

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SASKCULTURE INC.**
Friday, June 14, 2024
Conexus Arts Centre, 200 Lakeshore Drive
Regina, Saskatchewan

1. Call to order – Chair Jan Seibel

Chair Jan Seibel called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

The Chair welcomed everyone and acknowledged that everyone gathered is on the traditional territories of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dene, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota First Nations and the homeland of the Métis. SaskCulture affirms that we are all Treaty people with a responsibility to uphold and honour the Treaties, our relationships to each other and the land, and to do our best – individually and collectively - to move forward in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

The Chair recognized the current Board of Directors:

Board members in attendance

Heather Cline

Yvonne Hotzak

James Ingold

Joanne McDonald

Lamarr Oksasikewiyin

Les Oystryk

Christine Ruys

Unable to attend

Roy Lavallee

The following attendees were also recognized: Past Presidents Peter England and Ann Kipling; from SPRA, Todd Shaffer; from the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport, Jennifer Baillargeon; from the auditing firm of MNP, Jamie Burrows; and from SK Arts, Michael Jones – a special congratulations was given to Michael on his retirement as CEO of SK Arts. Michael served nine years in the role.

Members were reminded that the voting members, as represented by their designated representatives, constitute a quorum for regular business of the Annual General meeting while amendments to the Bylaws/Constitution require a two-thirds majority of the Voting members in attendance. At the time the meeting was called to order 29 voting members had picked up their voting cards or signed in online; therefore a simple majority is 15 and a two-thirds majority is 20.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION: SK ARTS/MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL OF SASKATCHEWAN
AGM 24:001**

To approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Cease Nominations

Chair Seibel explained that the call for nominations from the floor was moved to the earlier sessions of the day leading up to the AGM, with the final call taking place just prior to the start of the AGM.

**MOTION: RIVERS WEST DISTRICT FOR SPORT, CULTURE AND RECREATION/DANCE
SASKATCHEWAN INC.
AGM 24:002**

To move nominations cease for all board positions.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

**MOTION: SASKATCHEWAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION/SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES
AGM 24:004**

To approve the Annual General Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising

None

5. Election

Nominees, or their designate, were given the opportunity to address the membership on their nomination.

Board of Director Acclamations:

Chair – Yvonne Hotzak, two-year term
Arts – Sekwun Ahenakew, two-year term
First Nations – Kayla Ironstar, two-year term
Heritage – Larry Pearen, one-year term
Métis – Jenni Lessard, one-year term
Member at Large – Les Oystryk, two-year term
Multiculturalism – Lamarr Oksasikewiyin, two-year term

James thanked all candidates for letting their names stand and a special thanks to the Nominations Committee: Board member Heather Cline, and Em Ironstar, Saskatchewan Arts Alliance, and Yordanos Tesfamariam, Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan.

6. Chair's Report – Jan Seibel

The Chair's formal report is included in the SaskCulture 2023-24 Annual Report, Year in Review.

Jan recognized that the past year had been exciting and challenging. More people have returned to the cultural activities they enjoy and there has been an increase in applications for assistance. But there are also some organizations and events that continue to struggle due to the lingering effects of the pandemic. However, the community has rallied together to engage audiences and

participants and to remind everyone how cultural activity helps us thrive and survive. In the last few months it has been evident through record attendance at some events that there is a thirst for cultural activity and SaskCulture is here to help cultivate that.

Jan noted one of the more significant events of the past year was the renewal of the lottery license agreement for the next six years. This ensures that sport, culture and recreational activities will continue to benefit from Sask Lotteries proceeds. Jan thanked the SaskCulture staff, the partners at Sask Sport and Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, and the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport for their hard work to ensure this agreement was renewed. It is an incredible achievement. Jan encouraged everyone to continue to buy lottery tickets to support the system.

In closing Jan gave a special thanks to all the board members, those exiting and those joining, and the CEO, Dean Kush. She is pleased to continue as Past Chair on the board for the next two years.

7. CEO's Report – Dean Kush

The Chair's formal report is included in the SaskCulture 2023-24 Annual Report, Year in Review.

