***Mission:*** *The Magazine Association of BC is a member-driven, not-for-profit organization which believes in the inter-connected cultural and economic value of a vital British Columbia magazine publishing industry. MagsBC works to foster an environment where new magazines are nurtured, established magazines are supported and magazine staff are able to develop their skills. Its originating and continuing purpose is to promote the value of the sector.*

**AGM 2018**

**Meeting Minutes**

Creative Co-workers, B1-343 Railway St, Vancouver

**May 24, 2018 at 6 p.m.**

**MagsBC board members:** Jane Hope, president; Shashi Bhat, *EVENT magazine*, Jessica Key, *subTerrain magazine*, Madeline Adams, *K:* *magazine,* Selenna Ho, *Link magazine* (arrived 6:25 p.m.), members-at-large.

**Members attending:** Meghan Bell, *ROOM magazine*; Josué Menjivar, *Pacific Rim Magazine*; Felice Bisby, Knowledge Network/*K:* *magazine*

**Guest:** Lora McKay, Director, Creative Sector Policy & Governance, Province of BC

**Staff:** Sylvia Skene, Executive Director, MagsBC

**Regrets:** Aarti Gupta, treasurer, MagsBC board (??)

Called to order by Jane Hope at 6:06 p.m. with quorum being met. Attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Madeline Adams moved approval of the agenda; Jessica key seconded; carried.

Jane Hope welcomed the attendees, and summarized her president’s message from the 2017/2018 annual report. She noted that:

* Although there are still challenges, the association has had a really good year, with a successful conference, internship subsidies, advocacy and other services to members and the BC magazine industry
* Because of professionalized best accounting practices, we’ve discovered a deficit that we’ve been carrying for at least a couple of years
* Due to a 2017-2020 grant from the Canada Periodical Fund, despite the deficit, the association will have more fiscal stability, and be able to offer more services to members over the next two years while working on reducing the deficit

Jane also mentioned that as this will be her last year on the board, her focus will be on transition planning.

Members-at-large Madeline Adams and Selenna Ho have chosen to step off the board. Jane Hope and our members thanked them for their time and dedication.

Hearing no corrections or changes, Jane Hope called for a motion to approve of the minutes of the 2017 AGM held on June 15, 2017 at 6 p.m.; Madeline Adams moved, Jessica Key seconded; carried.

Executive director Sylvia Skene gave a brief summary of the 2017 financial statements, the 2018 budget, and the funding and financials overview, circulated previously to members. She will be asking Creative BC for a modest increase in our operating grant, but has built in $8K extra in the 2018 budget to end the year well in the black just in case we do not get what we hope for in our operating grant or other expected income.

Sylvia mentioned that she will be taking a ½ time leave in November and December, using 2 weeks of that time to work with Suzanne Trudel, executive director, Alberta Magazine Publishers Association in Calgary in a mentee/mentor relationship. This will assist with reducing costs for 2018.

Madeline Adams moved approval of the 2018 budget; Meghan Bell seconded; carried.

Quantum Accounting was appointed as association accountant/bookkeeper for 2018.

MagsBC Board member nominations were called for. Madeline Adams nominated Felice Bisby, and Shazia Hafiz Ramji put herself forward for nomination via Jane Hope. Jessica Key also mentioned that Danielle Cunningham, Marketing and Communications Manager for The Westin Bayshore, was interested in serving on the board. All acclaimed, with the proviso that Danielle join as a supporting or associate member, as she is not currently a member of MagsBC.

Jane Hope, Shashi Bhat, and Jessica Key will continue to serve on the board. Aarti Gupta is currently on leave. (??)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.