



# Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



Minutes  
Full Board Meeting  
Hyatt Hotel  
September 24, 2016  
8:30 a.m.

## In attendance:

A. Amirault, J. Barton, A. Doyle, S. Buchfink, A. Craigie, T. Crosby, A. England, M. Glavine, M. Gudim, B. Hohenwarter, T. Hrysak, L. Kestle, B. King, S. Leppa, W. Lorenz, P. Morck, J. Munton, A. Neefe, L. Neville, T. O'Neill, K. Ouwerkerk, J. Partlo, S. Paton, A. Rai Nannan, W. Ruzicka, M. Shain, Y. Toney, L. Tschritter, C. Wasylynuik, S. Watson, J. White, B. Yagos, J. Yersh

## Absent:

J. Fenton, L. Gibson, C. Burrell, C. Crane, M. Lund, D. Sellars-Myshchysyn, D. Grassick

### 1. Call to order – 9:02 a.m.

- Welcome and introductions

### 2. Approval of Agenda

- Delete 6.7 – Past President report
- **Motion: M. Glavine/spaton moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.**

### 3. Minutes of previous meeting

- **Motion: J. White/spaton moved that the minutes be accepted as posted. Carried.**

### 4. Correspondence

- From Dan Grassick – Teachers' Convention Attendance Guidelines (sent to all Superintendents, Local Presidents, Convention Secretaries)
- Notice of Absence from Leslie Gibson, Catherine Burrell, Christine Crane,
- Change of name for Chinook Local to Christ the Redeemer Local Association #29
- Letter from Dan Grassick with ATA updates

### 5. Treasurer's Report

- New Board members – please fill out your mileage claim
- S. Leppa went over the Audited Financial Report.
- **S. Leppa/spaton moved the adoption of the Auditors Financial Report**
- S. Leppa reminded board members to take the Auditors Financial Report back to their Local treasurer

### 6. Reports

6.1. **President** – J. Fenton – Absent – (no report)

## 6.2. Vice President - J. Munton reported. (Report posted)

- Convention vests – new board members can pick up their vests today
- Convention Nametags will be ordered for new board members and for board members with changed roles
- A Google Doc will be sent out for board members to sign up for Convention duties.
- **Alternate PD** – refer to the flow chart on the website, deadline January 10, 2017
  - If teachers are speaking at a convention that is not their designated convention they need to apply for alternate PD and are only allowed to speak for one of the two convention days.

## 6.3. Program – A. Craigie - report posted

- **Program is Done/Complete!!** Well done Andrea and Bertha!
- **Featured Speakers** booked:
  - Dr. Temple Grandin – Autism Awareness
  - George Couros – Innovation in Education
  - Mark Tewksbury – LGBTQ
- **Other Featured Speakers throughout Convention**
  - Mark Ramsankar: ATA President
  - William Belsey, George Couros, Ariel Haubrich, Joel Hilchey, Brandon Love, Mario Trono, Chris Wejr
    - see link <http://www.pdtca.org/featured-speakers-other.html>
- 220 sessions
  - 208 on site sessions
  - 13 Off site sessions
    - Phases of Production: High School Construction Projects
    - Norquay: Experiential Education on Skis
    - Longview: Outdoor Council of Canada – Compass Module
    - Calgary Zoo (3 sessions)
    - Heritage Christian Academy (Palliser School) (3 sessions)
    - Whispering Equine Wellness Facility
- 59 sessions by Local presenters (all local submissions were accepted)
- **Book Vendor** - Owl's Nest Books again this year.
- **Free Wi-Fi** – will be available for the technology sessions
- **Mobile App** – sched.org
- **Delegates must produce ATA Membership cards as identifier if ASKED if the room is full**
- **New time start – 8:30 on both days, ending early on Friday at 2:15 pm**
- **Follow Highlights using**
  - Face Book – Palliser District Teachers' Convention
  - Twitter - @palliserc

## 6.4. Facilities – Y. Toney – report posted

- **Convention Meeting Dates**
  - December 2, 2016 (Executive Only – Fairmont Palliser)
  - January 20/21, 2017
  - February 23-24, 2017 Days of Convention
  - April 7/8, 2017
  - May 26/27, 2017