Dean thanked the members for attending and recognized all the volunteers involved in the community. Volunteers are a key part of the sector. Everything they do makes a difference and has an impact. Dean also thanked the board. One of the great parts of his job is working with a board that he does not have to convince that the work being done, such as TRC and IDEA, is important. He thanked the board for their support.

Dean acknowledged the staff at SaskCulture and expressed how positive and passionate they are and how they help him stay motivated. He noted that this will be Diane Ell's last AGM as she will be retiring in March after 25 years with SaskCulture. He also congratulated staff members Elizabeth Akinyemi and Abiodun Oyelami on their upcoming wedding.

Finally, he recognized SaskCulture's global partners and the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport on their work to renew the lottery license agreement early.

8. Amendment to the SaskCulture Constitution and Bylaws

In recognition of the many roles non-profit corporations play in the province, the Government of Saskatchewan introduced The Non-profit Corporations Act, 2022 (the "New Act") to replace The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995. The New Act came into force on March 12, 2023.

There were a number of changes to the Act but one in particular affects SaskCulture's Constitution. Item #26, as shown on the document that was included in the AGM package, must be updated to be in compliance with new legislation.

**MOTION: SASKATCHEWAN BAND ASSOCIATION/UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS - SPC
AGM 24:005**

To approve the change to item #26 of SaskCulture's Constitution and Bylaws, to say: All directors shall be residents of Saskatchewan and meet the minimum qualifications of The Non-profit Corporations Act, 2022, or any successor legislation.

CARRIED

9. Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

The Audited Financial Statements and a written analysis of the financial statements were emailed to the membership on May 30th, or 15 days in advance of the annual meeting. The information was also posted on the website along with the Annual Report. The analysis is prepared in support of the statements for two reasons:

- 1) to provide the membership with the detail regarding the Financial Statements in advance of the meeting; and
- 2) to move the AGM along more quickly.

The Annual Report also contains a summarized version of the AFS.

**MOTION: SASKATCHEWAN WRITERS' GUILD/SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES
AGM 24:006**

To accept SaskCulture Inc.'s Auditor's Report for year ended March 31, 2024.

CARRIED

10. Appointment of the Auditor for 2024/2025

**MOTION: SK ARTS/HERITAGE SASKATCHEWAN
AGM 24:007**

To appoint MNP as auditor for SaskCulture Inc. for the fiscal year April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

CARRIED

11. New Business

A member requested that when there are changes to the The Non-profit Corporations Act, that may impact the constitution and/or bylaws of any non-profit, that SaskCulture inform the full membership to ensure compliance.

A member inquired if the new Crown Corporation, Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan (LGS), will have any implications for the relationship between Sask Sport, SaskCulture, Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association and the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport. LGS will monitor all regulatory portions of gaming in Saskatchewan, including lotteries. The distribution, impact measurement, and license agreement will stay with the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport (PCS). There is no reason to believe that LGS will attempt to combine lottery revenues into the Governments General Revenue Fund

Jan thanked the outgoing board members for their contribution and for all that they have done on behalf of the cultural community in Saskatchewan.

- James Ingold – served two terms, one as Chair and one as Past Chair
- Heather Cline – served two terms in the arts category
- Roy Lavallee – served a six-month appointed term in the Métis category

Special thank you was given to Calvin Racette for his contributions to the day.

12. Adjournment

**MOTION: PARKLAND VALLEY SPORT, CULTURE & RECREATION DISTRICT/SASKATCHEWAN
 ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES
 AGM 24:008**

To adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024.

