



**Calgary Branch Board Meeting**

**Date: 2021 Oct 18**

**Place: Zoom**

**MINUTES of MEETING**

**Chair:** Beth Olver                      **Recorder:** Maryellen Pankratz

**Members:** Rachel McLellan, Nathene Arthur, Denisha Teichroeb, Barb Robertson, Lisa Kiernan, Lorna Sewell, Frances Ewington, Carolyn Steeves arrived at 9:35 am

**Guests:** Tanya Foster

**Regrets:** Mary Jane Vandekerkhove

ITEM	NOTES	Action
<b>1. Welcome</b> Introduction of conveners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tanya</li><li>• 9:32 am ARMTA Calgary meeting called to order and suspended for Endowment Society meeting at 9:37 am.</li><li>• 9:50 am ARMTA Calgary meeting re-started.</li></ul>	
<b>2. Approval of Agenda Approval – your top 3 items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>	Rachel moved to accept and Lorna seconded
<b>3. Approval of Minutes: 2021 Sept 13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attached to agenda</li></ul>	Barb moved to accept Frances seconded
<b>4. Approval of Consent Agenda</b> 4.1 ARMTA board - Carolyn Steeves & Barb Robertson 4.2 Rotary- C3 - Barb Robertson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reports below</li><li>• 9:50 am ARMTA Calgary meeting restarted</li></ul>	Lorna moved to accept and Carolyn seconded

<p>4.3 Promotions – Rita Thurn  4.4 workshops &amp; Events – Looi Tan  4.5 treasurer report: bank balances - Maryellen Pankratz  4.6 Music Marathon –Laura Whitehead  4.7 ACRA – Tanya Foster</p> <p>Nothing new to report: catering - Nadia Khlynovskaya; communications- Barb Robertson; Scholarships-La Dona Ahenda; Student recitals – Josee Robitaille, Han Ding; Sponsorships – Jackie Law</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 4.7 ACRA: It its the venue's responsibility to check for vaccinations, but if we are asked to do so, Barb and Frances would be willing to do so, however...</li> <li>• Some students' families claim that it is against the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to ask a person about their medical history.</li> <li>• The consensus is to have a prerecorded online recitals and a launch time similar to what we did last year.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Reports for Discussion</b></p>		
<p>6.1 General meeting?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No general meeting to be planned this fall</li> </ul>	
<p>6.2 advice for student recitals – in person, or online; vaccinations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denisha said she would volunteer to use her paid subscription to Adobe Cloud to turn the North and South Recitals forms into fillable pdf forms.</li> <li>• Advice at this time is for online recitals</li> </ul>	
<p>6.3 Branching out - Frances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for CFMTA is mid-March</li> <li>• Online events for Branching Out events happened last year, but were unsuccessful</li> <li>• It is the board's consensus for Frances to proceed with Branching Out if she can secure a live venue, despite restrictions</li> </ul>	
<p>6.4 <b>branch member survey</b> – Lisa, Beth, Frances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rita's brochure – Beth will ask Rita to distribute the brochure to schools, teachers and students</li> <li>• Suggestions to encourage members to visit our website:</li> <li>• CFMTA sometimes emails members that they have posed a trivia question on their website and the first three people who</li> </ul>	<p>Rachel will post something on Facebook and social media, which Barb can</p>

