

UMBRELLA STUDIO ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (held 2020)

to be held at 5:30pm on Tuesday 16 June 2020 (Online via ZOOM)

Chair: Ann Roebuck

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies: Alison McDonald, Marilyn Bliss, Judy Hunter, Bernadette Boscacci, Barbara Cheshire, Velma Gara, Margaret Genever.

Ann welcomed to attendees. Acknowledgment of Country: Ann paid respects to the Gurambilbarra Wulgurukaba and Bindal people who's lands on which Umbrella operates.

2. Present and Proxies

Kate O'Hara, Ann Roebuck, Sheree Kinlyside, Alan Marlowe, Brian Tucker, Michael Pope, Lydia Rigano, Alan Carpenter, Jill O'Sullivan, Marion Gaemers, Lynn Scott-Cummings, Margaret Robertson, Christina Papadimitriou, Stephen Naylor, Sarah Sullivan

Proxies: Judy Hunter, Barbara Cheshire, Alison McDonald, Bernadette Boscacci

3. Ratification of Previous AGM Minutes

Moved: Alan Marlowe                      Seconded: Sheree Kinlyside

4. President's Report

Ann Roebuck spoke about the challenges to the arts and the resilience of Umbrella. The difficulty of a search for new premises after Townsville flood. Thanked Dance North and TCC for provision of spaces during the period of relocation especially Townsville City Council. Staff maintained Umbrella during this period and thanked volunteers and members for their support.

Legacy exhibition occurred in a dedicated temporary space in the city, which was a highlight of the year. Legacy continues to tour and a possible overseas exhibition is currently in negotiation. Thanked Gail Mabo, Jonathan McBurnie and Kellie Williams.

Umbrella's new space opened with a Jo Lankester exhibition and a 5-year lease. Kellie negotiated the space. Ann thanked Kellie for her work with Umbrella and the strong position she left the organisation in.

During this financial year, Kellie and the board engaged Wendy Brooks and Partners to develop philanthropy for Umbrella. Umbrella has remained stable financially during this period.

Kellie has since moved on and Kate O'Hara was appointed the new director with some cross over between the two in January. Ann thanked the board and staff for this period.

Nareeta Davis and Brian Tucker joined the board. Staff member Angela Little moved on and was thanked for her service. Daniel and Bronte joined the team.

Moved: Sheree Kinlyside Seconded: Lynn Scott Cummings

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Brian Tucker informed the board that Umbrella incurred a deficit of \$65,431, reducing its net assets from \$298,514 to \$213,082. Firstly, this is due to investment in a philanthropic strategy. Secondly, the costs associated with the move to the new premises. This deficit was expected and foreshadowed in the previous treasurer's report (2018) and in the organisation budget.

Some variances from previous year's financial report. Some cases are grant income increases (and increased spending associated with it) or changes in reporting mechanisms for example: the sale of artists' works is now reported across income and expenditure. This is detailed in full in his report.

Brian spoke about the deficit not being a cause for concern as it was planned and came in lower than expected. Working capital has also been reduced to 30% which is above the Australia Council's recommended rate of 25%. There were no questions from the attendees.

Brian also noted that Umbrella has current public liability insurance cover up to \$20million extending to 28 February 2021 and appropriate business insurance.

Moved: Brian Tucker Seconded: Sarah Sullivan

All present were in favour.

## 6. Director's Report

Kate O'Hara spoke about the themes of the year: growing Umbrella's reach and platform, and moving forward with passion and clarity. Highlights included the PUNQ Festival and expanded partnerships particularly with MOUA. First nations partnerships were further extended with the launch of Legacy. The year saw a number of increases: income for artists increased from \$ 126,871 in 2018 to \$171,083 for 2019 (35% increase), and a doubled visitor footprint. Currently, Umbrella are creating a makerspace including wood working and silver smithing. Kate thanked the community, team, volunteers and board. She stated that Umbrella will continue to demonstrate resilience, are financially strong, and will build on partnerships going into the future. No questions from the attendees.

Moved: Sheree Kinlyside Seconded: Lydia Rigano

## 7. Election of the Management Committee

Voting not necessary – Only one nomination received for each open position.

#### 8. New Committee Announcement (5 mins)

As per nomination statement listing:

President: Ann Roebuck

Vice President: Alan Carpenter

Treasurer: Brian Tucker

Secretary: Michael Pope

Board Members: Sheree Kinlyside, Sarah Sullivan, Lydia Rigano.

#### 9. Appointment of authorised persons/signatories for banks (CBA/BOQ) and the ATO

Brian Tucker - Treasurer, Ann Roebuck - President, Kate O'Hara - Director, Alan Marlowe - Business Manager

#### 10. Appointment of Auditor for 2020

Rod Parker was appointed as auditor.

Moved: Ann Roebuck    Seconded: Brian Tucker

#### 11. Any other Business

Brian Tucker confirmed that Umbrella has the required level of Public Liability Insurance. \$20 Million cover extending to February 2021.

#### 12. AGM Closure

Ann thanked all attendees. Meeting closed at 5:53 pm.