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2022 Annual General Meeting

President's Report

Good evening to members of the Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre Society. Welcome to yet another Annual General Meeting carried on by Zoom. Much of this report is quite similar to last year's report, due to similar circumstances.

Again I need to offer a special thank you to our executive director Jim Harding as several things came together which are not considered part of running a theatre—COVID; completing negotiations for our 2021-25 Operating & Maintenance Agreement with the RDNO; and being a resource person for the Greater Vernon Cultural Centre steering committee.

As well, the staff developed new rental rates and equipment fees, and introduced the FOCUS Online Series when it was not possible for professional artists to tour.

Stuart Benoit has also earned a special thank you as well for managing the Ticket Seller box office through two decades of sometimes complex service to our public and box office clients.

Thank you to Kathy Pratt for her unwavering support as Recording Secretary for our Board of Directors for many years. Those of us who have worked with her miss her dearly. This year we also bid a fond farewell to retiring Board members Anne Clarke and Don Seaton, whose dedication and love for our Performing Arts Centre has been demonstrated over and over again and for many years. We will miss you at the Board table!

Entering 2022, we have several new staff members. We welcome you and trust you will enjoy becoming part of our family. Thanks too, to our staff for the many hours you put in at home over the pandemic. It is good to have you all returning to the theatre.

Finally, thank you to our many and varied supporters through some difficult days, weeks and months. It is good to see everybody back and we look forward to our audiences continuing to return and ahead to this fall's new season.

Respectfully,
Sigrid-Ann Thors, President
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