



# Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



**Minutes**  
**Full Board Meeting**  
**Hyatt Hotel**  
**May 27, 2017**  
9:00 a.m.

**In attendance:** J. Barton, S. Buchfink, A. Craigie, C. Crane, A. England, J. Fenton, M. Gudim, B. Hohenwarter, T. Hrysak, L. Kestle, B. King, J. LaFleur, S. Leppa, P. Morck, J. Munton, A. Neefe, L. Neville, T. O'Neill, K. Ouwerkerk, J. Partlo, S. Paton, W. Ruzicka, M. Shain, Y. Toney, L. Tschritter, C. Wasylynuik, S. Watson, J. White, J. Yersh

**Absent:**

A. Amirault, C. Burrell, E. Clarkson, A. Doyle, L. Gibson, W. Lorenz, A. Rai Nannan, A. Rott, D. Sutter, B. Yagos,

1. **Call to order** – 9:00 am.
  - Introductions
2. **Approval of Agenda**
  - Addition of 7.3 – Bands/Musical groups performing at Convention
  - **Motion: C. Wasylynuik/spaton moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.**
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
  - **Motion: J. Munton/spaton moved that the minutes are accepted as posted. Carried.**
4. **Correspondence**
  - Notice of Absence from Alyssa Amirault, Eileen Clarkson, Amrit Rai Nannan, Bertha Yagos, Daryl Sutter, Andrew Doyle, Angela Rott
  - From: Sharon Vogrinetz – Summer Conference Director - Information and Registration for ATA Summer Conference
5. **Treasurer's Report** – S. Leppa – report posted
  - S. Leppa presented the financial report.
  - S. Leppa attended the Convention Treasurers meeting
    - Didi Heer – Presented for the Treasures Meeting from Barnett House
    - D. Grassick – was a presenter for Convention policy items
6. **Reports**
  - 6.1. **President** – A. Craigie – report posted
    - President Email: [president@pdtca.org](mailto:president@pdtca.org)
    - Met with Past President J. Fenton to discuss transition into President
    - Met with new Program Chair Paulette Morck to discuss transition
    - Attended the “Design Thinking for a Better Convention”
    - Attended the Spring Convention Meeting
  - 6.2. **Vice President** - J. Munton (no written report)
    - Start thinking about nominating the 2018 Honorary President for the September meeting – see **Policy 9.3 for criteria**

**Criteria:**

- a) Person is, or has been, actively involved in A.T.A. affairs at the local, regional or provincial level, or
- b) Person is, or has been, providing innovative curriculum in the classroom, or
- c) A teacher who is, or has been, providing outstanding instruction in the classroom, or
- d) An outstanding retired teacher, or
- e) Held active membership in the A.T.A. for entire career.

Recommendations:

- a) Recommendations may be made by a local or by individual board members.

6.3. **Program** – P. Morck

- **Program Chair Email:** [program@pdtca.org](mailto:program@pdtca.org)
- **Program Assistant** for 2018 – Paulette Morck appointed Christine Crane
- **Program committee**
  - Yvonne Toney, Wendy Ruzicka, Carmen Wasylynuik, Mark Gudim, Michael Shain, Theresa O’Neill, JoAnne Partlo, Alison England.
  - Program committee will meet at the beginning of July
- Business cards with link to submit a proposal were handed out to board members encouraging board members to give out
- **Spring Convention Meeting update:**
  - Program chairs from the ten convention associations identified the following themes that of contemporary relevance that should be reflected in convention programming this year:
    - Inclusive Education
    - Education for Reconciliation
    - Holistic Health & Wellness (for students and teachers)
    - The Importance of Play
    - Educational Change (curriculum change, updated TQS, high school flexibility, 21st century learning, etc.)
    - LGBTQ youth
  - **Convention Themes**
    - Convention themes are not supposed to be like book titles, tag lines from movie trailers, or the decorating motif for a graduation;
    - They should represent the central thrusts or goals the convention association has set that guides the types of professional learning opportunities they offer their members.
- **Featured Speakers**
  - None are booked at this time but have some ideas to pursue
- Deadline is June 30/17 to submit speaking proposals – get the word out <http://www.pdtca.org/submit-speaking-proposal.html>

