



**VERNON & DISTRICT
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SOCIETY**

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2021 Annual General Meeting

President's Report

Welcome, members of the Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre Society, to the 2021 Annual General Meeting. It does seem strange to be holding it once again via Zoom, but we can be thankful that Zoom exists.

As you know, all our concert programming was cancelled in the Spring of 2020. However, our staff was not about to see the theatre itself remain empty and quiet. As a result, we had several Onstage programmes and introduced our FOCUS Online Series, our follow-up The B-Sides, and our streaming SPOTLIGHT Online Series. These were made possible with the vision and forward-thinking of our staff, (might I add—younger), and their grant-writing acumen. Thus we were able to purchase the new equipment for their production.

The break in presentations also allowed us to deep-clean and repair the theatre itself. As with other groups, many of our employees worked from home. Our executive director, Jim Harding, deserves a special thank you for hanging things together through COVID-19 changes; our next 5-year co-management agreement with RDNO; and working with the steering committee developing plans for Vernon's new Cultural Centre.

Thank you to our many and varied supporters for sticking with us through our enforced shutdown. Thank you to our staff for still supporting our vision. Thank you to our board members for being active and staying positive.

Respectfully,

Sigrid-Ann Thors
President