



Embroiderers' Association of Canada, Inc. Association canadienne de broderie, Inc.

Annual General Meeting - May 17, 2017 Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's campus St. John's Newfoundland Minutes - **DRAFT**

EAC Aim: *To preserve the traditional techniques and promote new challenges in the Art of Embroidery through education and networking.*

EAC Purpose: *All members should endeavour to fulfill the following purposes:*

- ❖ *To encourage and promote the practice and knowledge of the Art of Embroidery in all its forms;*
- ❖ *To have a fellowship of persons who enjoy needlework and wish to learn and share their knowledge; and thereby to work towards maintaining higher standards of design, colour and workmanship.*

1. **President's Welcome & Introduction of the Board** – Margaret Adey

AGM called to order at 12:57pm

2. **Minutes of AGM May 18, 2016, Toronto, ON**

There being no errors or omissions noted, the minutes were accepted with the following motion:

Motion 1: Sue Thomas / Helen McCrindle

To approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016 AGM.

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3. **Treasurer's Report** – Diane Scott

- The Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2016 were printed in the Spring 2017 edition of *Embroidery Canada* and sent to each member by email or regular mail. Treasurer Diane Scott briefly commented on the report and asked for questions. There were no questions.

Motion 2: Diane Scott / Marcella Petersen

The Treasurer's report be accepted based on the financial statements for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2016 published in the Spring 2017 edition of *Embroidery Canada* and sent to each member by email or regular mail.

- 12 proxy votes presented by:
 - Donna Van Nispen, 2 yes
 - Margot Walker, 5 yes
 - Barbara Gilbert, 5 yes

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Motion 3: Diane Scott / Pia Harvey

That Grant Thornton, Victoria BC office, be appointed to do the review engagement for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017.

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4. Reports:

- Reports from all EAC Officers and Directors were printed in the 2017 AGM booklet. President Marg Adey asked for questions; there being none, she called for a motion to accept.

Motion 4: Jewel Cousens / Yvonne Clark

To accept the EAC Board Annual Reports as printed in the pre-circulated EAC AGM 2017 booklet.

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5. New Business

- Changes to EAC Bylaws – Beryl Burnett

Motion 5: Beryl Burnett / Barbara Gilbert

To approve the Changes to the EAC Bylaws as printed in the pre-circulated EAC AGM 2017 booklet and sent to each member by email or regular mail.

Under Section 3, the section on Affiliate Membership, to delete the phrase “which is already a member of another national or international association”. The revised section is to read “Affiliate Membership, wherein the member is an institution, or group in which some or all members are not members of the Corporation”.

Under Section 3, an addition of the following sentence be made - “Current Life Memberships will be honoured but no new applications will be accepted.” This reflects current practice.

Under Section 8, the following two sentences to be added at the end - “The result of an electronic vote is as valid as if it had been passed at a regular Board meeting and is to be included in the records of the following meeting. Any member entitled to attend EAC meetings may request to attend an electronic meeting of the Board.”

Under Section 17, clarification to be made by changing to the following wording - “The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and any such other officers as the Board of Directors may determine. The same person may hold any two (2) offices but only in unusual circumstances.”

Under Section 34, clarification to be made by adding the word “annual” before “general meeting”. The wording will then be the following - “The members shall at each annual general meeting appoint an accountant to review the accounts of the Corporation for report to the members at the next annual general meeting provided that the Board Member may fill any casual vacancy in the office of the accountant. The Board of Directors shall fix the remuneration of the accountant.”

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- Introduction of “Celebrating Canada from the East to West Coast” Challenge 2018 – Marg Adey
 The EAC Challenge 2018 is “Celebrating Canada from the East to West Coast”. Information on the Challenge and how to enter can be found on the back of the 2017 AGM booklet and on the back of the Spring issue of *Embroidery Canada* as well as future issues of this magazine and on the website.
- Winter Ornament & Spring Scissor Fob Exchanges – Jeanine Robertson
 Thanks were extended to the Island Stitchery Guild, Nanaimo for hosting the 2016 Winter Ornament Exchange. The Embroiderers’ Guild of Victoria, Victoria, BC to host the Spring 2017 Scissor Fob Exchange; Tulip Tree Needlearts, Chatham-Kent, Ontario to host the 5th Annual 2017 EAC Winter Ornament Exchange; Cowichan Valley Needle Arts Guild, Lake Cowichan, BC to host the Spring 2018 Bookmark Exchange. Appeal for host chapters for future exchanges.
- News from the May 2017 EAC Board Meeting – Marg Adey
 - EAC payment of shipping costs of EAC Library books both ways will continue until August 2018
 - Exciting new courses will be announced shortly in EC & on the website
 - Group Project Award had 42 entries
 - Marigold Guild of Needle Arts, Truro, NS to host Seminar 2020 with Leslie Burrows as Seminar Chair Appointee
 - Seminar 2018: Bridging Stitches, Charlottetown, PE with Joyce Gill and Linda Brenner as Seminar Chair Appointees
 - Seminar 2019: Beyond the Edge, Victoria, BC with Barbara Gilbert as Seminar Chair Appointee
 - Foreign teachers issue: foreign teachers were asked not to book classes with Chapters prior to or after Seminar.
 - Stitch in Public: resources available on the website
 - EAC Connecting Thread Roses Collection sign up sheet for anyone willing to stitch more roses in the needed techniques
 - Project 150: Helen McCrindle presented with silver thimble and card for her service, she gave a short presentation.

6. Announcements

- “Artful Accessories” Challenge Winners – Dianna Thorne
 - 11 entries with four \$25.00 awards going to 1st & 2nd place ties:
 Tied for 1st: Sue Thomas - puffin purse, Diane Mugford - necklace and earrings

Tied for 2nd: Jennie Wolter - necklace, Judith Best - tablet cover

Other entries: Jewel Cousins - Purse, Jeanine Robertson - tissue holder, Dorothy Forester - earrings, Kim Beamish - fascination, Susan Davies - scarf, Susan Davies - purse, Sue Thomas - beaded goddess

- Pauline Glover Educational Grant Winners – no applicants this year
- Pulled Thread Award – Jennie Wolter
 - Winner of \$50.00: Mary Robertson
- Seminar Grant Winners – Dianna Thorne

This is an opportunity to have the cost of Seminar defrayed with the prizes being \$500.00 each.

The following winners were selected:

- West: Patty Hawkins, Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild
- East: Jewel Cousens, St. John's Guild of Embroiderers
- 1st Time: Kathy Farr, Simcoe County Embroidery Guild
- Presentation of Appointment Pins – Marg Adey /Joyce Gill
 - Marg Adey - Seminar 2017 Co-Chair
 - Sheila Anstey - Seminar 2017 Co-Chair
 - Rachel Janzen - Prairie Pacific Regional Director
 - Arlene Chanel - Education Course Registrar
 - Pat Armour - Education Course Manager

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the AGM: Amanda Baxter / Kilmeny Jones at 1:30pm.

Seminar Announcements – Marg Adey

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Adey, EAC President

Jeanine Robertson, EAC Secretary