2025 AGM Minutes

Call to order

The ICCT AGM October 26th, 2025 was called to order at 2:18 PM. It was a hybrid online and in-person event which took place at the Board member Richard Eriksson's building amenities room.

Attendees: Carolyn Arnason, Peter Norman, Richard Eriksson, DeeAnn Sagar, Katie Handley-Derry, Elizabeth Handley Derry, Peggy MacFarlane

Via Zoom: Gail Einarson-McCleery & Reynir Sæmundsson, Eva Johannson, Madeline Ashley, Nancy Morgan, Glen Thordarson

Agenda

Welcome to our 2025 AGM. Carolyn moves to approve the agenda, Peter seconds. Unanimous approval.

Approval of the 2024 Minutes

Carolyn moves to approve the minutes. Richard seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.

President's Report - Carolyn

Inspired by past president Gwen's report. Carolyn mentions the INLNA, that we are all members of through our Club membership, and encouraged us to visit their website to take advantage of their programs. Discussed the calendar, our Travel Show in March, the Thorrablót in April at the Legion, and looked ahead to having our next one there as well. They were so helpful, the caterers did so well, and Lindy liked the feeling of the room. June 22nd was the day of a super heat wave, and despite that, we still did the picnic in Christie Park. Carolyn thanked all who braved that heat. We had a board retreat in August at Gwen and husband Mark's house, to talk about what was working, what wasn't working, and how we can move forward. We had a wonderful time, wonderful food. Carolyn attended the INLNA convention. She and husband Boyd did a road trip there, really enjoyed it, and appreciated the hard work put it in. The next in-person convention is in Ottawa 2027 (there will be an online one in 2026). Synopsis of the various committees, those will be reported on in the meeting. DeeAnn and the book club, we've already had two book club meetings, really happy with the successful relaunch of the book club. Saga Connections has been quiet lately, primarily because Gwen is INLNA president, the committee still has ideas and Gwen wants to get it relaunched. Several episodes are online, one

remaining to be uploaded and on the website. Your YouTube channel has COVID-era recordings of events as well.

It has been a real pleasure to be president of ICCT, come into the fold at a later age and love the culture and feeling closer to my Icelandic heritage.

Financial Report - Peter Norman

Peter presented the financial report, available on the website.

There was a deficit due to a decline in membership dues. We need more effort in getting people to pay dues, and we have a new membership director with more outreach. Thorrablót is up from last year, though still down from 2 years ago. Selling the book Letters to Icelanders was still not feasible, donations were down. Calendar sales were down from last year. Icelandic classes were up. Our convention expenses are every two years, so this year's expenses contributed to the deficit. We should think about making a convention fund. Office expenses, we're not splitting the Zoom expense between club and Nordic Nights budget. Insurance goes up every year, and we did have some movies we had to pay for. The cost of the ad we put in the calendar is included in the calendar expense.

Events could have cost recovery, but didn't this year. Kinmount was positive, we didn't have to spend anything this year, no request from Kinmount. Language classes were net positive. Kudos to Peggy for revitalizing the language program.

Net change of negative $2,705, which came out of Youth Grant fund, and members equity (unallocated funds).

Nordic Nights ended up more or less the same, Kinmount fund more or less the same

Thorrablót: Event itself broke even, had fundraising proceeds from auction and Donald K. Johnson.

Glen will do the financial review, which is to come.

Carolyn thanks Peter for the detailed report and how well it was presented.

Peter moves that pursuant to Section 148 of the Business Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.B.16, the members of The Club hereby consent that The Corporation shall be exempt from Part XII of the Business Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.B.16, regarding the appointment and duties of an auditor in respect of the fiscal period of the Corporation ending 30 June 2025. Carolyn seconds. Unanimously accepted.

Nordic Nights

Katrine presented the Nordic Nights report. Peter recognizes and offers appreciation to Laura McSwiggan and Professor Anu Mahonen's contributions after the films, now heading back to Finland. Katrine thanked Pierre Tremblay, no longer involved with Nordic Nights but still helps with the shorts program.

Book Club

DeeAnn presented the Book Club report, noting the positive meetings and discussions. Carolyn finds the book club as a good incentive to finish a book.

Language Classes

Peggy is travelling today, and did send an email about language classes. We're so happy with her persistence in finding a teacher. The mother of the previous teacher is enjoying sharing her native language with others, students are learning a lot. Based in Australia, so time zones has been challenging.

Fálkinn

Madeline Stapleton is at UBC and sent in a report: Fálkinn is sent out 4-5 times a year. Madeline always encourages us to send in stories, news about events. The next issue will be at the end of November, and she would like contributions in early November.

Youth Grants and Snorri

Madeline read out a postcard expressing deep appreciation for our support.

Board Slate

Carolyn moves acceptance of the slate, Peter seconds. Unanimously approved

Adjournment

Carolyn moves to adjourn, Katie seconds. The meeting concluded at 4:14 PM.

Secretary

Date of approval