

Contact Improvisation Association

Annual General Assembly

Minutes

Date: Sunday November 21st 2010, 14 h 30

Place: Studio 303, 372 Sainte-Catherine St. West, Montreal

Assembly opening.

(Marylin Bronstein) [15h00]

Nomination of the president and secretary of the assembly.

Justin Bur (seconded by Nicoletta Dolce) proposes Robert H. Schweitzer as président.

Justin B. (seconded by Marylin B.) proposes Geneviève Cambron as secretary.

Both motions are adopted.

Lecture and adoption of the agenda. (G.C.)

Proposed by Eryn Dace Trudell (seconded by Helga SchleeH).

Motion adopted.

Lecture and adoption of 2009 minutes.

[14:48]

General Annual Assembly, Sunday 18th October 2009.

Information lost, nothing to vote.

- Annual committee reports

Music committee : Camille Renarhd

Successful first musical jam: quality dances & concentration were part of it.

Musical jams should happen on a more regular base for example, last Sunday of each month.

Moti will be hired as musician for the Annual Jam 2010.

Production committee : Nicoletta Dolce & Valerie Sabbath

2010 ANNUAL JAM

Production committee thanks all the volunteers for their support, their help and their initiatives.

2010 Annual Jam has been a great success!

1. Food committee will be reorganized. As it was way too much work for the person in charge. Cooking and serving the food are a full time job and keep the volunteers from dancing and enjoying their free entrance to the jam. From now on separate people will take charge of the the food preparation and serving the food.

So those tasks will be clearer more precise and varied and everyone will be able to dance!

2. The comments about the Saturday night music of Moti were excellent!

A proposition has been made for next year: make a lounge out of the space downstairs while the boogie goes on upstairs.

3. The performance soirée will also be rethought. A lot of complaints have been made about the quality and some blurriness around whether we should return to pure CI?

Would another time or physical location be better?

4. Eryn proposed a service of babysitting for the child.

SOIRÉE COULEURS

5. Not much of participation at the last three last color theme soirées, 10-12 persons. Research is made to find a new formula. Maybe a jam after a period of performances.

Security Committee:

Manon Beaudoin, Amanda Franz, John Giffen, Guillaume Tétreau & Danielle Beaudaille .

6. This committee have been formed from the « Talking Circle ». See ANNEXE X
This « Talking Circle » organised by Marilyn Bronstein to which all ACI members were invited, was an open discussion about security and boundary issues during jams. The committee created a solid sandwich poster for information about physical, kinesthetic, psychological and emotional security.

7. Guillaume had proposed himself to write a document to gather the thoughts about this topic: education, security, physical and psychological responsibilities. They plan to put the long version on the web site and a short one on the sandwich.

8. They also plan to form a welcome committee. It would be facilitators who would take care of welcoming and of some resource person during Sunday jams. This project is slow.

9. They also project a security workshop around security among CI.

Teaching & research committee: Catherine Lessard & Nina Galea

10. The new innovation of Sunday morning classes with a theme and the same teacher for a month are working really well . The students feel secure and we have many newcomers. We will keep it this way. We even make profit!

11. Annual workshop: Catherine says that it is really important to have good quality teachers for the workshop made jointly with the production committee for the Annual Jam. In the hope to maintain the vision, we are thinking about hiring some of the founders first or second generation of CI.

We're showing a deficit for this activity since we organise it solo, instead of in collaboration with AHA. But, instead we are independent in our choices and organisation so that is a plus.

Reflection: Should we go on with this method for few years to see if it could be profitable or shall we ask 303 for a joint activity or?

Each year we work with a list of teachers that we feel like inviting, the committee is also open to suggestions.

12. Punctual workshop: Fusion stage of CI & Skinner releasing technic of Eryn Dace Trudell had a good showing and a little profit.

13. We are thinking to submit a grant to the Quebec Arts Council.

14. Vision: We would like to co-ordinate with other CI activities so there is no conflicts.

15. We also want to try to improve the knowledge and quality of the CI in Montreal.

16. We also need some volunteers to join the teaching committee.
See ANNEXE X (wich have been distributed during the GA).

Communication Committee : Rachel Billet

15h40

17. Paul has been for many years our reliable volunteer, responsible for this committee. While this job has been voted as paid.

He leaves us and we warmly giving him thanks and feel great respect for his generosity!!!

Rachel Billet is now the one who will alone for the moment take care of this committee. Which concretely consists of:

- Making information flow internally and externally. (Bilingual)
- Keeping the web page up to date. (Bilingual)
- Answering questions.

Rachel would like to have some help for this work as the daily updating is rapidly accumulating and because she also would like to make some other improvements.

Eg., take back and restore & update the FACEBOOK account of the ACI, work on the plug-in, make better graphic organisation of the images and update the website: such as biographies, links et reinforce our link with others community and add some historical information on CI.

18. Rachel announced that our web site has a lot of European visitors. She also mentioned that the website had been visited up to 14 000 times around our 28th Annual Jam instead of the usual 8-900.

Comptabilité : Manon Beaudoin

19. Eryn Dace Trudell has worked as the accountant many years and we warmly thank her for her work!!!

20. Presented Bilan non-valid.

Board members and Manon are taking on themselves to work on this and to approve it.

Conseil d'administration, vote des membres.

16h05

Board Membres 2010 :

Président : Geneviève Cambron

Vice-président : Marylin Bronstein

Treasurer : David Scribner

Secretary : Début d'année : Anthea Brown, fin, Nikki Rink.

Administrator : Camille Renarhd

Administrator : Benoît Aubertin.

Membre willing to stay:

Geneviève Cambron, Marylin Bronstein, David Scribner & Benoît Aubertin.

New membres :

Maryin Bronsein propose :

Amanda Franz, Stéphanie Dimitrovas & Dominic Prud'homme.

Amanda say that she will think about it for next year.

Dominic Prud'homme & Stephanie Dimitrevas

Accept the challenge!

Proposed by Justin Bur (seconded by Eryn Dace Trudell).

Motion adopted.

Rapport des membres du CA

Président : Geneviève Cambron

She presented the structure which had been established during the year - naming a link person on the board for each committee to improve the communication quality. She also talked about the philosophy of team working and the value of consensus for the board during 2010.

Tresurer : David Scribner

Presentation of the planned budget.

ACI philosophy about paid position.

17h

Compétences V/S bénévolat général

Agreement is made about the volunteer-based philosophy of the ACI, as it is clearly mentioned in the ByLaws of the association. See **ANNEXE X**

Traditionally paid positions among the ACI are :

- accountant
- Dance teacher
- Graphic designers for flyers (after no volunteer respond)
- Website specialist work.

Also for the Annual Jam over time, some have been added:

Ex : Musician, photographer, videographer, translator, and food cooking etc.

There was an open discussion on the perspective of the ACI members about the priority to give among all those different functions.

Discussion resume:

Confirmation of the importance of volunteering among ACI as philosophy of the association.
Great interest for music.

End of the meeting **17h58**

Justin close the meeting and Manon seconded
Motion accepted.

AGA 2010 presence:

Robert S
Marylin B
David S
Helga
Manon B
Geneviève C
Dominic P
Stephanie D
Stéphanie G
Nicoletta D
Valerie S
Catherine L
Xavier
Benoît Martin
Eryn DT
Paul G
Justin B
John G.
Martin C
Nina G
Guillaume T
Amanda F
Rachel B
Delphine M
Camille R