- September 22/23, 2017
- **Room Rates** for 2017 – Book now until Jan. 22, 2017 at the convention rate
  - Hyatt: Single/Double \$229.00; Triple 264.00 Quadruple 299.00 plus 12.27% tax for all
  - Fairmont Palliser Single/Double \$235.00; Deluxe \$265.00; junior suite \$315.00 plus tax on all.
- **Room block** is 75 at Palliser and 270 at the Hyatt Hotel
  - Online booking link is live for both hotels
- **Bands/Music** – No bands this year
- **Wireless Internet** – It is our goal that there will be free Wi-Fi for each of our delegates for convention 2017 at both the TELUS Convention Center and the Hyatt Hotel meeting rooms.
  - **Hyatt Hotel** – New AV company
- **Hotel rooms for Convention**
  - Each person is entitled to one night hotel room at the expense of the board.
  - Board members can share and then receive two nights paid by the board.
- **Local Banner's** need to come to Convention

#### 6.5. **Publicity/Website/Evaluations** – B. Yagos – report posted online

- Program is online both in search and browse modes
- All speaker contracts have been signed
- We will move to the SCHED format as soon as we get login information from ATA as they have paid for all associations to use Sched this year.
- Twitter and Facebook icons are at the top of each page of the website, along with an email icon that sends email to [info@pdtca.org](mailto:info@pdtca.org). B. Yagos will monitor this email daily.
- At Summer conference this year it was suggested that conventions should not be using Gmail or Google accounts due to security reasons. If any executive would like to use a xxxx@pdtca email account, this can be set up.

#### 6.6. **Exhibits** – T. Hrysak – report posted

- 2017 Convention rates for a Regular booth are - \$540.00 + tax and Not for profit rate were \$440.00 + tax.
- We have 76/158 booths booked
  - 6 new exhibitors
- We have lots of booth space available so let people know.

#### 6.7. **Secretary** – S. Paton

- Information is always posted on the web page within 3 weeks of the last meeting.

#### 6.8. **District Rep** – D. Sellars-Myshchyshyn (absent)

- Report presented from Dan Grassick (see report)

**T. Hrysak/spaton moved that the reports be accepted as presented. Carried.**

## 7. **Old Business**

## 7.1. NONE

## 8. New Business

### 8.1. Fall PDAC – November 4 (evening) & 5, 2016 – Lister Center U of A – Edmonton

- Two executive members will be attending – Jen Munton and Jordan Fenton

### 8.2. Convention Association Meeting – (none this year)

### 8.3. Summer conference Report – A. Craigie and J. Munton (see posted report)

- First part of the report talks about the speakers who were in attendance
- Speakers: Mark Ramsanker, Dr. Lucy Miller, Joanne Neal, Charlene Bearhead
- New Provincial Convention Handbook coming soon
- Provincial ATA has purchased an overarching account with Sched.org so all conventions can use this tool as their online program/mobile app.
- All conventions must incorporate at least three of the sessions offered related to Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action.  
Convention boards are asked NOT to use Google or Gmail accounts in their planning or correspondence (due to privacy, security and server issues)

### 8.4. Honorary President 2017

- Nominations from the floor
  - Daryl Saboe – a retired teacher from Prairie Land Local - nominated by Sandi Buchfink
  - Myrna Pauls - a retired teacher from Foothills Local - nominated by Judy Barton
  - Bill Charney – a retired teacher from Rocky View Local - nominated by Lisa Tschritter
- We had a secret ballot to vote on the three nominations.
- **Myrna Pauls was elected to be our 2017 Honorary President**  
**Motion: T. Hrysak/P. Morck moved to destroy the ballots. Carried**

### 8.5. Invitation to Minister of Education

- Dan Grassick informed us that the Minister of Education is not attending any conventions this year. We can ask but he probably will not accept.

### 8.6. Budget

- S. Leppa presented the 2017 budget  
**Motion: S.Leppa/J. White moved to accept the budget as presented. Carried.**
- S. Leppa asked board members to remind your Local Treasurers to pay 50% of their Convention Fees in October

## 9. Action Items

### 9.1. Local Concerns

- none

**Meeting adjourned by A. Rai Nannan/spaton at 10:42 a.m.**