

Continuation Committee Final Report

for the 75th Annual General Meeting

The continuation Committee was tasked investigate the possibility of Dissolving the Society and to prepare the ground for a Vote to decide the matter. All Members where invited to attend and the Committee held meetings on the Fourth Tuesday of the month prior to the Executive Meetings. In order to proceed to an educated vote, Members must know what will happen to the Assets and Liabilities of the Society and know there will be an orderly transition if Dissolution is chosen.

The Committee has come up with these recommendations and rules for the vote that will be passed to the Executive Committee for inclusion in the Annual General Meeting.

The Conditions of Dissolution

- a) List of Physical Assets is of no intrinsic value and will not be sold. The fate of Fellows Stamps & Zalitas Pins – will be determined by the Council of Fellows.
- b) Funds and bequests from deceased/retired Members. (\$3068.66) will go to Craft Ontario to be set up as bursaries for Artisans.
- c) Endowments from member guilds, (\$3228.19) and Operating Funds (\$9843.14) will be treated as cash and will go to Member Guilds (to be shared based on Membership ratios) to include MAL with a Mechanism to draw funds held by Remaining Guilds.
- d) Members at Large will write proposals to the Caretakers to access the Funds from the dissolution of the society
- e) The Library will be intrusted to Paul Kitchener for inclusion with his Leather Museum, extra materials to be auctioned with the funds going to the cash reserves. Library will be open to Members.
- f) Membership Dues for 2025 – 2026 will be returned.
- g) Care Taker Officers - at least two – Chairperson & Treasurer will be elected In lieu of a full suite of Executive Officers. Caretakers if possible should be present in each remaining Guild.

The Vote

- h) The Vote will be held prior to the Vote & Installation of the 2025-2026 Slate of Officers.
- i) The Mechanism for a Plebiscite, the vote is available to all paid up Members. To happen at an Annual Meeting. To be a show of hands, a majority of 50% +1 of the Members Voting. Proxy Voting will be allowed.
- j) The question “By a Show of Hands & Proxies- Do we Dissolve the Society? For Dissolution and Against Dissolution

The Continuation

- k) Demonstrations for Fairs and Show – workshops need a list of volunteers
- l) Virtual Annual Competition – Unknown Future
- m) Website will continue with very infrequent updates for at least 5 years at a cost of \$120 USD

With Regards to all the Members who have had input into this Report
thanks
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