

Minutes
Full Board Meeting
Hyatt Hotel
September 20, 2014
8:30 a.m.

In Attendance:

A. Amirault, S. Buchfink, A. Craigie, C. Crane, T. Crosby, A. England, J. Fenton, L. Gibson, M. Glavine, B. Hohenwarter, T. Hrysak, D. Keenan, C. Kirk, R. Krasnodemski, S. Leppa, M. Lund, C. Mertens, P. Morck, J. Munton, A. Neefe, L. Neville, T. O'Neill, S. Paton, K. Pike, J. Raitz, D. Sellers-Myshchysyn, M. Shain, L. Tarcon, Y. Toney, J. White, J. Williams, P. Loyer

Absent: J. Fenton, D. Meyers, S. Watson, B. Yagos

1. **Call to order** – 9:00 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion: L. Neville/S. Paton that the agenda be approved. Carried.**

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

- **Motion: L. Neville/S. Paton that the minutes are accepted as posted. Carried.**

4. **Correspondence**

- Notice of Absence from Sarah Watson, D. Sellars-Myshchysyn (Friday only), B. Yagos, J. Fenton
- From Patrick Loyer – Use of Lanyard Style Nametags
- From J.C. Couture – 2014/15 Strategic Planning Grant Program
- Mark P. Yurick – Sessions Offered by Alberta Education at Specialist Council Conferences and Teacher Conventions
- From Patrick Loyer – Letter in regards to needing sign language interpreters
- S. Barnes, E. Garvey, M. Silver-Rushford resigned from the board

5. **Treasurer's Report**

- S. Leppa presented the financial report.
- S. Leppa presented the Audited Financial Statement
- **S. Leppa moved the adoption of the Audited Financial Statement**

6. **Reports**

6.1. **President** – J. Fenton – (No report - absent)

6.2. **Vice President** - J. Raitz reported. (No written report)

- Updating the FAQ's on the webpage
- See J. Raitz to pick up your vest today and order a nametag for convention
- J. Raitz will sending out a Google Docs to sign up for convention duties

6.3. **Program** – A. Craigie - (written report posted)

- The program subcommittee met this summer in Canmore.
 - D. Keenan, J. Williams, M. Shain, C., T. O'Neil, Y. Toney, L. Neville
- Thank you so much to Bertha Yagos for all of her help setting up the online proposal link
- The new system is fantastic. We are ahead of schedule.
- We need a book seller for convention
- **Highlights for 2015**
 - **Thursday Featured Speakers**
 - Michelle Cederberg – Energized for Excellence in Education
 - Dr. Alex Russell: Helping Kids Thrive in Anxious Times
 - Dr. Ed Dixon: Helping Boys Learn: 6 Secrets for Helping Boys in the Classroom
 - Eva Olsson (Holocaust Survivor): A Legacy of Caring compassion and Character (after lunch speaker)
 - **Friday Featured Speakers**
 - Robb Nash Project: Rediscovering Your Why (Friday morning)
 - Dylan William:
 - Mark Ramsankar: ATA President
- 188 on site sessions had over 360 sessions submitted
- 4379 delegates in Palliser Convention
- 20 new offsite sessions – a lot of different and unique sessions
- 11 Ed Camp Sessions
- 37 sessions by Local presenters
- We need more French Immersion sessions

6.4. **Facilities** – L. Neville – (written report posted)

- Upcoming meeting dates:
 - November 21, 2014 (Exec. Only)
 - Jan. 16/17, 2015
 - Feb. 18 – 20, 2015 – Annual Convention
 - April 17/18, 2015
- Room Rates for 2015 – On line booking now available - Book now until Jan. 18, 2015 at the convention rate
 - **Hyatt:** Single/Double \$205.00, Triple \$240.00, Quad \$275.00 – plus tax
 - Hyatt Conference Suite (5 available) - \$900.00 plus tax
 - **Palliser** Single/Double \$215.00 (+30 for each additional person.)
Large Deluxe \$275.00, Junior Suite \$295.00, 1 Bedroom Suite \$315.00
- **Bands/Musical group** this year are Canadian Rockies, Chinook local, and Chinook's Edge. (See 5.6 Policy Handbook)
 - **Chinook Local – Joel Windsor**
- Confirmed with the Convention Center about the room flip for keynote and exhibit rooms
- Big Thank you to Bertha Yagos and Andrea Craigie for changing the program format to make it a lot easier to post the information

6.5. **Publicity/Website/Evaluations** – B. Yagos – (written report posted) - absent

- Website is continually being updated.
- A. Craigie/S. Paton moved that Palliser District Teachers' convention use the wristband rather than the lanyards. Carried

6.6. **Exhibits** – J. Munton – (written report posted)

- Rates for regular fee - \$535.50 per booth, Not for profit rate is \$430.50
- We have 55% of booths already booked compared to 41% last year
- Thank you to Bertha for the online setting up the new data base
- Waiting for the floor plan from the Convention center
- We switched venue rooms so that it is safer, more exit doors for all delegates, speakers, exhibitors

6.7. **Past President** – C. Mertens (no written report)

- Alternate PD deadline is January 10, 2015
- Please take this back to your local – see alternate PD guidelines on the website

6.8. **Secretary** – S. Paton

- Information is always posted on the web page.
- Minutes will be posted 3 weeks from today on the website

6.9. **D.R.** – D. Sellars-Myshchyshyn (report posted)

L.Neville/S. Paton moved that the reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

7. **Old Business**

7.1. **Policy Changes**

- Policy changes need to be approved by the board at the January meeting. The changes will be posted on the webpage for members to read before voting in January
- Three Board members, Tara Hrysak, Pauline Morck, Christine Crane joined the executive to go through the policy handbook.
- Please read through the policy changes on the web as soon as it is posted, all changes are in red.

8. **New Business**

8.1. **Fall PDAC** – November 28/29, 2014 – Look at the report on Teacher Efficacy

- Jordan Fenton and Andrea Craigie will attend

8.2. **Convention Association meeting** – November 27, 2014

- Jordan Fenton and Andrea Craigie will attend this meeting

8.3. **Summer Conference Report – report posted**

- August 11 - 15, 2014 – J. Munton (Exhibits Chair) and Chris Mertens (Past President) attended summer conference.
- Encrypt any laptops, memory sticks, external hard drives that convention boards own.
- No invitations for Minister of Education this year
- Hold a block of time for our ATA President – Mark Ramsankar – Friday morning

- Changing Landscapes – Co-creating the Next Alberta – a document we should be aware of when planning convention.
- On-line evaluations – Fluid Surveys

8.4. Honorary President 2015

- Criteria as posted in the policy handbook
 - Nomination Lianne Enderton nominated by Andrea Craigie

8.5. Fees for Student, Retired and Substitute Teachers

- Student teachers and retired teachers are free. Substitute teachers pay a regular fee.

8.6. Budget - S. Leppa

- S. Leppa presented the 2014-2015 budget
- No fee increase this year - \$73.50 registration fee
- First payment from local treasurers is in October. Please ask your local treasurer to send in ½ of the amount based on teachers not FTE.

S. Leppa/S. Paton moved to accept the proposed budget for 2014-15. Carried

9. Action Items

9.1. Local Concerns

- Convention Attendance – Patrick Loyer
 - Go back to your locals and make sure they understand that Conventions are a workday and you should be there the entire time.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.