

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROSARIO ANCER FLAMENCO  
ARTS SOCIETY**

**Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 4:00pm**

**At 102- 2083 Alma Street  
Vancouver, BC**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Janet Buckle, Alice DeNofrio, Diane Lyle, Jo-Anne Nielson- Andrews, Aida Hughesman, Noriko Aramaki, Nanako Aramaki, Barbara Shuman, Shala Alegretto, Zehra Pirani LeRoy, Camina Carretero, Rebekah Bull, Katia Flores, Gloria Macarenko, Francine Deveau, Melanie Meyers, Jennifer Simons, Nancy Miki, Yvonne Kolstee, Bonnie Sterwart, Judit Ladanyi, Tatiana Celis, Barbara MacLellan, Meghan Asner, Ian Metherell, Rosario Ancer, Victor Kolstee

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order by B. MacLellan at 4:20PM

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to accept as presented was moved by Nanako Aramaki and seconded by Diane Lyle. Carried

3. **Verification of Notice**

Members of the society attending confirmed that they had received the notice via email or regular mail. Notice was also posted at the Centro Flamenco studio.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the 2008 AGM were reviewed.

Motion to accept as circulated was moved by Jo-Anne Nielsen Andrews and seconded by Noriko Aramaki. Carried.

5. **Business Arising from the minutes:**

No business arising.

6. **Reports:**

- a. **President.** Barb MacLellan presented her report for 2008. A copy is attached to these minutes. Barbara thanked the members and volunteers for their support throughout the year.
- b. **Artistic and Executive Director** Rosario Ancer presented a brief oral report. She mentioned that the Mis Hermanas production was a critical and artistic success and represented a new challenge to the company and the individual dancers. This production has garnered a considerable amount of interest for touring and will be remounted in the fall in preparation for a tour to Mexico. Rosario mentioned that the company seldom has an opportunity to continue working on a production beyond the initial performances.

**The Artist in Residence** program was thrilled to have Isabel Bayon last summer. Ms Bayon is an flamenco artist of very high standing in Spain and all over the world and the students of Centro Flamenco and the members of the Flamenco Rosario Company benefited greatly from an opportunity to study with her.

**The Cuadro Flamenco** was held in December of 2008 and focused on the company dancers as the new generation of flamenco dancers in Vancouver. The Company welcomed back Melanie Meyers who was one of its original members but had been living away from Vancouver for the past 8 years, for her first performance with the company again at this show.

**Vancouver Flamenco Festival.** Plans for the festival are going well despite some funding uncertainties. Our headliner for the much expanded festival this year is Isabel Bayon who will be performing two nights with a small cuadro of musicians. Rosario reviewed the schedule of the festival and answered questions from members.

**2010 – 2011 Season.** Plans are already progressing for the next season and there have been expressions of interest from New Zealand and China in having Flamenco Rosario tour to those places.

c. **Treasurer – Ian Metherell**

**Financial Statements** – Financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2008 were presented. Ian Metherell reported on the highlights of the previous year as illustrated by the financial statements. The organization had a net income of about \$10,000. Cash on hand was \$30,000. This is earmarked for the Festival and the Artist in Residence program and for tour preparation.

It was moved by Gloria Macarenko and seconded by Melanie Meyers that the financial statements be approved. Carried

7. **Election of Directors** – Barbara MacLellan explained the roles of and regulations for election of Board Members. She thanked retiring board member Gloria Macarenko for her two years and more on the board. Ms. Macarenko was not running for another term.

The following Directors are continuing into their second year of their term of office and did not need to stand for election:

Ian Metherell  
Allyson De Jong  
Yvonne Kolstee

President Barbara MacLellan explained to the members that according to the bylaws the candidates listed below, who are all continuing board members have reached the maximum amount of time to be spent on the board. However, given the difficulty of finding new board members and the need for people of experience on the board it was

moved by Yvonne Kolstee and seconded by Bonnie Stewart that the applicable by-law be suspended for this year to allow the candidates to stand for re-election.

Carried unanimously.

The Nominating Committee then presented the following list of candidates for open positions on the Board of Directors:

Noriko Aramaki  
Keiko MacArthur  
Barbara MacLellan

It was moved by Diane Lyle and seconded by Alice Gerbrecht to accept the directors as listed.

Carried

The board will endeavour to fill the three remaining vacant board positions over the next few months and will consider recommending a change to the bylaws to remove the limits to terms of office.

**8. Other Business:**

Aida Hugheson asked for permission to make a special presentation to Rosario and Victor in honour of their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of teaching and presenting flamenco in Vancouver. To theirs and everyone's delight she presented them with a large framed photo of Angel Monzon and Kay Armstrong from a flamenco performance many years ago. Aida and Victor explained to members who Angel was and noted that, sadly, he passed away in the last year.

Rosario and Victor were touched and delighted with this very special presentation and expressed many thanks to Aida.

**9. Adjournment** – There being no other business, the Annual General Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

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Barbara MacLellan  
President