

Grand Forks Art Gallery Society – Board member terms of reference

The Grand Forks Art Gallery Society is seeking interested parties to join the board. The Society is responsible for governance and fundraising for Gallery 2 – the Grand Forks Art Gallery. Gallery 2 is Boundary Country's public art gallery. Since 1984, the gallery has been a centre for contemporary visual arts and culture programming for locals and visitors alike.

The Gallery is in the final year of a 5-year strategic plan, has recently undergone successful succession at the leadership and administrative level, and has a stable operating budget of \$420,000/year. Fundraising accounts for approximately 10% of the operating budget.

Gallery operations are the responsibility of the Director/Curator, who reports to the GFAG board of directors. Board members can expect:

- Monthly board meetings – 10 yearly, generally 1-1.5 hours. Scheduling and communications through dedicated Gallery 2 Office 365 email and calendar integration.
- Committee participation – Board members are encouraged to sit on at least one committee. Some meet regularly, others as required. Current committees include finance, and community engagement. Ad hoc committees form as required.
- Fundraising events – The bulk of fundraising at Gallery 2 is through two signature special events – Taps and Tapas craft beer tasting in August and the Wine Tasting Gala in November. Board participation in planning and execution is essential to the success of these events. While these events have been cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19, plans are underway for a 2022 Wine Tasting Gala.
- Annual General Meeting – The AGM is a key yearly event required for society governance. Generally held in late September, enthusiastic board participation demonstrates support to society membership.
- Exhibition opening receptions, artist talks, and special events – Enjoy quality contemporary arts exhibitions and programming.

While the focus of the board is on governance, there are plenty of opportunities to be actively involved in the operation of a dynamic, growing contemporary art gallery. Community outreach is essential – the board serves as ambassadors and advocates of the gallery in the community – diverse backgrounds and skill sets are welcome.

For more information, please contact Erika Thorpe, board chair ethorpe@g2gf.ca or Tim van Wijk, Director/Curator tvanwijk@g2gf.ca.