

# THEATRE *Saskatchewan* COMMUNITIES ON STAGE **inc.**

## VISION STATEMENT

*Saskatchewan has a strong culture of community theatre that contributes to the social and economic vibrancy of communities by nurturing the creativity and expression of individuals*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Theatre Saskatchewan Incorporated contributes to the growth and development of all aspects of community theatre in the province through education, member funding, awareness, and festival events.*

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I Name

1. The name of the organization shall be THEATRE SASKATCHEWAN INC. hereinafter referred to as the ASSOCIATION or THEATRE SASKATCHEWAN.

## ARTICLE II Aims and Objectives

1. PURPOSE: To provide a vehicle for creative expression through drama.
2. OBJECTIVES
  - (i) To promote community theatre through the organization of programs pertaining to education, development, liaison, competition and adjudication.
  - (ii) To cooperate with organizations whose objectives advance drama in Saskatchewan.
  - (iii) To acknowledge and encourage member groups to present and promote the works of local, as well as national, playwrights.
  - (iv) To cooperate with and assist other regional or national bodies in developing community theatre activities
  - (v) To facilitate and promote participation in provincial drama activities.
  - (vi) To organize and operate annual drama festival(s) in Saskatchewan under established rules and regulations.
  - (vii) To inform members of drama activities, to further the Association's educational programs, to develop members' production skills and to promote the use of Saskatchewan theatrical resources.

## ARTICLE III Membership

1. There shall be Two (2) classes of membership.
  - (i) CLUB MEMBERSHIP - Available to all non-profit, volunteer based theatre groups in Saskatchewan. Benefits include:
    1. Full Voting membership at all General Meetings
    2. Grant eligibility
    3. Access to the library
    4. Festival participation
    5. Communications
  - (ii) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – Available to any individual in Saskatchewan
2. A CLUB MEMBER shall delegate one person as a representative with voting privileges at General Meetings.
3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS may attend General Meetings, however, they do not have voting privileges

## **ARTICLE IV Board Governance**

1. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
  - (i) The Board of Directors shall consist of the Past President, the President, and five (5) members at large.
  - (ii) The Board of Directors shall be nominated and elected by the members
  - (iii) The Vice President shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
  - (iv) The Board of Directors shall conduct the affairs of the Association between members' meetings and shall meet no less than four (4) times annually
2. OFFICERS
  - (i) The OFFICERS shall consist of the Past President, President, and Vice-President  
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## **ARTICLE V Dissolution**

1. In the event of dissolution, the distribution of assets of the Association shall follow procedures as outlined in the Non-Profit Corporations Act of Saskatchewan

## **ARTICLE VI Amendments**

1. This constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds majority of votes cast at General Meeting after sixty (60) days notice of such proposed amendments has been given in writing to all VOTING MEMBERS

# Theatre Saskatchewan

## BYLAWS

### I Definitions

1. "ASSOCIATION" and "CORPORATION" mean Theatre Saskatchewan Inc.
2. "in good standing" means annual membership fee has been paid and no outstanding charges exist.

### II Membership

1. Annual Fees  
Membership fees for Voting, Non-Voting, Associate and Subscription Members shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be payable for the fiscal year of the Association.

### III Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year of the Association shall be August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> inclusive.

### IV Financial

1. The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Director and Office Staff to administer and implement the activities of the Association, in accordance with the policies and directives of the Board of Directors and the Constitution and Bylaws.
2. No elected Board Member shall receive monetary remuneration for services rendered to the Association other than personal expenses.
3. Monetary assistance for Member Funding, Scholarships and the Apprentice Program shall be allocated to Active Members as funds permit and at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

### V Meetings

1. Members shall meet at least twice a year in General Meetings, one being the Annual General Meeting.
2. A General Meeting may be held at any time upon the written request of a minimum of 12 Active member groups. Such a meeting shall be held within 45 days of the receipt of this request.
3. Notice of General Meetings shall be provided in writing to all members a minimum of 30 days in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall include:
  - i. An agenda
  - ii. Notification of specific resolutions. Where such resolutions are amendments to the Constitution, sixty days' notice is required as per Article VI of the Constitution
  - iii. Where the General Meeting is an Annual General Meeting, copies of Board approved audited financial statements shall be provided a minimum of 15 days in advance of the meeting
4. Resolutions that have not met the notice provisions above may be considered if two-thirds of the VOTING MEMBERS present agree. Once the VOTING MEMBERS agree to hear the resolution, normal quorum provisions apply.

