

Saskatchewan Arts Alliance

2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2025 | Online via Zoom

In Attendance:

Josh Haugerud (Board Liaison)
Zoë Schneider (Financial Liaison)
Lyndsay Amato
Jennifer Dawn Bishop
Kelsey Ford
Carla Harris
Jeff Morton
Daniel Parr
Alejandro Romero
Kayla Rourke

Kaydence Banga
Elma Bos
Roberta Cross
Charley Farrero
Ariel Haug
Nena Hawkes
Elaine Kaloustian
Lorena Kelly
Lenore Maier
Bruce McKay
Sandee Moore
Sheryl Neher
Wendy Nelson
Rowan Pantel
Amber Phelps
Tai Reign
Danielle Richardson
Shaylee Rosnes
Anna Smandych
Joel Tabak

SAA Board | Artist
SAA Board | Artist | OSAC
SAA Board | Amato Creatives
SAA Board | Artist
SAA Board | SK Printmakers
SAA Board | Artist
SAA Board | Artist
SAA Board | SaskBooks
SAA Board | Artist
SAA Board | Children's Festival of SK

SK Association of Theatre Professionals
Conseil culturel fransaskois
Grow Solutions
Artist
Gravelbourg Artisan Co-operative
Theatre Saskatchewan
SaskOrchestras
SaskMusic
The Broadway Theatre
La Troupe du Jour
Art Gallery of Regina
Saskatchewan Choral Federation
CARFAC SASK
On the Boards
On Cue Performance Hub
Youth Poet Laureate
Common Weal Community Arts
Listen to Dis' Community and Art Organization
Gravelbourg Artisan Co-operative
Saskatchewan Filmpool Cooperative

SAA Staff:

Em Ironstar, Executive Director
Ariana Malthaner, Research Lead
Jessica Riess, Communications & Outreach Lead

Special Guest - Artist Intervention:

Tai Reign, Saskatchewan Youth Poet Laureate

1. Call to Order – 7:24 pm

Meeting called to order by Board Liaison Josh Haugerud who confirmed quorum.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 01.09.25.2025: To approve the agenda of the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

(J. Bishop / K. Ford – Carried unanimously)

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 AGM

Motion 02.09.25.2025: To approve the minutes of the 2024 AGM, with noted corrections.

(K. Ford / Z. Schneider – Carried. Abstentions noted in chat.)

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising.

5. Reports

Board Liaison Report – Josh Haugerud

- Highlighted governance work completed by the Board.
- Opened the floor for questions (none raised).

Executive Director's Report – Em Ironstar

- Reflected on a year shaped by the Arts for Change Conference (April 2025) and the launch of the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan.
- Thanked staff team (Ariana, Jessica, and Kathryn) and acknowledged past staff support.
- Acknowledged funders (SK Arts, SaskCulture, Sask Lotteries).
- Reiterated SAA's ongoing values: reconciliation, decolonization, intersectional diversity, collective voice, and pay equity.
- No questions raised.

Financial Liaison's Report – Zoë Schneider

- Presented the audited financial statements for year ending May 31, 2025, by Marcia Herback & Associates. Highlights:
 - Total assets: \$443,913
 - Unearned revenue: \$218,500 (2025–26 funding received in advance)
 - Unrestricted net assets: \$48,869 (up from \$38,926 in 2024)
 - Internally restricted reserves: \$160,920
 - Revenues: \$416,133 | Expenses: \$406,990 | Surplus: \$9,943
 - Audit report: no concerns, standard qualified opinion regarding donations/memberships.

Motion 03.09.25.2025: To accept the financial statements as presented.

(Z. Schneider / N. Hawkins – Carried)

Motion 04.09.25.2025: To reappoint Marcia Herback & Associates as auditor for 2025/26 fiscal year.

(Z. Schneider / B. McKay – Carried)

6. Election of Directors

- Continuing in second year of term: Jeff Morton, Alejandro Romero, Jennifer Bishop, Josh Haugerud, Krystal Glowatski.
- Returning for a second term: Carla Harris, Kayla Rourke, Zoë Schneider.
- Departing board members recognized: Lyndsay Amato, Kelsey Ford, and Daniel Parr.

Motion 05.09.25.2025: To accept the slate of nominees as proposed.

(Danielle Richardson / Sandy Moore – Carried)

7. New Business

No new business brought forward.

8. Adjournment

Motion 05.09.25.2025: To adjourn the meeting.

(Bruce McKay / Sandy Moore – Carried)

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.