual General Meeting

Nominating Committee Report to the Members

1. Introduction

The PHAHS Constitutional By-law provides that “the Board of Directors shall consist of up to 15 persons, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and up to ten (10) other Directors, all of whom shall be elected annually by the membership. The Past President shall also be a Director.

At its January 2016 Board meeting, the Board of Directors appointed Maureen Quigley, Julie Pollock and David Bruce Johnson to serve as the Nominating Committee for the 2016 Annual General Meeting. New guidelines for the nomination of Directors were approved by the Board including principles to guide the nominations process and priority skill sets to ideally be recruited in 2016. In addition a statement of roles and responsibilities of the Board and individual Directors was made available to all potentially interested candidates to assist them in understanding the expectations associated with serving on the Board. Finally, for the first time, in addition to approaching individuals known to the Board of Directors, an open invitation for expressions of interest in serving on the Board was published in the Creemore Echo on February 5, 2015.

2. Vacancies to be filled in 2016

At the 2015 Annual General Meeting, 15 Directors were elected by the Members. In 2015-16, the following individuals resigned from the Board during the course of the year:

Diane Castonguay
Chris Hession
Miriam Vince
Nancy White
David Wilson, Treasurer

David Bruce Johnson was elected by the Board to replace David Wilson as Treasurer in June 2015.

The following additional individuals have submitted their resignations from the Board of Directors effective the Annual General Meeting:

Fran Breithaupt
Susan (McKenzie) Hough
Maureen Quigley

In light of the turnover this year, the Board agreed to try to fill only 4-5 vacancies in April 2016.

Finally, one Director, Sarah Hershoff, has reached her maximum of 6 years on the Board. However, in light of the turnover in 2016, the Board has agreed to recommend to the membership that her term be extended by one year to provide continuity.

In addition, Yvonne Hamlin has completed her term as Past President and will therefore be leaving the Board. Fran Breithaupt has indicated that she does not wish to remain on the Board to serve as Past-President. Consequently the position of Past-President will be vacant in 2016-2017.

3. Nominees for 2016

The following individuals have submitted a nominations form, confirming their willingness and ability to meet the responsibilities of a Director:

Helen Blackburn, who has lived in the Creemore area for her entire life and was a founding member of Purple Hills. Helen was recently celebrated in the book on the 10 Pioneers of Creemore and is widely known for her knowledge and writing on heritage in the area. Helen will provide assistance with further development of the heritage program and linkages to the heritage community.

Lyne Burek, an artist and poet, who lives in Creemore and is well known in the community as the owner of the Mad and Noisy Gallery since 2014. Lyne will assist the Treasurer with PHAHS financial matters, the Arts Festival and other arts programs and provide linkages to the artist and business community.

Sandra Green, a marketing executive, who lives in Brentwood and was the Executive Director of Ray's Place prior to becoming the President of Clearview Community Radio. Sandra will contribute her expertise in marketing and communications and organization of events.

Frieda Linke, an artist, who lives in Stayner, and is the owner of Linke's Local Arts Gallery and Art Supply and a Founder and Director of the Stayner Arts Festival and Vice-President of the Stayner Chamber of Commerce. Frieda will assist with fund raising and organization of events.

The Board of Directors approved these nominees on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee at its meeting of April 1, 2016.

4. Slate of Directors for Approval by the Members on April 24, 2016

The slate of Directors for approval by the Members at the Annual General Meeting is as follows:

Directors:

Helen Blackburn
Lyne Burek
Gail Caswell
Bryan Davies
Sandra Green
Jim Harkness
Sarah Hershoff
David Bruce Johnson
Frieda Links
Julie Pollock
Jim Stacey

5. Slate of Officers for Approval by the Board

Julie Pollock, President

Vice- President – to be confirmed at April Board meeting from among elected Directors or at a later date

David Bruce Johnson, Treasurer

Sarah Hershoff, Secretary

Past-President – vacant