

FILM AUCKLAND INCORPORATED Minutes – Annual General Meeting 2019

Monday 14th October 2019, 6pm - 7pm

Department of Post Board Room, 19 Newton Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland 1010

FAI Committee Members: Alex Lee (Chair), Grant Baker (Deputy Chair), Pieter Holl (Treasurer), Graham Dunster, Marg Slater, Sioux MacDonald, Gabriel Reid, Ngaire Fuata, Sam Ramlu, James Brookes.

Film Auckland Members: Max During

Executive Officer: Amber Wakefield

1. Welcome & Apologies

Alex Lee welcomes members to the 2018 Annual General Meeting of Film Auckland Inc.

Apologies: Alice Sherman, Annie Dodman, Stephen Buckland, Mike Rehu, David Rowell.

Alex Lee moves that apologies be accepted, passed unanimously

2. Minutes of 2018 AGM attached

Alex Lee moves that the minutes from the 2018 AGM be accepted, Sioux MacDonald seconds. Passed unanimously.

3. Reports from President and Treasurer

Pieter Holl presents the FAI Annual Report.

Attached.

Financially we have just under \$35k in funds. We continue to not spend much. The YTD spend was \$3,500, reflecting a lack of activity. The main expenses for this financial year included contractors and employees. There were also billable hours received from Alex Lee for completion of duties above and beyond his role as Chair. The primary spend on events this year was the ‘Crazy Rich Asians’ function and hosting a lunch for 10 American Studio Executives who were visiting Auckland as part of the SETNZ familiarisation tour. Smaller expenses have reduced, which is mainly a product of not doing so much, but also an attempt to cut back.

Pieter states that we have declining membership and that losing members is a concern that all of the Board need to think about. Our membership fees dropped from \$3,300 in 2018 to \$400 in 2019. If we are a robust, strong advocacy group, then we need to have an active membership to do that.

We continue to receive fantastic support from ATEED with a grant of \$20k annually.

Pieter notes that we do need to be spending money to ensure that our ATEED contribution continues. Pieter acknowledges that the good thing is that the industry has never been busier and that ATEED has stepped up to help attract and secure more screen industry work to Auckland. Pieter also believes FAI is constrained by lack of funding, and would like to see the Board look at sponsorship and membership moving forward. Pieter announced he will be stepping down as Treasurer, but can help assist in this role up until January next year.

Alex Lee moves that the report be accepted, passed unanimously.

Alex Lee proposed a vote of thanks to Peiter Holl for his longstanding board membership noting Pieter has been a passionate and committed member of the screen industry.

Passed unanimously with acclamation.

Alex Lee announced that after 4 ½ years as Chair, he is stepping down. Alex reminds the incoming Board that ATEED views FAI as an essential component of counsel and a separate voice from the Council. Alex furthers that this primary objective of FAI does not change, stating we have a responsibility to be the voice piece of the industry. Alex suggested the previous year and a half included inconsistent administration support for the Chair position and brought in the need to refocus the FAI kaupapa. Alex acknowledges that as the industry gets busier, with a Board consisting of volunteers, FAI tends to become less active. Alex suggested revisiting the possibility of contracting a Publicist to manage external communications and keeping overall interactions of FAI continuous. Alex encouraged all Board members to support the new Chair to ensure inspiration for FAI continues through this time. Alex continues that the funding we receive from ATEED is not under threat. However, they do expect us to use the funding which was not spent this past year. Alex suggests we put more focus on regular events. Sam Ramlu - Opened discussion around some of our funding going towards scholarships i.e., there were several who felt excluded from attending 'The Power of Inclusive' due to the high registration fees. It was also suggested that we should consider two of the more significant events coming up - SPADA (November) and Big Screen Symposium (March). Alex highlights to the Board the most significant issue when considering scholarships is how to determine whom is the most eligible and this will require robust

conversation and a clear strategy to move forward, suggesting this could be something for the new board to discuss.

Alex Lee provided Chair's report of 2019.

Attached.

Grant Baker proposed a vote of thanks to Alex Lee for all his hard work over the past 4 ½ years. The Board agreed that it's been so reassuring to know he was at the helm. Passed unanimously with acclamation.

4. Election of Officers & Committee

Alex Lee nominated Grant Baker to be Chair.

Move directly that nomination be accepted and declared as Chair of 2019. Passed unanimously.

Grant Baker moved that Alex Lee become Vice-Chair.

Passed unanimously.

Grant Baker nominated Marg Slater to be Secretary, seconded by Alex Lee.

Passed Unamoiously.

Grant Baker nominated that David Rowel be Treasurer. David will cover this position remotley until he returns to Auckland in August 2020. Pieter Holl is also happy to continue to assist until January.

Passed unamiously.

Grant Baker Moves that the following is the Board for 2019:

Office Members:

Chair	Grant Baker
Vice-Chair	Alex Lee
Secretary	Marg Slater
Treasurer	David Rowell

Board Members

1. Sioux MacDonald to continue on the Board
2. Graham Dunster to continue on the Board
3. James Brookes to continue on the Board

4. Gabriel Reid to continue on the Board
5. Mike Rehu to continue on the Board
6. Ngarie Fuata to continue on the Board
7. Sam Ramlu to continue on the Board
8. Alice Shearman to conitue on the Board
9. Annie Dodman to continue on the Board

Grant Baker proposed a motion that the nominees be elected to positions as proposed and thanks the members that have re-stood.

Passed unamniously.

4. General Business

- Identify international decision-makers: Discussion on approaching and then getting them out to NZ to show we can service productions, giving them the confidence to bring their Productions to Auckland.
- Events: Discussion proposed for first meeting with new Board to workshop what functions we should be organising i.e., waste management.
- Board requests that EO send membership expiry reminders to any those that have lapsed within past year.
- FAI Strategy: To be discussed at first meeting with new Board.

FAI AGM closed at 7:20 PM