



**Annual General Meeting for 2025
January 27, 2026**

Current Board of Directors: Peter Zwarich, Chair, Danielle Valcheff, Vice Chair; Cam Rowlands, Treasurer; Emily Granville, Secretary; Genevieve Kiessling, Health and Safety Officer; Leslie Bochna; Daniel Rose

1) Welcome, Introductions, Land Acknowledgement and call to order – Peter Zwarich, Chair (5 minutes)

We recognize that we are operating on traditional Indigenous land within the Robinson Huron Treaty territory. We respect the cultures and peoples of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Nipissing First Nation, Temagami First Nation, Wahnapiatae First Nation, and Dokis First Nation. We recognize and respect the Anishinaabe peoples' sacred relationship with the land and water. River & Sky will continuously work to listen and learn from the shared wisdom of Indigenous peoples.

2) Approval of the Agenda – Danielle Valcheff, Vice Chair (1 minute)

Be it resolved that the Agenda of the 2025 Annual General Meeting on May 25, 2025 be approved as circulated. Moved /Seconded

3) Approval of the [2024, 2023, 2022 AGM Minutes](#) – Danielle Valcheff, Vice Chair (1 minute)

Be it resolved that the minutes of the 2024, 2023, and 2022 AGM, be approved as presented. Moved /Seconded

4) [Bylaw Amendments](#)– Danielle Valcheff, Vice-Chair (5-10 minutes)

General Membership to be presented with 3 by-law change proposals:

1. *Clarifying re-election process for board members after two-year term*
2. *Directors' six-year term limits with required hiatus and exception for unfilled board vacancies*
3. *Adding a special meeting provision to amend bylaws outside of the AGM*

Be it resolved that proposed by-law amendments be accepted and approved as presented and that they shall come into effect at the next Board Meeting immediately following the Annual General Meeting. Moved/Seconded

5) Review of Finances – Cam Rowlands, Treasurer (10-15 minutes)

- [2025 Financial Statements](#)

Be it resolved that the General Membership accepts and approves the Financial Report for 2025. Moved/Seconded

6) Appointment of Financial Reviewer - Cam Rowlands (2 minutes)

Resolution to Authorize the Board to Appoint an Auditor or Reviewer

WHEREAS the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA) requires the corporation to appoint a public accountant annually unless the requirement is waived in accordance with the Act;

AND WHEREAS the members of River & Sky Arts in the Woods, Inc. wish to authorize the board of directors to obtain quotes and select a qualified public accountant to conduct the required financial review engagement for the fiscal year ending on October 31, 2026;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership authorizes the board of directors to:

- *Waive the audit requirement and conduct a review engagement;*
- *Solicit quotes from qualified public accountants for the purpose of conducting a financial review engagement; and*
- *Select and appoint the public accountant deemed most appropriate and cost-effective by the board; and*
- *Report the selection to the membership at the next Annual General Meeting.*

Moved/Seconded

7) Highlights from 2025 and Plans for 2026 - Peter Zwarich, Annie Rutherford, Lara Bradley, Casey McGee, Danielle Valcheff, Cam Rowlands

[Presentation - Canva](#)

8) Election of New Board Members – Peter/ Kristina Donato, Chief Returning Officer (20 minutes)

Members vote yes, no, or abstain by electronic poll.

There are currently 3 vacancies and 3 applicants.

Leslie Bochna, Collingwood (current Board member seeking re-election)

Leslie has a deep love for arts + music. No matter where life takes her, or what her livelihood is, she makes space for creativity. Leslie has over fifteen years experience in artistic programming, event presentation and communications experience. Her accomplishments include 10 years as communications coordinator + artistic programmer at Meaford Hall Arts & Cultural Centre, three years as assistant producer for Atlin Arts & Music Festival, three years with the Summerfolk board and two years in communications and community outreach for Collingwood Public Library.

Volunteer positions spanning almost 20 years and across the country include Dawson City Music Fest, Folk On the Rocks, Western Canadian Music Awards, Lupercalia Multi-Arts Winter Festival, Collingwood Public Art Committee, Ottawa Folk, Ottawa Fringe, and more. Leslie has been a board member with River & Sky Arts in the Woods since 2022.

Leslie and her two stellar kiddos live in Collingwood Ontario, and have been attending music festivals together since they were babes in arms. They love and embrace the energy and experiences to be had, so unique to each and every fest they attend. This is their sixth year attending River & Sky: Aria is the outgoing and sassy lil girl you'll see prancing about festival grounds, Jonas is the more reserved teen you'll see volunteering at the fest directing incoming traffic. R&S is a part of their life, they're stoked to be involved in such a beautiful and magical community.

Siobhan Murphy, Hamilton

I work full time as a legal administrator in the world of film and tv which makes me a highly organized and well versed in the world of contracts. I also have experience with comms/PR, working closely with musicians as an assistant, film/tv/event production and a strong passion for low/no waste/environmental sustainability.

I have volunteered over the last four years, having ran the gate and did instrumentals lock up last year.

I have so much love for this festival and the special magic that it brings. All year I dream about R&S and would love to have more involvement when it comes to planning and organizing.

Trevor Buchman, Swastika

I am a High Support Teacher in Kirkland Lake in my 20th year of work. I am a board member for Community Living in Kirkland Lake where the goal is to improve the integration of people with different abilities into more activities in our community. I live in a rural area outside of town and I appreciate a sustainable lifestyle, outdoor living and activities and working with tools to keep my life as DIY as possible.

I love attending R&S and we have taken to volunteering to help set up the festival. I would love to help beyond that.

Kristina

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of *River & Sky Arts in the Woods, Inc.* hereby accepts the results of the election held on January 27, 2026 and confirms the appointment of the following individuals to the board of directors for the terms specified (2 years):

1. Name
2. Name
3. Name

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the board of directors is duly constituted and empowered to carry out the governance and affairs of the corporation in accordance with the bylaws and the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010.

Moved: Seconded:

9) **Questions** – 15 minutes

10) **Adjourn**

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourned at x:xx p.m.

Moved: Seconded: