



Agenda
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8th, 2026
2-5 pm; 81 McGregor St.
Carleton Place

Attended: T. Boisclair, P. Clarke, F. Gibbins, T. Ganson

Guest: S. Moscrip (Treasurer)

Secretary: Jill Spear

Chair: S. Deschênes (President)

Regrets: R. Reid, L. Thirlwall

1. Call for additional items for agenda.
Exchange of information
New business
2. Board vacancies 2026 (Piggott)
The Board needs to replace Laura Piggott, Discussions about the idea of increasing the board by 2 or 3 additional directors with an expectation of all (current and new) taking on more responsibilities such as the coordination of shows, signs etc.
3. 2025 Resolutions to date – update the resolution to include the signatures of R Reid and L Thirlwall, Suzanne will follow up.
4. Memberships (status 2025, 2026) – radius of eligibility
Suzanne presented a map to show what the 50km radius (as the crow flies) centered on Carleton Place means.
As well, other eligibility criteria were mentioned such as grandfathering of continuous previous members even if they move out the radius and if an applying artist lives in a region without access to any other artist organizations.
2025 – 196 members

2026 – To date 110 with 22 new members. ART HUB Team Leader to follow up with Art Hub members who have not renewed their memberships, Suzanne will follow up with Spring Show artists and artists with Galleries on the website. After March 15, Membership Coordinator and CEO will finish up with the rest. Grace period expires March 31/26.
5. Grids (black versus white)
 - a. **Resolution 26-01:** Be it resolved that the ACP acquire 36 white grids and 6 gondolas at a cost of \$450 with the intention of reselling the white gondolas at lowest price possible.
Agreed: Unanimous
6. Spring Art Show (status)
 - a. Jurying is almost complete; it is expected that 53 artists will be participating. Discussions about the location of the central cash is in progress.
 - b. Trina has a button maker; it was agreed that a magnetic version is more suitable. Discussions about what to print on the button, where and when and who would wear it followed. Trina will cost the magnetic version and report back to the board.

- c. Fran will make inquiries about truck rentals for both the spring and fall shows to move signs and other miscellaneous items. Due to the winter storm during the 2025 Itty Bitty show, 50 signs were lost and replacements are being ordered. Plans are to increase advertising on Facebook and Google in Carleton Place and Almonte via Carleton Place Living. Potential target marketing towards the Gen Z as potential new buyers.

7. Fall Art Show

Patti agreed to store the signs for the Fall Art Show.

8. Financial Report 2025 and 2026

Treasurer presented the Report. Overall ACP in good shape financially, the start up costs for moving and setting up the new Art Hub were high, but is expected to be recoverable in the near future with the significant increase in sales compared to the old location. It was also noted that improved financial management has a been benefit to ACP.

9. Art Hub Governance Document (final draft)

- a. Resolution 26-02: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accepts the Art Hub Governance Document as presented and that it be posted on the website to inform ACP members.
- b. Trina has completed the final draft and it will be distributed to the board for final acceptance.

10. Slogan: Voted top slogan: Creativity Lives Here

It is expected that the new slogan will be used in all future communications.

11. AGM: Date and location

- a. March 22, 2026, 2-5PM, Arena Boardroom – room booked
- b. Danielle Barabé-Bussièrès to host video-conference call
- c. ACP will rent the zoom service for one month fee from West Carleton Arts Society
- d. Suzanne Deschennes will prepare the power point presentation

12. Search for Future President – Trina Ganson to report

Trina and Therese are working on the draft document describing the duties of the President as well as a draft call to volunteer for the position.

13. Other Business

Exchange of information: Suzanne will be out of country three weeks prior to the Spring Art Show in April/2027. She presented a list of activities she currently does for the Spring show, replacement(s) will be required.

New Business: A coordinator is needed to replace Suzanne for Art in Public Places

14. Next Meeting (post AGM)

May 24, 2026, at 81 McGregor St, Carleton Place 2 – 5 pm

15. Meeting adjourned