

 **Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association** 

**Minutes**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Hyatt Hotel**  
**September 22, 2017**  
5:00 p.m.

**In attendance:**

S. Leppa, L. Neville, S. Paton, J. Fenton, J. Munton, A. Craigie, B. Yagos, T. Hrysak, P. Morck, J. White

**Absent:**

M. Glavine, D. Grassick

1. **Call to order** – 5:04 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
  - **Motion: J. Munton/spaton moved that the agenda be approved as written Carried.**
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
  - **Motion: J.Fenton/spaton moved that the minutes be accepted as posted. Carried.**
4. **Correspondence**
  - From Dan Grassick – Committee on Convention Review
  - Resignation from Daryl Sutter (retired)
  - Resignation from Judy Barton (retired)
  - Notice of Absence from Sarah Watson, Catherine Burrell, Wendy Ruzicka, Ryan Hatch, Jill White (Saturday only)
5. **Treasurer's Report**
  - S. Leppa presented the Audited financial report.
  - S. Leppa will move to adopt the Auditors Financial Report tomorrow at the full board meeting.
  - S. Leppa will remind us to take the Auditors Report back to our Local treasurer
6. **Reports**
  - 6.1. **President** – A. Craigie – no report
  - 6.2. **Vice President** - J. Munton - (report posted)
    - **Convention vests** – new board members can pick up vests tomorrow, we may have to order a few for new people

- **Convention Nametags** will be ordered for new board members and people with changed roles – Trying this on a Google doc.
- **2018 Honorary President** – see policy 9.3 for criteria – will be chosen at full board meeting

### 6.3. Program – P. Morck - report posted

- **Program Chair Email:** [program@pdtca.org](mailto:program@pdtca.org)
- **Pillars of Focus for this years Convention set by ATA are:**
  - Mental Health
  - Supporting LGBTQ
  - Staff and Student Wellness
  - Truth & Reconciliation
- **Featured Speakers** booked:
  - **Dr. Kristopher Wells** – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Alberta Schools
  - **Big Daddy Taz** – Out of Mind – (Comedian with a Mental Health Focus)
  - **Quest Theatre** - Making Treaty 7 Performers... with a follow up conversation on Friday morning with elders and knowledge keepers (still working out a few details)
- **Other Featured Speakers**
  - **Greg Jeffrey: ATA President** –Ahead by a Century – Learning from the Past, Inspiring the Future
  - **Susan Carter** – Coping with teaching because its not your fault
  - **Navaid Aziz** – Acceptance Through Tolerance: Navigating through Islam and the Muslim Community
  - **Wayne Arthurson** – In the Shadows of our Ancestors
  - **Carrie Karsgaard** – Exploring Canadian Educators' responsibilities regarding International and National Commitments to Indigenous Peoples
  - **Amanda Oling** – The Impact of One Decision
  - **Tad Milmine** – Bullying Ends Here: Spreading acceptance and understanding
  - **Documentary Viewing:** National Geographic's Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric
- **Several Offsite sessions** including hiking, snowshoeing, athletic coaching and teaching certifications, sessions at SAIT, at zoo etc.
- **Book Vendor** is Owl's Nest Books again this year.
- **Mobile App** – sched.org
- Delegates must produce ATA Membership cards as identifier if ASKED
- **Time** – 8:30 – 3:00 Thursday, 8:30 – 2:15 on Friday.
- **Follow Highlights using**
  - Face Book – Palliser District Teachers' Convention
  - Twitter - @palliserc

### 6.4. Facilities – J. White

- **Convention Meeting Dates**
  - December 1, 2017 (Executive Only – Fairmont Palliser)
  - January 12/13, 2018
  - February 22/23, 2018 (Annual Convention)
  - April 6/7, 2018

- **Room Rates** for 2018 – Book now until Jan. 22, 2017 at the convention rate
  - Hyatt: Single/Double \$239.00 plus 12.27% plus tax
  - Fairmont Palliser Single/Double \$240.00 plus tax
- **Room block** is 30 at the Palliser Hotel and 270 at the Hyatt Hotel
  - Online booking link is live for both hotels
- **Board Members need to book their room** on the Google Doc that L. Neville has set up this year – deadline September 30, 2017. The Google doc link was emailed to all board members.

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

- Website has all the approved sessions listed in Browse and Search modes.
- Exhibitors who have had a booth assigned are listed on the website as Exhibitors List. Great to check out, as most of the Exhibitors have a website link.
- We will again be using the Sched mobile site. ATA has paid for our log in rights again this year (Thank you Dan Grassick). I will set our program up on Sched when the program is solidified. At that time, the Sched Mobile link will appear on our website under Program.
- If you haven't sent your picture to me yet, please do that. You should all have school pictures soon, so that should make it easier.

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

- 2018 Convention rates for a Regular booth are - \$535.00 + tax and Not for profit rate were \$435.00 + tax.
- We have 85/160 booths booked
  - 35 are prepaid, 7 are not for profit
  - 4 new exhibitors
  - 5 Francophone booths booked

#### 6.7. **Past President** – J. Fenton (No Report)

#### 6.8. **Secretary** – S. Paton

- Information is always posted on the web page within 3 weeks of the last meeting
- Please let the secretary know if you are resigning from the board and/or who the replacement is so I can make sure the right people are contacted.

#### 6.9. **District Rep** – M. Glavine (absent)

J. Fenton/spaton moved that the reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

### 7. **Old Business**

#### 7.1. **Summer Conference Report** – A. Craigie and P. Morck – Report Posted

- **A few of the Convention Seminar Discussions / Highlights**
  - Convention Seminar At Summer Conference, going forward, will be more for networking and collaborating with other boards, plus “vision casting and brainstorming” together
- **Committee on Convention Review**
  - Meeting 4-5 times between September

- Consultations of boards and other stakeholder groups to happen this Fall
- Mandate to bring recommendations to PEC for September 2018

## 8. **New Business**

### 8.1. **Fall PDAC** – November 3 (evening) & 4, 2017 – Edmonton

- Two executive members can attend
  - S. Paton and J. Munton will attend

### 8.2. **Convention Association Meeting**

- A. Craigie will look into whether or not there will be a Fall Convention Meeting
- There is a Spring Convention Meeting

### 8.3. **Honorary President 2018**

- Nominations will be taken at the Full Board meeting tomorrow

### 8.4. **Budget**

- S. Leppa went through the budget with the executive
- S. Leppa will present the budget at the Full Board meeting tomorrow

## 9. **Action Items**

### 9.1. **Local Concerns**

- **Length of Meetings – Is this a concern?** Discussion
  - The executive felt that even though the meetings were done early it was important for the board to have time to hear the information first hand, have opportunities to ask questions and get to know the other board members.
  - The executive also discussed that more time could be given when presenting their report even if it was posted on line – giving the highlights verbally and encouraging them to read the rest online.
  - All reports are online early so board members do have the opportunity to read and have questions ready if needed.

Meeting adjourned by A. Craigie/spaton at 6:00 p.m.