



# Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



**Minutes  
Full Board Meeting  
Zoom Online Meeting  
May 29, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

**Virtual attendance:** A. Caporicci, E. Clarkson, C. Crane, A. Doyle, V. Doyle, D. Egert, N. Emond, A. England, L. Fagan, C. Frazer, L. Gibson, C. Gonsalvez, R. Hatch, K. Hinton, B. Hohenwarter, T. Hrysak, G. Hunter, S. Leppa, W. Lorenz, K. McElroy, P. Morck, K. Muir, J. Munton, L. Murphy, K. Nakaska, A. Neefe, L. Neville, S. