

ARTICULE
ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE D'HIVER / WINTER GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Date: 28 février 2026 / February 28, 2026
12h30 à 14h30 / 12:30-2:30 PM

Présence/ In attendance:

- Online: Ellen Belshaw, Dave Kersplebedeb, Kaja Levy, Miceala Devonish, Marie Séphora Sahore Drogba, Eman Haram, Yuki Tam, Dyala, Christine Brault, Kimura Byol, Phile Déspres, Mikki Bradshaw, Amralina, Pascha Marrow, Charo Foo, Clara Micheau, David Cherniak, Fern Belote, Cristel Silva, Marcela Szwarc, Laura Leong, Louie Prat, Babita Sharma
- Staff: Yuko Fefrau, Aziza Nassih, James Goddard, Samuel Garrigo Meza, Faraz Abdullah
- Lien Zoom / Zoom Link : [Zoom](#)
- Notes from Part I of AGA: [AGA_oj_agenda_20260121](#)

ORDRE DU JOUR / AGENDA

1. Bienvenue aux membres et membres potentiel.le.s / Welcome to Members and Potential Membres 2 min
2. Accessibilité et comment accéder à la transcription (anglais) / Accessibility & How to Access Transcriptions 2 min
3. Désignation de le·a président·e & secrétaire / Appointment of Chair & Secretary 2 min
4. Adoption de l'ordre du jour / Approval of Agenda 2 min
5. Approbation du [procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale d'hiver du 21 janvier 2026](#) / Approval of [January 21st Winter General Assembly](#)
6. Approbation du [procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle d'août 2025](#) / Approval of [August 2025 AGM Minutes](#) 5 min
7. Approbation de l'auditeurice pour 2026-27 / Auditor's recommendation for 2026-27 5 min
8. Présentation de la programmation artistique et publique du printemps /À An overview of the Spring Programming & Outreach 10 min
- Break/pause (Optional) - 5 mins
9. Bâtiment et projets de déménagement / Building & Moving Plans 45 min
 - CONTEXT
 - CURRENT SITUATION

Faites-nous signe de votre intérêt à participer à nos comités en complétant ce [formulaire](#). Les possibilités sont illimitées! / Please let us know if you are interested in joining one of our committees by filling this [form](#). Possibilities are endless!

- POSSIBLE SCENARIOS
 - Potential new spaces
- Time for member feedback, questions.

15 min

10. [Sondage de membres](#) / [Members Survey](#)

11. Varia

10 min

12. Next AGA: Summer AGA, Elections - June 13, 2026 at 2PM.

2 min

13. Ajournement / Adjournment

ARTICULE
ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE D'HIVER / WINTER GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
Date: 28 février 2026 / February 28, 2026
12h30 à 14h30 / 12:30-2:30 PM

Présence/ In attendance:

Eman Haram, Amaralina, Christine Brault, Dave (kersplebedeb), Dyala Hamzah, Ellen Belshaw, Kaja, Kimura Lemoine, Louie H.M. Prat, Marie sephora, Micaela devonish, Mikki Bradshaw, Pascha, Phile, Yuki Tam,

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ORDRE DU JOUR / AGENDA

1. Bienvenue aux membres et membres potentiel.le.s / Welcome to Members and Potential Membres
 - a. Waiting for quorum, needing approval for multiple items
 - b. Meeting begins: 12h46
2. Accessibilité et comment accéder à la transcription (anglais) / Accessibility & How to Access Transcriptions
3. Désignation de le·a président·e & secrétaire / Appointment of Chair & Secretary
 - a. Kimura motions for Yuko Fedrau to chair this meeting. Marcela seconds.
 - b. Ellen Belshaw motions for Yuki Tam to serve as secretary for this meeting. Eman Haram seconds.
4. Adoption de l'ordre du jour / Approval of Agenda
 - a. Eman Haram motions for the approval of today's agenda. Marcela seconds.
5. Approbation du [procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle d'août 2025](#) /Approval of [August 2025 AGM Minutes](#)
 - a. fern belote motions for the approval of today's agenda. Micaela Devonish seconds.
6. Approbation du [procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale d'hiver du 21 janvier 2026](#) / Approval of [January 21st Winter General Assembly](#)
 - a. Confirmation that the disruption to the last AGA is recorded in the minutes. If any member present during the AGA needs additional support, please reach out to articule staff.
 - b. Eman Haram motions for the approval of today's agenda. Dave Kersplebedeb seconds.
7. Approbation de l'auditeurice pour 2026-27 / Auditor's recommendation for 2026-27

