

# NEUTRAL GROUND

## Artist-Run Centre

Neutral Ground Inc.

In-person Meeting Agenda  
Annual General Meeting | 2024 - 2025  
Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 1PM

1. **Call to Order** (1pm) - 1:05 PM
2. **Approval of Agenda**
  - *Motioned: Lins, Seconded: Cady*
3. **Approval of Minutes from last AGM**
  - [Minutes from the 2023-2024](#) AGM was held in person on Saturday, December 7, 2024
  - *Motioned: Larissa, Seconded: Sheldon*
4. **Presentation of 2024-2025 Annual Report**
  - Introduction by Chair, followed by Director-Curator Report
    - *Emily going over the previous programming in the 2025 year~*
      1. *Both in gallery exhibitions & window gallery spaces*
    - *Membership Residency overview ~*
    - Events & Partnerships~
      1. *Art's Birthday*
      2. *Sherry's Curatorial Class*
      3. *FW Johnsons STEAM program*
      4. *Cam Hunters*
      5. *Elke & Chantel Cyanotype workshop (Nuit Blanche)*
        - a. *Mahdi's window gallery display*
    - Workshops & Talks
      1. *Sarah Mihara Creagen*
      2. *Rouleau Palliser Library Event*
        - a. *Snack Witch Joni Cheung*
      3. *Jessie Dishaw Fibre arts workshop*
      4. *Mel Rose Felting workshop*
      5. *Kev Liang printmaking workshop*
      6. *Raegan Moynes workshop (soft sculpture materials)*
      7. *Alexa Hainsworth textile workshop*
      8. *Whess Harman ARTIST TALK*
  - *Call for proposal model - review and re-working*
    - *Reducing labour and creating a more accessible approachable model for more marginalized voices*

- Looking Forward:
  - Programming committee reviewed and reworked the programming call/proposal call
  - Expansions in external relationships with communities outside of the typical spaces (rural communities)
  - New equipment, more members resulted in this
  - Launch of curatorial blended model
  - Two new partnerships: STEAM program, and Sherry's curatorial class
- Review of Upcoming Programming (25-26)

## 5. **Presentation of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report**

- o Marcia Herbeck on 2024-25 Review Engagement, with motion to approve.
  - *Reviewing Accounting Policy - Miranda*
    1. Increase in current assets, decline in tangible capital assets
    2. Accounts Payable decline, increase in deferred revenue
    3. Decline in total net assets, amortization is primarily the cause, deficit effected operation funds
  - *Was that the planned deficit - was it in the plan to bring it down further?*  
**(Ulriae)**
    1. Yes, emergency contingency funding - running deficits was to address the organizations surplus~
  - *Is there a place in the statements that states this emergency fund?*  
**(Larissa)**
    1. You will see it in the cash holdings
    2. Maybe we should have a space to indicate this in the future financial statements - just incase everyone present is no longer here and has a contingency plan for looking at
      - a. Miranda - the board has access to records from previous boards. Accounting standards show that you need the information to be displayed in a specific way. It may be able to be added to the annual report, but would be different from what the auditor looks like.
  - *Grants have changed - as we did not receive one grant we applied for.*
  - *Increase in artistic programming costs, increase admin expenses, facility & marketing costs slightly decreased*
- *Statement of Cash Flows*
  - *Increased amount of cash we had this year - from deferred revenue from grants (already have cash on hand to support next years)*
    - *Question about the "Other Matter" - 'Unmodified conclusion', what does that mean? (Ulriae)*
      - *The auditor didn't find any matters that would mean that anything would be misstated, nothing they came across that would make them issue another opinion.*
- *Notes & Schedules*
  - *Note 3 - more detailed breakdown of capital assets*

- Note 4 - deposits right now, similar to last year other than the rent put down
  - This is not audited - what does that mean?
    - Not audited, but review done. We had a review, but not an audit as we did not want to incur the costs. We are expected to get reviewed as per our granting agents but not audited.
- Schedules are detailed breakdown of expenses thru the year ~
  - Biggest change is the decrease from the professional development board - Ivy & Dean (one time)
  - Professional fees go down, and should stay around or go down further
  - Salaries & benefits went up - Narges was hired in Jan. This will be more regulated this next year.
  - Increase in travel - Emily attended conference in Ottawa
  - Increase in advertising
  - Increasing artists fees from increased funding
    - a. Motioned: Larissa, Seconded: Miranda, All approved

## 6. **Appointment of Auditor**

- o Motion: To appoint Marcia Herback as auditor/accountant of record for Neutral Ground for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
  - Motioned: Miranda, Seconded: Audie
- o Rationale: The incumbent, Marcia Herback, conducted the current year review engagement for Neutral Ground, has obtained a detailed familiarity with organizational finances.
  - All in favour - YES

## 7. **Nominations and Elections to the Board of Directors**

To be elected, each nominee must receive a majority of votes of those present or proxied.

- o **Call for nominations from the floor**
  - **Bree - Amin M**
  - **Colton - Jeremy L**
  - **Aislinn - Gwen S**
- o **Call for 2 scrutineers from the membership**
  - **Yvonne & Ulriac**
- o **Election of New Board Members**
  - Thank you to Retiring/Retired Board Members:
    1. Bree Tabin
    2. Aislinn McDougall
    3. Cady Judge
    4. Lins Demchuk
  - Nominations for two-year terms:  
*Biographies of nominees found in Annual Report (less the members nominated from the floor)*
    1. Jeremy Lague

2. Gwen Elaine Singer

■ Continuing Board Members

*Board Members continuing for second year of 2-year term:*

1. Mika Abbott
2. Colton Bates
3. Sheldon Brown
4. Miranda Derkson
5. Savannah Downs
6. Audie Murray
7. Sage Wosiminity

8. **Open Floor to members for feedback or comments on items presented in the Annual Report**

○ **Ulriae** - *Staffing, how are you going to bridge the staffing gap?*

■ *Plan as of now, City of Regina potential cuts in the community invest grants, intention is to put out the call for GA - will wait to hire until knowing the city*

1. *City website - below signing up to speak - you can write to city council*

9. **Adjournment (3:15pm)**

○ Motioned: Jeraaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa