

Annual General Meeting
Trinidad and Tobago Photographic Society
Minutes of Meeting

Monday 18th November, 2019
Helen May Johnstone Room, Queen's Hall, Port of Spain

Attendance

Board	Attendees	
Cathy Bain	Curtis Khan	Chanua Johnson
Chad Lue Choy	Sarita Rampersad	Ruhiyyih Farabi
Kazim Daniel	Neverson Davis	Rachel Lee Young
Brian Lopes	Simone Browne	Marcia Paul-Assing
	Christine Norton	David Cogdell
	Robert Ramkissoon	Keith Aqui
	Dale Antoine	Wendy Pereira-Aqui
	Ray Cummings	Abigail Hadeed
	Susan Bacon	Jason Bodden
	Nadine Eversley	Peter Jacob
	Denise D'Abadie	Douane John
	Hansel Jennings	Petuna Kennedy Lewis
	Terrell George	Clement Williams
	Inez Aryes	David Aryes
	Kennyatta Kansinally	Morrison Phillip
	Kwailan Nicholas	Derek Drayton

President (Interim) Remarks- Cathy Bain

C. Bain called the meeting to order and played the National Anthem. She confirmed there was a quorum present and declared the meeting open. She welcomed all members and guests. She paused to allow the venue custodian to read the safety briefing.

Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 11th February 2019

It was moved by C. Bain and seconded by R. Lee Young that the minutes of the meeting 11th February 2019 be approved. All in favour. **CARRIED**

Presentation of Report by the Executive Committee- C. Bain, C. Lue Choy & K. Daniel

C. Bain spoke briefly on the vision and mission and structure of the Society and highlighted some of the activities of the Society this past term and some of the current and future plans.

C. Lue Choy presented the work of the program subcommittee and a review of all the activities that were hosted this past term.

K. Daniel presented the Society's accounts with some notes and comments on specific profit and loss, revenue and expenditure items.

C. Norton commented that membership participation must balance the cost of hosting workshops to avoid losses when hosting events.

A. Hadeed commented that the cost of hosting events somehow be shared with members so they gain an enhanced appreciation of the work and expense that goes into planning and hosting an event.

S. Browne commented that the programming must address all levels of members - advanced, intermediate and beginner.

A. Hadeed commented even professionals can benefit from refresher workshops.

K. Daniel presented an overview of the Society's membership.

Approval of Society's Accounts

It was moved by C. Bain and seconded by D. Cogdell that the Society's accounts be approved as presented. All in favour. **CARRIED**

Approval of Bye-Laws

S. Browne asked about stating the membership period with respect to payment of dues and the financial year for the Society.

C. Bain indicated that the Society was moving to a software based system for managing membership and that membership periods will run 12 months from the date of payment. She also indicated the financial year for the society is stated in the minutes.

It was moved by C. Bain and seconded by A. Hadeed that the bye-laws as circulated to members be approved. All in favour. **CARRIED**

Open Floor

C. Johnson commented that the Society should find ways to increase member participation at monthly members' meetings.

C. Norton commented that the new structure of the Executive Committee should help increase membership participation if all executives are in sync.

A. Hadeed commented there needs to be increased social media presence as well as a system for checks and balances for the executive in the performance of their duties.

C. Norton commented that social media activity should not be limited to Executive postings only but the Society should find ways to engage the members to be more active on the Society's social media platforms.

P. Jacob commented the spike in membership could be due to the competition activity and suggested that the Society find more models/events like the competition to attract new members.

D. Cogdell commented that the Society should use social media to have more engagement with members rather than primarily for information purposes.

S. Browne commented that the social media platforms be used as a platform to highlight members' work. This was supported by C. Johnson and M. Paul-Assing.

D. John suggested that the Society establishes groups or teams by region so as to have a greater presence throughout the country.

D. D'abadie commented that the Society hosts photo challenges on its social media platforms to encourage more engagement with members.

Tobago members commented that the Society hosts Social Media account takeovers and Photo of the Week challenges to encourage more engagement with members.

W. Aqui-Pereria queried the bye-laws regarding members voting when they are nominees.

Election of Executive Committee

C. Bain reminded members that a call for nominations went out prior to the meeting and that no nominations from the floor would be accepted.

Nominations for the post of President-C. Lue Choy.

There being no other nominations for the post of President, C. Lue Choy was elected as President by acclamation of the members.

Nominations for the post of Secretary- Susan Bacon.

There being no other nominations for the post of Secretary, S. Bacon was elected as Secretary by acclamation of the members.

Nominations for the post of Treasurer- C. Khan and K. Daniel.

Both nominees were given a few minutes to address the meeting. The vote for Treasurer was carried out by ballot. The ballots in Trinidad were counted by C. Bain and verified by C. Lue Choy. The count in Tobago was reported by Petuna Kennedy-Lewis.

K. Daniel	12
C. Khan	24

C. Khan was elected to the position of Treasurer.

Nominations for the post of Program Manager- S. Rampersad.

There being no other nominations for the post of Program Manager, S. Rampersad was elected as Program Manager by acclamation of the members.

Nominations for the post of Membership Manager- P. Kennedy-Lewis.

There being no other nominations for the post of Membership Manager, P. Kennedy-Lewis was elected as Membership Manager by acclamation of the members.

Nominations for the post of Media and Marketing Manager- D. Salloum.

C. Bain informed the members that D. Salloum did not accept the nomination. There being no other nominations, the post of Media and Marketing Manager remained vacant.

Nominations for the post of Fundraising Manager- C. Bain.

There being no other nominations for the post of Fundraising Manager, C. Bain was elected as Fundraising Manager by acclamation of the members.

Newly elected President C. Lue Choy shared a few words about his hope and plans for the new term.

Next Annual General Meeting

The date for the next Annual General Meeting was announced as Monday 9th November, 2020

Other Business

There was no other business.

Birthday Greetings for C. Bain

The members recognized the birthday of outgoing President (Interim) and newly elected Fundraising Manager C. Bain being celebrated today and sang Happy Birthday.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. All members were invited to socialize and have something to eat and drink.