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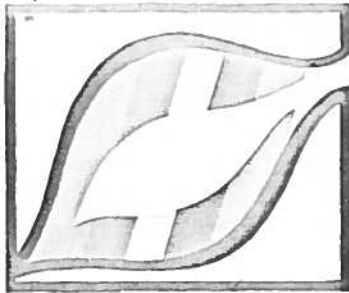
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1983.

The 1983 Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Billings Estate on Wednesday, October 26th, 1983.



1. The minutes of the AGM held on September 30th, 1982 were read and approved
2. Business arising from the Minutes:
 - 1) Incorporation. Jim Edwards, Treasurer, reported that the application for incorporation as a non-profit organisation had been successful. The requirement for auditing of the accounts was noted for future years. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting had been set at three members.
 - 2) Travelling Exhibition Alan Bain reported on the 1982 Travelling Exhibition and stressed the positive interest of galleries in the Cornwall to Brockville area. Galleries, however, wished to see slides of typical works by members. This raised the legal issue of copyright and it became clear that absence of expressed objection to the use of slides of members work taken at exhibitions for this purpose does not constitute legal permission for their use. Positive written permission is required. It was therefore suggested that Fellows be asked to contribute one or two slides of their own choosing, accompanied by written permission for their use to demonstrate the quality of our work to interested galleries. This suggestion was adopted.
 - 3) It was also suggested that members might be interested in a private viewing of the slides already taken as an evening Seminar. Slides would be shown anonymously but members would be free to reclaim those of their own work.
 - 4) Future of the Society Last year's decision to preserve the open nature of the Society with three tiers of membership was re-affirmed.

New Business

3. President's Report. The President reported on the activities of the year.

Three Exhibitions had been held

 - a) At the Atelier Lise Girard in November, 1982.
 - b) At the Ottawa Little Theatre in March 1983
 - c) At the Braam Gallery in October 1983

There had also been three Seminars, the first by Leonard Gerbrandt following the Girard Exhibition, The second by Phillipa Faulkener in association with the Little Theatre Exhibition and the third by John Bennett preceding the Braam Gallery Exhibition. All three had been much appreciated.

In relation to the Exhibitions the President noted that the one at the Girard Gallery had been thought to be rather overcrowded even when restricted to an acceptance of only 50 works. That at the Braam Gallery was excellently hung and our thanks will be expressed to Jeannine Robertson and John Sadler. The President also expressed his dissatisfaction with the hanging facilities and the bad lighting at the Ottawa Little Theatre. He did not feel that he could recommend any further exhibitions there unless these were improved to an acceptable standard. John Ensor emphatically agreed. At the same time members appreciated the wide exposure which the OLT offered and Eva Furesz stressed the real interest which the OLT patrons took in the exhibitions.

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4. Treasurer's Report Jim Edwards presented the Treasurer's Report since the report was drafted the expenses associated with the Braam Gallery exhibition and John Bennett's Seminar, amounting to about \$700 in excess of receipts, have reduced the balance to a low level. However, since the two major expenses of Incorporation and Donation to the School of Art will not recur, Jim recommended that the membership fee for 1983 - '84 be held at its present level of \$20.00. Incorporation has opened to the Society the possibility of grant support and this is being investigated by Jim Edwards and Janet Thurm.

A motion to retain the level of \$20.00 for the 1983 - '84 membership fee was proposed by Janet Thurm and seconded by John Ensor. - passed unanimously.

5. At the close of 1982 - '83 the membership stands at 91 members.
6. Fellowship The following Associates were recommended by the Fellowship Jury for election to Fellowship in the Society:

Alan Bain	Teena Tarantour Goldberg
David Becker	Susan Goold
Barry Flahey	Irene Mottadelli
Barbara Blackstein	Bing Lin Wong
Marjorie Fortey	

These Associates were unanimously elected to Fellowship on a motion by Janet Thurm seconded by John Ensor.

This election brings the total number of Fellows to 32.

7. Election of Officers. On a Motion proposed by John Ensor and seconded by Alan Bain the following members, nominated by the Executive acting as Nominating Committee, were unanimously elected to Office for 1983 - '84:

President:	Audrey Ross
Vice-President	Janet Thurm
Treasurer	Jim Edwards
Membership Secretary	Deborah Cosman
Recording Secretary and News-letter Editor	Jock Westwood
Public Relations	Morton Baslaw

Robert Mann was elected as Advisory member to the Executive.

Edith Liepa was elected Chairman of the Exhibition Committee.

On a further motion proposed by John Ensor and seconded by Janet Thurm Alan Bain was elected Secretary for the Travelling Exhibition.

The President expressed his very sincere thanks to the members of the Executive who had served the Society during the past two years and particularly to these members of the Exhibition Committee who had put in such hard work in mounting the Society's Exhibitions. He wished Edith Liepa total success in taking over the Chairmanship of this Committee from Irene Mottadelli who carried it so successfully.

8. The Business having been completed the President called upon Audrey Ross to take the Chair as the new President of the Society.

In taking up the Office, Audrey generously thanked and congratulated the outgoing President for his efforts during the past two years and expressed her confidence that the Society was now on a firm footing which should continue to improve.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10.00 pm.

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