



Youth Singers of Calgary Society

## Annual General Meeting

Monday, November 27, 2023

8:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: ATCO Performing Arts Centre, Penner Studio

### **In Attendance:**

Ernie Abbott, Catherine Barclay, Eugene Beaulieu, Yvonne Broadfield, Bryan Clarke, Cathy Clynch, Jason Erhardt, Rod Garossino, Jenn Gordon, Allison Henderson, JP Hermano, Kyle Lauderdale, Ken Lima Coelho, Tara Lima Coelho, Kaella Joelle, Laura Lovett, Alana Lucier, Erin Lynch, Lois Mafrica, Jordan Marra, Skye McNeill, Nancy Norris, Liz Pierce, Morgan Pierce, Michelle Poon, Karri Quan, Alyssa Reag, Thomas Rudolfrom, Stacey Shaub-Szabo, Nancy Steward, Margeret Toye, Michael Tran, Dianne Trew, Heath Va, Suzy Vadori, Marcia Van Voorene, Steven Weimer, MaryAnne Wickese, Evan Wilkinson, Tayo

### **Staff:**

Megan Emmett, Alida Lowe, Colin Lowe, Beth Maclean, Shirley Penner, Carole Tsang

### **1. Welcome & Remarks**

Ernie Abbott, Board Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. Ernie thanked the Board of Directors, specifically Catherine Barclay for her support and mentorship as Past-Chair. Ernie recognized Jasn Bergeron who is leaving the Board and thanked him for his service. Ernie also thanked the Youth Singers staff for their hard work and dedication.

Ernie declared that quorum had been achieved.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Ernie asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. There were none.

### **Approval of January 21, 2023 minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting held on January 22, 2023: Moved by Eugene Beaulieu; Seconded by J.P. Hermano. Motion Carried

## **Business arising from the January 21, 2023 meeting**

There was no business arising from the January 21 meeting.

### **2. Highlights from the 2022-2023 Season – Megan Emmett, CEO**

Megan Emmett provided an overview of the 2022-2023 season. Highlights included:

- Renaming of studios
- Very successful Junior High California tour
- Strategic plan development
- Calgary Foundation grant received for Alumni office
- Implementation of new CRM database
- Megan also shared a story about YSC receiving a last-minute request to perform at the Choir Alberta Music Conference in Edmonton. Our singers delivered a great performance which resulted in very meaningful interactions that signaled a significant shift in how YSC is perceived.

### **3. Presentation of 2022-2023 Financial Statements – Teo Blackburn, Treasurer**

Teo Blackburn presented the audited financial statements. Highlights included:

- There is a small deficit, but the financial position is improving year over year
- Building depreciation is included so there is not an actual operating deficit
- Levels of donations and grants have been reduced largely due to Covid, but YSC has benefitted from pandemic recovery government grants

**MOTION:** To accept the 2022-2023 financial statement audited by Buchanan Barry LLP as presented: Moved by Teo Blackburn; Seconded by Steven Weimer. Motion carried.

### **4. Appointment of Auditors for 2023-2024 Season – Teo Blackburn, Treasurer**

**MOTION:** To appoint Buchanan Barry LLP as auditors for the 2023-2024 Season. Moved by Teo Blackburn; seconded by Catherine Barklay. Motion carried.

### **5. Re-elect & Elect new Board of Directors**

The following slate of Directors were presented for re-election:

- Re-elect: Rod Garossino, Secretary
- Re-elect: Catherine Barclay, Past Chair
- Re-elect: Eugene Beaulieu
- Re-elect: Shane Simmons
- Re-elect: Renée Fagnou
- Re-elect: J.P. Hermano

**MOTION:** To approve the election of the slate of Directors as presented. Moved by Karri Quan; Seconded by Nancy Norris. Motion carried.

### **6. New Business / Q & A**

There was no new business.

**7. Performance: Encore**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Moved by Ernie Abbott.