	<p>respond with the correct answer receive a prize.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send out an email to the membership once in awhile to remind them to check out our website.</li> <li>• It was suggested for Barb's communication emails to say, “for more information, check out the website” and to always include the link for members to click on.</li> <li>• Once a month, perhaps could someone focus on one area of the website: “check out this particular event” or “do you know how to contact other members” or “do you know how students can find you on the <i>Find a Teacher</i> page”?</li> <li>• We would like members to go to directly to the website to find answers to questions that they have been directing to the board.</li> </ul>	<p>then send out. Beth will follow up with Rachel about how to promote the website.</p>
6.5 recording on Zoom - Barb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been some problems because of limitations to how much space we have to record on the cloud.</li> <li>• We should either record to our own computer or clear it with Tamara first.</li> <li>• If we record to our own computer, we would then need to forward it to the webmaster to post on the website.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Reports for action</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 15 is our next scheduled meeting</li> <li>• We probably don't need to have a meeting in December</li> <li>• ARMTA Calgary meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>Endowment Society meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endowment Society meeting called to order at 9:37 am</li> </ul>	
<b>7.8 Approval of minutes</b> from Sept 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	Barb moved to accept and Frances seconded
<b>7.9 Planning for student events</b> – Nathene, Carolyn, Laura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the budget? Let's consider \$1000 per event.</li> <li>• To get upper level students interested, perhaps we should have a top prize of \$200 minimum.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee discussed \$50 prizes for random draws for lower level students</li> <li>• Carolyn suggested getting the kids to write articles on their experiences.</li> <li>• This would be on next year's budget, so we can add it in early next March</li> <li>• If we say these come from Music Marathon fundraising, it should increase interest in that.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endowment Society meeting adjourned at 9:50 am</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Next Meeting</b>	Nov 15, (Dec if needed) Jan 17, Feb 14, March budget, Mar 21, Apr 16, AGM May 9, New board May 16	

#### 4. Consent agenda:

4.1 **PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE** CONVENER REPORT      DATE: October 18, 2021      Carolyn Steeves. Barb Robertson

REPORT:

The ARMTA Provincial AGM was held over Zoom, Saturday, October 2, 4:00-5:00.

There were 27 participants. 6 Executive, 24 Convenor and 6 Branch reports were accepted.

The 2020-21 Financial Statement was also approved. Christine Rogers and Angela Frankowski offered to be auditors for the 2021-22 Financial Statement. The Provincial ARMTA Treasurer will investigate a name change to Statement of Financial Position, Profit & Loss, Statement of Activities.

Milestone Awards were announced. Calgary ARMTA member Van Tsai Chen received a 25 Year Award, Danuta Wijas and Michele Wheatley-Brown 30 Year Awards and Donna Holoboff and Carol S. Moore 45 Year Awards. Alexandra Munn spoke upon receiving her 55Year Award. Rosemary Horne was elected ARMTA Provincial Vice-President. Rita Turn was thanked for her service as the Calgary Representative retiring Board member. Vicki Martin was presented the 2021 ARMTA Service Award for her role as the former ARMTA Provincial Administrator.

Respectively submitted,

Carolyn Steeves

4.2 **ROTARY C3** CONVENER REPORT    2021, 09, 18    Barbara Robertson

REPORT: Rotary C3 2022 competition will be held March 12-13 at Michael Lipnicki Fine Pianos. Covid protocols will be dictated by AHS protocol at the time. Winners will hopefully perform with the Civic Symphony in June.

#### 4.3 **PROMOTION** CONVENER REPORT      October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021      Rita Thurn

The Brochures mentioned at the last meeting have now been printed. Thank you to a couple of ARMTA Members who assisted me in getting the most current Brochure from Provincial.

The Brochures were printed at Crowfoot Print (several other quotes were in the same ballpark)

The total cost was \$162.75. I did send Maryellen a copy of what was printed. They look great in the Red, Black & white format. I hope to have these distributed by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021; keeping some for future use at a possible "Live Event".

#### 4.4 **WORKSHOP AND EVENTS** – Looi Tan's      2021 September 10 10am Zoom meeting

RCM representative Derek Chiu requested a meeting with ARMTA members for any questions new information session. A Zoom meeting was set up for September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00-11:00am.

A total of 11 participants attended with various questions for Derek, regarding remote exams, new syllabus, tips for online exams, etc.

Not sure future meetings like this are needed, as RCM already have online workshops. Since most attended are experience season teachers and would know where to get the information. Again, no new teachers attended.

#### 4.5 **TREASURER** REPORT      2021, October 18      Denisha Teichroeb, Treasurer and Maryellen Pankratz, Bookkeeper

Our current bank balances are as follows:

- 48,911.33 ARMTA Calgary Branch
- 12,732.27 Endowment Society

Our current GICs are as follows:

- 5000.00 matures Nov 23, 2021
- 5000.00 matures May 17, 2022
- 11,000.00 matures Nov 21, 2023
- 3570.00 matures Nov 20, 2025

Denisha has been asked to arrange for a new investment for the \$5000 GIC that will come due next month on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### 4.6 **MUSIC MARATHON** CONVENER REPORT 2021/10/09      Laura Whitehead

REPORT:

At this time, I have nothing new to report.

I will plan on one Music Marathon event. Either an indoor event around March, or an outdoor event around May/June. I will contact the possible venues (CORE Mall for indoor, Heritage Park for Outdoor) to see what is feasible.

#### 4.7 **ACRA CONVENER REPORT** DATE: Oct. 9, 2021 NAMES of committee members: Tanya Foster

As of this report, 21 jotform applications have been received. Not all are complete as quite a few are missing the photo release forms. I will be sending out reminders this week.

We may need to think ahead to the next board meeting to discuss online vs. in-person recital. Given the current restrictions re:vaccine requirements for indoor settings, do we as an organization want to worry about checking for vaccine records. This is especially troubling since it seems to now be required for teenagers and may require us to inform families they cannot perform. Will it also be mandated for the younger group once those vaccines become available. Not to mention if we will have the active case numbers under control by winter?

I have sent an email to Danny at the Temple to check about exact rules we would need to follow. I am currently waiting for a response. I'm hoping to have more clarity on this issue for the November meeting. Possibly the election will change things once again.....

#### 6.3 **CFMTA BRANCHING OUT CONVENER REPORT** 2021/10/8 Frances Ewington

Hello Calgary ARMTA Board, As you know I have been involved in CFMTA's Branching Out events for the past 2 years.

This is my proposal for the 21/22 Branching Out Event - Budget \$100 from CFMTA

This year's CFMTA's theme is Celebrating Musical Multiculturalism and Diversity. CFMTA encourages branches to host events that bring diverse musical and artistic traditions together. With a goal of experiencing and sharing music styles and traditions of non-Western European culture, and of understanding the similarities and differences on both a social and artistic level, these events will serve to educate and unite students, audiences and communities. <https://www.cfmta.org/en/branching-out/>

2 years ago, Nathene and I put together a lovely Branching Out recital at the Calgary Public Central Library. I would like to try to get this venue (for free) again. Unfortunately the CPL isn't doing live events at this time. I am waiting to hear back as to whether a February in-person event would be possible. I plan to contact the Calgary's National Music Centre, when I return from vacation on Oct 18th.

My thought for the event content was to leverage one or more direct avenues I have to Indigenous and non-contemporary performers who may be willing to donate their time to support CFMTA:

- I have a connection to an Elder of the Blackfoot Nation. Perhaps we could host an indigenous drumming event with our ARMTA students and teachers. We could have our students play their instruments, then the Blackfoot drummers would play. There could be some learning about each other's instruments and music and possibly even a group performance.
- I also know several members of Luminous Voices and potentially could have a small group come and sing in Ojibway, as they just finished a concert piece by Andrew Balfour, a Canadian choral composer of Cree origin. <https://luminousvoices.com>
- Finally, I know one of the founding members of String Theory Music Collective, whose vision is to connect Early Music to contemporary music and the music of other cultures. <https://www.stringtheorymusiccollective.com> I expect they would be interested in an event such as ours.

#### BACKGROUND:

As I am currently a committee of one person I do not want to be seen as making a unilateral decision for the board, so please give me your feedback on trying to leverage these connections. My main focus, at the moment is getting a venue and a date before contacting musicians for the event.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

No action needed just discussion.

### 7.9 CALGARY ARMTA ENDOWMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE

October 15, 2021

Submitted by Committee: Laura Whitehead, Carolyn Steeves,  
Denisha Teichroeb and Nathene Arthur

#### Report for Discussion:

Our Committee has met and would like to submit the following recommendations for action by the Calgary ARMTA Board. We have made a two-year plan, and would like to schedule two events each year.

1. Year One: Fall 2021-June 2022. A Poster Project, deadline March 1st, 2022. A Creative Video Project, deadline June 1st, 2022.

2 Year Two: Fall 2022-June 2023. An Essay Project, deadline March 1st, 2023. An Excellence in dual disciplines "Double Trouble" Project, deadline June 1st 2023 (with a plan to make this an annual Award).

Our budget recommendation would be \$1000-\$2000 per year which would include any/all expenses and all Award monies. We are meeting in early November to write up the details of the expenses, categories, application forms, award amounts etc. and should have that Report ready for ARMTA Calgary Board's November meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Nathene Arthur