- a. David Cherniak motions to approve Marie-Eve LaPointe DLS CPA, as the official auditor for article's 2025-26 financial statement. Micaela Devonish seconds.
- 8. Présentation de la programmation artistique et publique du printemps /An overview of the Spring Programming & Outreach
 - a. Samuel presents upcoming programming until the end of 2025.
 - i. Encre Rouge / Red Ink by Dominic Lafontaine Jan. 16 - Feb. 28, 2026, and artist talk tonight.
 - ii. Wetlands by Fenyx Florentine March 20 to May 2, 2026, about queer genealogy using bioplastics, text and image.
 - iii. James shares Montreal Monochrome XI — May 20th to May 23, 2026 run through the Fabulous Committee.
 - 1. Call for additional activities launching next week.
 - 2. Successful and pending external funding applied for the festival.
 - 3. Collaboration with HTML upcoming. Programming not yet released.
 - iv. Members' Show— May 29 to June 20, 2026
 - v. Super Boat People III window exposition before summer closure.
 - b. Samuel presents the upcoming programming intentions for the Sept 2026 - June 27 year under the theme deprogramming.
 - i. In hopes of creating more time for the membership to use the article space to increase accessibility. More details to come.
- 9. Bâtiment et projets de déménagement / Building & Moving Plans
 - a. CONTEXT
 - i. Move from Fairmont to St. Hubert location in Oct. 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Rent at Saint-Hubert location is a large expense and the lease comes to an end in Sept. 2026.
 - ii. In March 2024, article joined the 4001 Berri project to discuss long-term building options in an extensive member-led survey process. Members required following conditions for joining 4001 Berri project:
 - 1. Ground floor space with gallery, vitrine, and office space.
 - 2. Building is wheel-chair accessible (automatic doors, ramps, elevators, dimmable lights and HVC air filtration)
 - 3. Anti-oppressive commitments from the Board of Directors.
 - 4. Board of Directors must create policies which address conflict resolution, mediation, and outline clear consequences should any occupant be in violation of Charter.
 - 5. One person on the Board must represent
 - iii. March 2025, article pulled out of Berri project amicably.
 - 1. Due to the unsustainable amount of work hours needed from the team to lay groundwork for a mutualized co-ownership model.
 - 2. Large staff turn-over.

3. Discussion with Brique par Brique (BxB) (organization which works to developing social housing and community centres with cultural organizations) for potential locations.
- b. CURRENT SITUATION
- i. We received \$ 67 000 boost from the CALQ, remaining at Saint-Hubert location in the short-term is not as impossible as it was before the increase. articule is not projected to be operating at a deficit this year.
 - ii. Member feedback is needed to proceed from September onwards. Deprogramming year, as a year when a move can happen, was proposed due to the flexible nature of activities (a move away from previously established 6-week long exhibitions).
- c. POSSIBLE SCENARIOS
- i. Negotiate another 5 year lease at 6282 Saint-Hubert location from Oct 1, 2026 - Sept. 20 2031 at the same rate of a 2.9% increase. We will need to implement all cost-saving measures necessary (i.e. salary freezes, relying on external funding for programming). We would need to share office space with another organization.
 - ii. We negotiate a shorter-term lease of 1 or 2 years with higher increases, with plans to move to a new location permanently following the end of lease (i.e. salary freezes, relying on external funding for programming). We would need to share office space with another organization.
 - iii. We do not renew our lease in September 2026 and go hybrid/spaceless, programming satellite activities at partner locations until the new location is found.
- d. POTENTIAL NEW SPACES
- i. 5720-5722 Saint-André, a new building acquired by Brique par Brique (BxB), 5 min walk from current location and close to Rosemont metro, previously owned by L'Artothèque
 1. Located in a more residential area
 2. Entire second floor of building, entrance needs significant renovations (BxB have applied for accessibility funding in this regard)
 3. Gallery is approximately 2000 square feet, similar supply closet, shared kitchen and bathrooms with other orgs.
 4. Availability date TBA
 - a. Samuel and Yuko speak to the credibility and work of [BxB](#)
 5. Limited office space, prioritizing shared co-working spaces, which would require articule to communicate programming with neighbour organizations
 - a. Samuel mentions there is a possibility of BxB acquiring two ground floor units in the same building, in the near future
 - b. Yuko speaks to potential of project, possibility of rooftop garden
 6. Note: This is not shared ownership, this would be articule renting from these organizations. Co-ownership requires administrative and bureaucratic labour that articule does not currently have capacity to oversee.

