

## Tactile Arts Special General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, 30 May 2018      **Time:** 6.36PM  
**Location:** Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (Theatrette)  
**Chair:** Gail Carnes  
**Minute Taker:** Melanie Favola, Vice-Chair, Secretary

### 1. Attendance and apologies

Attendees: Gail Carnes (Chair), Melanie Favola (Vice-Chair, Secretary), Debra Senjuschenko (Treasurer), Bernard Ho (Director), Carolyn Marriott, Cecily Bree, Cecily Willis, Cheryl Galpin, Dawn Beasley, Doreen Dyer, Fran Wickes, Hazel and Ian MacRaild, Helen Menzies, Isabel Lopes, Jocelyn Tribe, John Waller, Jon Firth, Julie Hanson, Kathy Carter, Lillian Smith, Louise Bilato, Marita Albers, Margaret Goodluck, Nancie Roth, Nardi Ling, Pamela Hefner, Sandra Kendell, Sarah Body, Luna Bird, Meng Hoeschle, Veronica Priestley

Apologies: Felicity Wright (Director)

Represented by proxy: Melanie Tribe, Alison Worsnop, Leonie McNally, Patricia Creswick, Haley Bell, Ingrid Gersmanis, Tessa Duke, Abbey Murray

### 2. Proposals and motions

#### 2.1 Craft Council of the Northern Territory Constitution Review

The Chair opened the meeting by introducing the topic of proposed changes to the Constitution of the Craft Council of the Northern Territory. She noted that the organisation had changed since it was first established in 1973 and that the Constitution no longer reflected its current structure. She introduced Heidi Girolamo, a consultant from Deloitte, who provided an overview of the Constitution review process and rationale for change.

### 3 Amendments to the Constitution

3.1 The Chair made a motion to change membership categories, as follows:

Community member, support member, life member, honorary member, associate member

*Seconded: Nil                                  The motion did not pass.*

3.2 The Chair made a motion that additional research on membership categories and benefits be undertaken and reported back to the members.

*Seconded: John Firth                          A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

3.2 The Chair made a motion to change Management Committee term length limits.

*Seconded: Cheryl Galpin                      A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

3.3 The Chair made a motion to change the AGM notice period to 21 days (the same as for a special general meeting).

*Seconded: Cecily Willis                      A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

3.4 The Chair made a motion to eliminate proxy voting and to allow voting by absentee ballot.

*Seconded: Louise Bilato                      A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

3.5 The Chair made a motion to require that the joining fee be assessed by the Management Committee annually.

*Seconded: John Waller                      A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

3.6 The Chair made a motion to require payment of dues in arrears for lapsed memberships, up to a maximum of 11 months on a pro rata basis.

*Seconded: Doreen Dyer                      A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

3.7 The Chair made a motion to include a provision in the Constitution to allow a Management Committee member removed at a special general meeting to be replaced by an election held at a special general meeting.

*Seconded: Jon Firth                      A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

3.8 The Chair made a motion to amend the Constitution to clarify that a special resolution may be moved at any general meeting of the members, including a special general meeting.

*Seconded: Sarah Body                      A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

3.9 The Chair made a motion that the Constitution be amended to allow the board to co-opt members for particular tasks, with no more than seven management committee members, elected and co-opted, in total.

*Seconded: Veronica Priestley              A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

3.10 The Chair made a motion to clarify that the elected members of the Management Committee is empowered to elect the officers of the Management Committee.

*Seconded: Veronica Priestley              A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

3.11 The Chair made a motion that typographical errors and other minor errors be corrected throughout the Constitution.

*Seconded: Doreen Dyer                      A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.*

#### **4 Close of Meeting**

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.05PM