

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS

February 9, 2023

MINUTES

(Meeting #364)

Adopted:

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**In Attendance:** Maggie Marwah (*Chair*), Anthony Novac, Bill Barker, Bruce Sparks, Cheryl Hann, Chris Parsons, Dave van de Wetering, Dean Leland, Gary Edwards, Jim Horwich, John Keating, Kathryn Toope, Marco Chiarot, Mark Bovey, Olivia Fay, Peggy Shannon, Rudi Meyer, Sarah McInnes, Shelley Burke, Sunil Sarwal, Sylvia Parris-Drummond

**Absent:** Fabienne Colas

## 5. GETTING TO KNOW THE NSCAD COMMUNITY

*Andy Murdoch, Director of Strategic Communications*

President Shannon introduced Andy Murdoch, NSCAD's new Director of Strategic Communications, welcoming his forward-thinking approach and understanding of the needs of the university.

A. Murdoch shared a brief presentation of his background and past work: he comes to NSCAD from Concordia University, Montreal, where he worked as a communications advisor in the Faculty of Fine Arts for six years. During that time, he led Concordia's visual rebranding, revamped its website, aligned communications and marketing strategies with fine arts recruitment goals, and tirelessly championed the research and creative successes of faculty, students and staff. Prior to his time at Concordia, he worked at Dalhousie University as an online content officer and at The Coast newspaper as an editor and writer. He has also worked at the Toronto Star and the CBC, as well as in the UK at The Guardian. He brings to NSCAD an extensive university communications and marketing experience with a particular expertise in design, and visual and performing arts.

The Chair welcomed Andy to NSCAD and back to Nova Scotia and looks forward to him taking NSCAD to the next level.

## 6. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

No changes being requested, the minutes of the December 13, 2022, are hereby declared adopted as a true record.

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

## 8. KEY CORRESPONDENCE

There was no key correspondence.

## 9. CONSENT AGENDA

*Maggie Marwah, Board Chair*

The Chair noted the committee reports included under the Consent Agenda re (D) - 2023-01-10-010-10-13.3 (i)





*Q: (S. Parris-Drummond)*

The Chair stated that fall will approach fast, and many members will be at the end of their terms. This will be revisited with an official call-out for nominations at the March meeting.

**13.3 Public Forum on University Governance**

*Jim Horwich*

J. Horwich advised that a few weeks ago there was a public forum that he attended virtually as this is an area that the university is invested in. NSCAD was represented well as a number of board members attended. He wanted to thank the Chair, Maggie Marwah, for informing the board of the session. M. Bovey also thanked the Chair for making us aware. He was touched by how many of the board attended and the students did a great job. The URL was shared in the meeting chat and was suggested to be reviewed if time permits as key issues were prevalent. B. Sparks added he was pleasantly surprised by all of the board attendance.

**13.4 President's Goals & Objectives**

*Dave van de Wetering*

D. van de Wetering gave a quick update that the President Goals & Objectives are still being worked on and will be reported once completed.

**13.5 Film Fest & Student Art Awards**

*Marco Chiarot*

M. Chiarot reminded the board that the 2023 Film Festival is taking place from April 24-26. There is a VIP reception event

- 14.3 – Facilities Update

6:49 p.m. O. Fay left the meeting to attend class.

**Motion:** By motion of P. Shannon the February 9, 2023, meeting of the Board of Governors moved **out of camera** at approximately 7:02 p.m. [BOG 364/23-03]

## 15. OUT OF CAMERA MOTIONS

Following the in camera session, the following motions were tabled:

### GOVERNANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES Committee

*Dave van de Wetering, Chair*

#### **Vice-Chair, Board of Governors (Bill Barker)**

**Motion:** To accept the recommendation of the Governance & Human Resources committee, the Board of Governors approves the nomination of Bill Barker as Vice-Chair of the NSCAD Board of Governors, commencing February 9, 2023.

*Moved by M. Chiarot. Seconded by D. van de Wetering. Carried. B. Barker abstained. [BOG 364/23-04]*

#### **Voting Rights, Vice-Chair – Board of Governors (Bill Barker)**

**Motion:** I move that Bill Barker, as Board Vice-Chair, be appointed a voting member of the Audit & Risk Oversight and Financial & Physical Resources committees, and a non-voting member of the Advancement committee, as permitted by NSCAD bylaws.





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## 22. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING

***Motion:*** By motion of P. Shannon, the February 9, 2023, meeting of the Board of Governors adjourned at approximately 7:34 p.m. [BOG 364/23-19]

The next meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

*Recorded by A. Molloy, Advancement Services Officer / EA – President's Office & Governance  
Approved for internal circulation by Maggie Marwah, Board Chair on May 1, 2023.*