- ii. Société de développement Angus, new community centre from an old school at 5611 Clark. Main floor occupied by a CPE, three floors of space available for OBNLs that serve the community.
- iii. Renovations scheduled in search of tenants currently for a move in date of Fall 2028, looking for long-term partners (i.e. 10-15 year leases)
 - a. Main floor will stay as a day care, one that has run at this location for over 40 years
 - b. Renovations will happen in the three floors up, including installing an elevator and tailoring construction to organizations they host
 - c. Samuel speaks to the work of Société de développement Angus, larger scale projects than BxB
- 2. Other projects include: Carrefour Saint-Laurent/Sainte-Catherine/Technopole Angus
- 3. Note: This is not shared ownership, this would be articule renting from this organization. Co-ownership requires administrative and bureaucratic labour that articule does not currently have capacity to oversee.
- e. DISCUSSION: MEMBER FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS
 - i. Not a decision we need to make today. Today is for informing membership and gaining momentum for the moving committee.
 - ii. Yuko clarifies that if articule would need to break a 5 year lease at the current location, articule would lose ~ \$ 10 000 deposit and would be liable to pay rest of the rent regardless of whether or not articule is using the space. articule could also be sued by the landlord. This is a situation articule should avoid at all costs.
 - iii. Eman says that option three seems very precarious though radical. Eman prefers option two. Eman speaks to the rent increases even when working with large developers from their work with Atelier Circulaire. Eman suggests contacting Batiment 7 and asks to clarify the budget for purchasing property for articule.
 - 1. Samuel clarifies that owning a building does not seem feasible right now, there is no budget for purchasing property.
 - 2. Yuko says that for the Berri 4001 project, the budget was ~ \$20/square foot, similar to the Angus project.
 - 3. articule is still in conversation with the Berri project and renting from the project is not off the table. The co-ownership model they are presenting is not possible right now.
 - iv. Aziza clarifies that the CALQ funding increase should be permanent unless the CALQ significantly loses funding itself.
 - v. In response to Laura's proposal to mix option 2 and 3, it may be possible to move to the BxB even before the space is ready.
 - 1. Yuko says moving from two commercial leases was heavy on the team. There was a negative effect on articule's engagement. Yuko is wary of constantly moving or moving more than once.

2. In response to David's concern, going spaceless would not effect article's operational funding for the next four years. article has secured operational funding until 2029, as long as the situation is rectified before 2029.
- vi. Dyala Hamzah's organization is looking to possibly share office space and thus rent with article. All possible moving options currently do not give article street access or a vitrine resulting in a loss of visibility and stability. Signing a 5-year lease might give article more time to find a more suitable moving option.
- vii. Louie is hesitant about the spaceless option. Community cohesion is difficult without a "home base".
- viii. James sets up a poll for three options to assess the relationship between the membership and the current St. Hubert location. James asks, "what kind of flexibility do we want in the short-medium term?"
 1. Choice 1: 27%
 2. Choice 2: 60%
 3. Choice 3: 13%
- ix. Yuko encourages members to join the discussion by joining the Rainbow/Moving Committee meeting. If interested, please contact Yuko using administration@article.org

10. [Sondage de membres](#) / [Members Survey](#)

- a. Micaela speaks on behalf of the Board of Directors to present the survey. The survey will allow members to give feedback to article. The survey will take 15-20 minutes.

11. Varia

- a. Aziza speaks about the new members' portal, a new members inclusive space on the article website. After making an account, you will have more detailed content and information about committee activities and meetings.
- b. James points out volunteer scroll bar on website. article is always looking for volunteers!
- c. Yuki introduces new workshop on March 8th with Melanie Garcia, potato print soup.
- d. Micaela has secured two possible discounts for article membership to attend the [Plural](#) art festival. 10 members at 20% or 20 members + is 30%. VIP ticket option (extra night with VIP benefits and workshops) at \$150. Please let Yuko know (administration@article.org) if interested.

12. Next AGA: Summer AGA, Elections - June 13, 2026 at 2PM.

- a. Including board elections! Will be hybrid, once again. 🌸
- b. If you have any questions about membership please reach out to James at outreach@article.org

13. Ajournement / Adjournment

- a. Dyala Hamzah motions to adjourn the meeting. David Cherniak seconds.
- b. Meeting adjourned: 14h14