

ITA Board of Directors

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Minutes of Sunday June 29, 2025

2:00 P.M. Eastern

Via Zoom

Officers Present: Brad Palmer, Chair, Chris Shook, Secretary/Treasurer, Keith Jackson, Natalie Mannix, Ben McIlwain

Directors Present: Magnus Nilsson, Executive Director

Membership Present: Members at large

Special Welcome and Call to Order: Chair, Brad Palmer greeted all members present and welcomed and introduced all Officers and Directors present of the ITA, and Board of Advisors.

Chair, Brad Palmer called the meeting to order at 2:06 P.M. and requested a moment to remember John Marcellus who passed away on December 31, 2024.

Eloquent Eulogies of John were delivered from the floor by Bob Marcellus, and Ron Barron

Minutes of July 07, 2024:

Motion: Motion by Chris Shook supported by Natalie Mannix to approve the Minutes of 07-07-2024. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- The membership of the organization is 2,763, approximately 80% of which is from the United States. Continual efforts are being made despite the challenges to increase membership. Magnus then discussed some of the features of the new website, the new graphics and ease of navigation.
- Digital Newsletter production, publishing 9,000 monthly as part of a strategy to reach out to more users.

- The Composition Competition has received many entries as he highlighted the Composition Competition progress and thanked Timothy Dueppen for his leadership and Chairing the Judges, all who volunteered for this work.
- Magnus then recognized the ITA staff and highlighted staff changes with special call out to Colleen Wheeler for her work now as Social Media Manager and Web Strategist.
- He then cited that new volunteers are always needed to take on projects. Please contact Magnus for more information.
- The ZOOM sessions with artists continue to be well liked.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- ITA Secretary/Treasurer Chris Shook highlighted the attached report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

All reports attached to the Minutes

- Awards (Ava Ordman)
- Commissions (Don Lucas)
- Competitions (Chase West)
- Finance/Audit (Chris Shook)
- Governance (Ben McIlwain)

ADVISORY COUNCIL'S REPORTS

All reports attached to the Minutes

- Diversity (Natalie Mannix)
- Literature (J. Mark Thompson)
- Pedagogy (Dee Stuart)
- Research (Brett Baker)
- Student Council (Megan Boutin read by Corey Nance)

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Attached with the Minutes

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Chair, Brad Palmer made remarks about declining membership and asked for any help with this issue. He proceeded to thank the Board members and all the Committee and Council members who give selflessly of their time. He then adjourned the meeting at 3:12 P.M. Eastern

Respectfully submitted,

By: Christopher J. Shook, Secretary/Treasurer