6.4. **Facilities** – J. White (no written report)

- **Contracts** are signed with the CTCC for our 2018, 2019, 2020 convention
- **Convention Meeting Dates will be posted on the website**
  - May 26/27, 2017
  - September 22/23, 2017
  - December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 (Executive only)
  - January 12/13, 2018
  - February 22/23, 2018 (Annual Convention)
  - April 6/7, 2018
- **Room Rates** for 2018 – Book now until Jan. 22, 2018 at the convention rate
  - Hyatt: Single/Double \$239.00 plus tax
  - Fairmont Palliser Single/Double \$240.00; plus tax on all.
- **Motion:** Jill White/T.Hryszak moved that Larry Neville be the Contracted Facilities Assistant for the 2018 Convention year at the same dollar amount as the previous year. Carried

6.5. **Publicity/Website/Evaluations** – B. Yagos – Absent

- Website is continually being updated.
- Minutes page address for Board Members only <http://www.pdtca.org/minutes.html>

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

- 2018 Convention rates for a Regular booth were - \$535.00 + tax \$561.75 and Not for profit rate were \$435.00 + tax \$456.75.
- Online registration is open and doing well
- 35 pre-booked
- Attended the Spring Convention Meeting
- **Exhibits Assistant for 2018** - Tara Hrysak appointed Jo-Anne Partlo as

6.7. **Past President** – J. Fenton – no report

- Met with Andrea Craigie to transition into the Presidents position

6.8. **Secretary** – S. Paton

- Minutes and Hi-Lights are posted on the web page within 2 weeks of our meeting as per policy.
- Notice of Meeting is given 3 weeks ahead as per policy.
- Just a reminder about giving notice of absence. The Policy states:
  - **Inform the President, Secretary and the Facilities Assistant, a minimum of Eighteen days prior to your absence, if you are unable to attend any board function.**

6.9. **District Rep** – D. Sellars-Myshchyshyn -

- Memorandum of Agreement has been reached
- ATA is celebrating 100 years
- New ATA PD workshops developed
- Think about the Francophone teachers coming in 2019
- Big Convention Review is coming – make sure you have some input
- Congratulations on a great convention
- Michelle Glavine will be the new DR attending convention

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

7. **Old Business**

7.1. **Summer Conference – August 14 – 18, 2017**

- Andrea Craigie and Paulette Morck will be attending the 2017 Summer Conference.

7.2. **Preliminary Budget**

- Bring back to your local that there will be No fee increase
- Budget for Program will stay the same as last year - \$90,000.
- **Motion: Sherry Leppa/S.Paton moved that Bertha Yagos be our Contracted Financial Executive Assistant for the 2017-18 Convention year. At the same contracted rate as the previous year. Carried**

7.3 **Bands performing at Convention**

- We put this item on hold for the 2017 convention year
- After some discussion, it was decided that we will eliminate having bands/musical groups perform during Convention.
- **Policy Change: Discontinue having Bands/Musical students playing at our convention.**

8. **New Business**

8.1. **None**

9. **Action Items**

### 9.1. Local Concerns

- A concern was expressed that Rocky View have too many members on the convention board compared to the other locals.

### **The Constitution states:**

#### 6.2 Membership on the convention board

##### 6.2.1 Membership on the convention board shall include

- (a) Two representatives elected or appointed by each member-local of the convention association or one representative per hundred teachers or major fraction thereof by the first local council meeting following convention;
- (b) Members selected by or from within the convention board including
  - (i) Members of the board elected as executive officers and
  - (ii) Such other members as shall be appointed directly by motion of the convention board. The number of members so appointed shall not exceed 20 per cent of the total number of members on the board; and
- (c) Alberta Teachers' Association district representatives for the convention association(s) to which locals from that district are assigned.

### **Discussion:**

#### **Our board members use 6.2.1a in the policy handbook for choosing board reps**

- Two representatives elected or appointed by each member-local of the convention association or one representative per hundred teachers or major fraction thereof by the first local council meeting following convention
- This issue will be discussed at the upcoming Convention Review

**Meeting adjourned by J.White/spaton at 9:50 a.m.**