

ALUNA THEATRE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: MINUTES

7:00 PM 15 November 2020

Aluna Studio: 1 Wiltshire Ave, Unit 124, Toronto ON

And online via Zoom



MINUTES

1. **Welcome** : Carla Melo welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting.
2. **Call to Order**
Carla called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM
3. **Roll Call / Attendance**
Membership: Victoria Mata, Guillaume Bernardi, Sebastian Marziali, Claudia Liz, Monica Garrido, Camila Diaz-Varela, b'at'z recinoz, Alicia Payne, Marilo Nunez, Anita La Selva, and Antonio Torres Ruiz; and staff: Sue Balint, Bea Pizano, and Trevor Schwellnus
Board Members: Carla Melo (Chair), Natalie Alvarez (Vice Chair), Ric Knowles (Secretary), Paulie McDermid (Treasurer), Edgar Valderrama, Robert Hay, Melissa Prado, Maria Mata.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Moved Robert, **seconded** Sebastian. **Approved unanimously.**
5. **Approval of 2018-19 AGM minutes**
Amendments: section 7: we're missing the year for revenues (add 2017-18, or simply delete the word "in"). Two corrections of typos in the roll call: Luis Rojas and Antonio Torres Ruiz
Moved (as amended): Sebastian ; **seconded** Camila. **Carried** (unanimous)
6. **Staff report on year's activities for the 2019-20 (Bea; see attached report)**
Caminos was highly successful; we could use more money for the artists. *Solitudes* was also highly successful and has influenced the way Bea works. Covid then hit and presented us with the opportunity to reimagine (and reaffirm) who we are, and the importance of supporting a community of artists. Community talks developed almost independently. Residencies (stay-at-home) were created to support artists entering the system. Radio Aluna (Camila and Monica): created two more streams beyond podcasts & interviews into radio plays, keeping in contact with our audiences. Studio: we moved out of the other office, but the rehearsal studio has been in great use in spite of COVID.
7. **Treasurer's Report 2017-18 (see circulated annual report)**
See audited financial statement for year ended 30 June 2020. We are in remarkably good shape. One correction: insurance is by FrontRow Insurance.
8. **Membership Approval of actions of the board for 2019-20**

Moved: Sebastian; **seconded:** Camila. **Carried** unanimously.

9. **Brief update on plans for 2020-21**

We are in co-production with a couple of works in development (Souvendrini Lena, *Rubble* with TPM and Pandemic and Nightwood; and *House of Bernardo Alba* with Modern Times at Buddies); the residency program continues; partnering with Victoria Mata on *Cacao*, with WhyNot Theatre; and the partnership/workshop with Marilo Nunez on playwrighting development continues; Marilo is playwright in Residence with her new play. Caminos? We'll see. Preparing new ways—"theatre ambulante"—for presenting work. Partnering with New World Theatre (Vancouver) on Cristina Quintana's piece. Radio plays (4 new ones) continue. Salvadorean collaboration. We're trying to create energy for about a dozen different developments at once.

10. **New Board members: nominations/discussion**

Nominations from the floor: none

Members up for re-election (2 year term)

Natalie Alvarez

Ric Knowles

Paulie McDermid

Carla Melo

Board Members Continuing

Robert Hay

Melissa Prado

Edgar Valderrama

Approval of slate: **Moved:** Guillaume ; **Seconded:** Sebastian . **Carried unanimously.**

11. **Membership approval of continuity of auditor:** W.E. Gough, CA

Moved: Robert; **seconded:** Antonio ; **Carried unanimously.**

12. **Next Annual General Meeting**

To be scheduled next AGM in mid-November-mid-December 2021.

13. **Other business:** Bea thanks the board members, new and continuing.

14. **Adjournment**

Moved by Sebastian, **seconded** Camila. **Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Ric Knowles, Secretary