

**Prince George Photographic Society
Annual General Meeting
September 25, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.
2. Introductions
3. The agenda was adopted (MSC)
4. Two sets of Minutes were approved:
 - a. September 26, 2017 Annual General Meeting (MSC)
 - b. May 8, 2018 Special General Meeting (MSC)
5. Dana read the President's report. In the report she thanked the Executive for all of their hard work. She recognized organizers of events such as Chris Harris' 'Abstraction in Photography', a book presentation and workshop by John E. Marriott, the BCNE photo display/contest, display of our work in Cafe Voltaire and more. She reviewed our year which also included monthly Photo Challenges, CAPA photo competitions and member presentations. We went on field trips including Allen's Scrap & Salvage, the Festival of Trees and the Dew Drop Alpaca Farm. We had our year end picnic in July at Barb Mazur's home at Cluculz Lake. Our September field trip was to the Robson Valley. Bob Steventon was thanked for all his hard work updating our bylaws and for helping to transition us to the new Societies Act. (MSC)
6. Tanya Stewart shared the Treasurer's report. There is approximately \$6900 in the bank as of today and we have no outstanding bills. (MSC)
7. Recommendation: That the Prince George Photographic Society confer Lifetime Membership on Mike Kohut. (MSC)
8. Amendments to the PGPS Bylaws:
Note: A quorum is 30% of our current membership. 30% of 60 is 18. 23 members were present.
Note: Bylaw changes require a 75% vote of members present.

Recommendation: That the Bylaws of the Prince George Photographic Society be amended as follows:

1. [Bylaw 1 d]
d) The membership year shall run from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.
2. [Bylaw 1 f]
f) Membership fees are due September 1. A continuing member who fails to pay the annual membership fee by January 1 of the following year ceases to be a member.
3. [Bylaw 2 c) and new Bylaw 2 e)]
c) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers, the Immediate Past President, and no fewer than four additional Directors.
e) The number of additional directors to be elected in excess of four shall be determined by ordinary resolution at the Annual General Meeting.
(current sections e, f and g are renumbered as f, g and h)
4. [current Bylaw 2 f, renumbered 2 g]
g) The Executive Committee may appoint a member to fill a vacant position.
5. [Bylaw 3 c)]
c) The Executive shall appoint a member to maintain a register of members with name, phone number, e-mail address and membership fee status.
6. [Bylaw 3 h)]
h) The Executive Committee shall prepare and file such documents and reports as are required under the Societies Act of British Columbia.
7. [Bylaw 3 i)]

i) The Executive Committee shall take any proposal to borrow money to a General Membership Meeting in the form of a recommendation requiring approval by ordinary resolution.

8. [new Bylaw 6 b)]

b) The Society may maintain an annual affiliation to the Prince George and District Community Arts Council.

9. [Bylaw 7]

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall require a 2/3 vote of members present at a General Meeting provided that the number of members present is greater than 25% of all members. Notice of the amendment must be proposed in writing in the form of a special resolution and must be provided to the Secretary. The Secretary shall notify all members of the proposed special resolution by e-mail or mail no less than 30 days prior to the General Meeting at which it will be considered.

10. [Bylaw 8]

Non-profit Organization

The Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used for promoting its purposes.

11. [Bylaw 9]

In the event that the Society should at any time be wound up or dissolved, the remaining assets after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be turned over to one or more organizations in Canada as the (MSC) without dissent

9. Elections:

a. President: Dana Schwehr was nominated and elected by acclamation

b. Vice President: Sandra Hay was nominated and elected by acclamation

c. Secretary: Michelle Sims was nominated and elected by acclamation

d. Treasurer: Tanya Stewart was nominated and elected by acclamation

e. i. Motion: That the meeting elect 9 directors. (MSC)

ii. Directors: Greg Drozda, Kevin Gagel, Debbie Malm, Selena Laing, Derek Belsham, Carol Whetter, Renata Dorschner, Jeff Postnikoff and Bob Steventon were nominated and elected.

10. Business Raised by Members: none.

11. Announcements: none

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:03

Following the meeting:

i. Draw for a year membership - winner - Sandra Hay

ii. Video presentation: Art Wolfe on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

iii. Dana described the 2018 Lions Gate Celebration of Nature Photography contest which will be held on the October 23 meeting.

iv. Next member meeting: October 9, 2018