### VI Committees

1. The Board of Directors may, as required, establish committees to serve its purposes. Each committee shall include a minimum of one board member and may include representatives from the general membership or any other person with the requisite expertise whom the board appoints.

## **VII Election of Board of Directors**

### **1. Nominations**

- (i) The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee at least 45 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Past President, or, in the event of a vacancy of that office, a Board member appointed by the President.
- (iii) The Nominating Committee shall solicit and receive nominations for vacancies on the Board of Directors.
- (iv) Nominations and bios shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chairperson at least 35 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (v) Nominations must be signed by the Nominee and the Nominator.
- (vi) Only Members in good standing may nominate or run for the Board of Directors.
- (vii) Any member wishing to be nominated for the office of President must have served at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors.
- (viii) Nominations can be accepted from the floor if the nominee is present.

### **2. Voting**

- (i) The VOTING MEMBERS in good standing and in attendance at the Annual General Meeting shall have voting privileges.
- (ii) All current members of the Board of Directors in attendance at the Annual General Meeting, including those whose terms are about to expire, shall have voting privileges unless their club representative are present.
- (iii) There shall be no voting by proxy.

### **3. Election of Officers**

- (i) The election of a President and Directors at large shall be held at the Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall present the names of the members nominated for the vacancies on the Board.
- (iii) For each vacancy, the Chairperson shall call for nominations THREE TIMES from the floor.
- (iv) In the event that the number of nominated members equals the number of vacancies on the Board, the members nominated shall be elected by acclamation.
- (v) A secret ballot shall be held when the number of nominated members exceeds the number of vacancies on the Board.
- (vi) Results from vote are required in accordance of By-law IX, sub-section 1 and will be recorded with ballots being destroyed after 90 days.

## **VIII Terms of Office**

1. Directors (Board members) may serve for a 2 year term to a maximum of 3 consecutive terms in accordance with the following:
  - (i) One half of the directors at large shall be elected in alternate years
  - (ii) The term maximum for directors is waived if the Director is elected to the position of President, in which case the director shall serve:
    1. The full term to which he/she has been elected President, and
    2. As Past President for the full term to which his/her successor has been elected President.
  - (iii) Where no person is willing to serve on the Board of Directors who meets the term limit requirements, the Membership may elect a Director who exceeds the term limit requirements.
2. The President shall be elected for a 1 year term and may serve 2 consecutive terms.
3. The Vice-President shall be appointed for a 1 year term and may serve 2 consecutive terms.

## **IX Vacancies on the Board of Directors**

1. When a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors before the expiration of the term of office, the nominated candidate receiving the next highest number of votes at the preceding Annual General Meeting shall fill the term of the vacancy.
2. In the event that the vacancy cannot be filled under By-law IX, sub-section 1, the President shall appoint a member of the Association to complete the term of the vacancy.

## **X Resignations**

1. A written resignation must be submitted to the Board of Directors for the purpose of vacating a position on the Board of Directors.

## **XII Amendments to By-Laws**

1. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, make, amend or repeal any by-law that regulates the activities of the Association.
2. Any such change is effective from the day of the resolution of the Board of Directors until confirmed or rejected at the next General Meeting.
3. If the Membership rejects such change, the change ceases to be effective.

## **XIII Quorums**

1. A Quorum at Board of Directors' Meetings shall be 50% + 1 of the elected Directors.
2. A Quorum at General Meetings shall consist of 50% + 1 of voting members in attendance, providing the notice provisions for such meetings are affected.

**APPROVED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – April 29, 2017 (North Battleford)**

