

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE OF NEW YORK HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2020, PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY GIVEN, VIA INTERNET TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM).**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with President Robin Frank in the chair.

**Board of Control (BoC) Members Present:** Robin Frank, Beth Berns, Charlotte Bialek, Ezra Bookstein, Nelsena Burt-Spano, Michael Jacobs, Stephen Rosenthal, Julia Salinas, Jeff Sundheim, and Jacquetta Szathmari. Absent: Cathy Blake

Also present: Karen Gaines, CFO; Eric Raff, HR Officer; Development Consultant Rachel Weingeist and Manager Thomas Tacik, taking minutes.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting of the BoC, held October 27, 2020, having been circulated to the Board Members, were approved (as amended).
3. **Certificates of Completion:** The following Certificates of Completion were approved:

*Fine Arts – Painting:*

Francis Nguyen

Chang Wan Jin

Magdalena Dukiewicz

*Fine Arts – Printmaking:*

Laura Camila Ruiz Diaz

4. **Membership Reinstatement Requests:** The following membership reinstatement request was approved:

Gaylee Schachter

4. **President’s Report:** President Robin Frank noted the progress of renovations to the League’s building and provided an update on a potential roofing issue above Studio 7. Board Member Stephen Rosenthal recommended consulting with an architect to analyze the areas of concern. President Frank also reported on a recent meeting with incoming Executive Director Michael. There followed a discussion regarding delaying League reopening for classes to February.

5. **Committee Reports:**

Vice President Charlotte Bialek reported on a recent joint meeting of the Finance and Programming Committees, referencing the meeting report circulated to Board members.

At this point in the meeting, Director of Special Projects Ken Park joined to deliver a presentation and analysis of online class survey results.

Board Member Jeff Sundheim recommended surveying students who do not re-register for classes. Board Member Nelsena Burt-Spano commented that it would be helpful to survey League students who did not register for online classes. Board Member Julia Salinas recommended surveying members during a business meeting regarding the willingness of students to return to in-person classes.

Mr. Sundheim led a discussion regarding streamlining the online registration process and class selection, including listing of classes closed to registration on the League’s website, allowing interested students to join a waitlist.

Mr. Park left the meeting at 7 p.m.

Constitution Reform Committee: Committee Chair Charlotte Bialek reported on the committee's recent activities. Board Members present reviewed an amendment to the By Laws proposed by League member George Nader and accepted it for posting. There followed a discussion regarding the position Board Members should take in relation to the proposed amendment. It was agreed that the Board's position should be one of neutrality.

Development: Committee Chair Jeff Sundheim introduced a presentation on "Development and Strategic Partnerships." Development Consultant Rachel Weingeist continued the presentation, ending with a discussion regarding grant writing efforts, the Annual Appeal, and development staff building.

There were no further committee reports.

**6. New Business:**

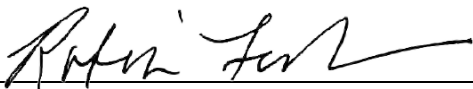
President Frank thanked Board Members Julia Salinas, Ezra Bookstein and Jeff Sundheim for their service to the League and the Board of Control.

President Frank discussed a proposed increase of locker rental fees to \$20 monthly.

Vice President Bialek discussed the open call for Board of Control applications. Ms. Bialek also called attention to the recently published digital comic book produced by the League, "*This Quarantine Life: A COVID-19 Era Comics Anthology*," edited by League Instructors Steven Walker and Greg Follender. Ms. Bialek concluded her remarks by thanking Board Members Julia Salinas, Ezra Bookstein and Jeff Sundheim for their service to the League and the Board of Control.

Treasurer Beth Berns noted an upcoming meeting with the Investment Advisory Committee.

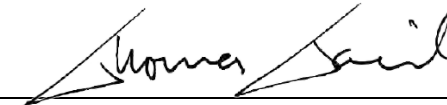
There being no further business, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Robin Lechter Frank, President

12/16/2020

Date



Thomas Tacik, Staff Member (Taking Minutes)

12/16/2020

Date