CARRIED

Jan Seibel, Chair

Name	Organization
Rena Farajova	Azerbaijani Cultural Association of Regina
Wendy Nelson	CARFAC SASK
Judy MacLeod Campbell*	City of Prince Albert
Lisa Washington	City of Yorkton
Eliza Doyle	Community Arts Mentorship Program
Holly Yuzicapi	Community Arts Mentorship Program
Elma Bos	Conseil culturel fransaskois
Pierre-Emmanuel Komoe	Conseil culturel fransaskois
Ann Kipling Brown	Dance Saskatchewan
Kathy Bond	Dance Saskatchewan
Katherine Gilks	Heritage Saskatchewan
Brenda Mellon*	Melfort & District Museum
Jennfier Baillargeon	Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport
Jamie Burrows	MNP
Rhonda Rosenberg	Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan
Jessica Amadi	Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan
Titilayo Omolola	Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan
Emma Morris	Museums Association of Saskatchewan
Jenni Lessard	Nominee
Sekwun Ahenakew	Nominee
Larry Pearen	Nominee
Michelle Hewison	Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District
Zoë Schneider	Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils
Catherine Tomczak	Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils
Stephanie Bellefleur	Panelist
Aster Ghebremicael	Panelist
Coleen Stinson	Parkland Valley Sport, Culture & Recreation District
Chelsey Johnson	Parkland Valley Sport, Culture & Recreation District
James Kirby	Parks, Culture and Sport
Peter England	Past Chair
Stephanie Cuddington*	Prairie Central District Sport Culture & Recreation & George Gordon First Nation
Jan Besse*	Regina Lyric Musical Theatre
Bonnie Mills Midgley	Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation
Tomasin Playford	Saskatchewan Archaeological Society
Em Ironstar	Saskatchewan Arts Alliance
Dr. Jim Leskun	Saskatchewan Association of International Languages
Gord Zakreski	Saskatchewan Association of International Languages
Zoe Clough-Johnson	Saskatchewan Association of International Languages
Tyne Hagey	Saskatchewan Band Association
Donna Woloshyn	Saskatchewan Book Awards
Jack Walton	Saskatchewan Book Awards

Sheryl Neher	Saskatchewan Choral Federation
Aster Paton	Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange
John Kennedy	Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange
Darlene Briere	Saskatchewan Drama Association
Fiseko Musonda	Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association
Jennifer Peak	Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association
Deanne Cairns*	Saskatchewan Genealogical Society
Kristin Enns-Kavanagh*	Saskatchewan History and Folklore
Tina Kleisinger	Saskatchewan Library Association
Jennifer Jungwirth*	Saskatchewan Music Educators Association
Elaine Kaloustian*	Saskatchewan Orchestral Association
Adrian Casas*	Saskatchewan Orchestral Association
Todd Shafer	Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association
David Schleich	Saskatchewan Writers' Guild
Tracy Hamon	Saskatchewan Writers' Guild
Heather Cline	SaskCulture Inc.
Yvonne Hotzak	SaskCulture Inc.
James Ingold	SaskCulture Inc.
Joanne McDonald	SaskCulture Inc.
Les Oystryk	SaskCulture Inc.
Jan Seibel	SaskCulture Inc.
Elizabeth Akinyemi	SaskCulture Inc.
Shawn Bauche	SaskCulture Inc.
Ana Camacho	SaskCulture Inc.
Alejandra Coronel	SaskCulture Inc.
Lorelie DeRoose	SaskCulture Inc.
Diane Ell	SaskCulture Inc.
Shelley Fayant	SaskCulture Inc.
Catherine Folstad	SaskCulture Inc.
Paul Gingras	SaskCulture Inc.
Tara Leigh Heslip	SaskCulture Inc.
Dean Kush	SaskCulture Inc.
Jackie Lay	SaskCulture Inc.
Busayo Oyebanji	SaskCulture Inc.
Abiodun Oyelami	SaskCulture Inc.
Alex Rogalski	SaskCulture Inc.
Gloria Walsh	SaskCulture Inc.
Nichole Williams	SaskCulture Inc.
Lamarr Oksasikewiyin	SaskCulture Inc.
Christine Ruys	SaskCulture Inc.
Michael Jones	SK Arts
Chanz Perry	SK Arts
Amber Andersen*	South East Sport, Culture & Recreation District

Elizabeth Heatcoat	South West District for Culture, Recreation and Sport Inc.
Christie Saas	South West District for Culture, Recreation and Sport Inc.
Nena Hawkes	Theatre Saskatchewan
Igor Atamanchuk	Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatchewan
Danylo Puderak	Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatchewan
Elena Krueger*	Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatchewan
Paula Letkeman*	Watrous Manitou Beach Heritage Centre Inc.
Philip Brass	

**Virtual Attendance*