

Soma anima arts [Kinesis Dance Society]

Board of Directors Meeting

June 16, 2025

Start time: 10:00 am

Conducted via GoogleMeet

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Carline Dolmazon, Rachel Helten, Andrea Van der Ree, Sylvia Nguyen, Linda Rosenheck, Clémence Beurton, Wendy Kao, Alina Sotskova, Mitch Helten, Martin Chabannes, Alex Zaia, Ezequiel Peralta, Ben Helten, Kaia Shukin, Chelsea Goddard, Caroline MacCaull, Sammy Chien, Pamela Tagle, Mirna Zagar, Christine Chardon, Pascal Dolmazon, Amandine Dolmazon, Claudine Chabannes

1. Call to order – Meeting was called to order and began at 10:05 am.
2. Review of 2024 AGM minutes
Minutes were reviewed and approved.
3. Presentation of Annual reports and Year-end financials.

Annual report was presented by Carline and with additions by Rachel. We discussed highlights of projects and activities over the past year, including:

Outreach workshops: in 2024-2025, this program was made of a vast array of activities:

- Weekly collaborative dance workshops for children: conducted in French in three francophone schools, as part of after-school care activities, with children from KG to Grade 5 (Ecole des Colibris, Ecole Rose-des-Vents, Annexe Queen Elizabeth)
- Collaborative Creative Dance Classes: Weekly workshops for seniors at Trout Lake Community Centre
- Flowing Verse: a free workshop merging poetry and movement
- Vortex | 4D sound + dance jam: a series of immersive dance workshops in partnership with Lobe – spatial sound studio.

Artemis embrace: a community-engaged dance flash mob with 50 intergenerational participants. This was a very positive experience and we plan to continue similar collaborations in the future

Bright Shadow remains one of our on-going high priority projects that we hope to further develop and finalize new work for 2026.

‘Generations’ program – improvisational dance performances on site in care facilities; we plan to continue this program

Rachel developed a new work, 'Gentle Glory' during a residency in Argentina. This was performed at Co.Erasga's salon series in March 2025. This new work will continue into development this year

Future plans:

Bright Shadow: we will be participating in a technical residency at Shadbolt Centre for the Arts (2026//2027) and presenting the work at Dance in Vancouver (Nov 2026), presented by The Dance Centre. We've received positive feedback from community partners and artists about this work.

Collaboration with Foundry will start this year, working to engage with individuals affected by mental health and addiction challenges.

Gentle Glory is another project that will continue this year.

"Reverence for the rebels" – part of residency at The Dance Centre, planned for 2025/2026.

We applied for a residency in Argentina to develop a new project with local artistic collaborators there – this project is pending funding.

Rachel will be presenting another new work, which will be presented at Unity Consciousness festival at 3 pm on June 29th, 2025 at Roundhouse Community Centre.

Grant applications:

Carline gave an update on status of multiple grant applications.

Fundraising:

Donations were lower this year compared to previous years. Goals was \$15,000 and we raised \$12,535.

Financial statement:

We finished the year in better financial position than usual. The company is not in deficit.

We reviewed and approved the financial statement.

4. Nomination and elections of officers

Elected officers:

Andrea Van der Ree elected as Chair of the Board.

Wendy Kao & Linda Rosenheck elected as co-Treasurers

Alina Sotskova elected as Secretary

5. Adjourn – adjourned at 10:36 am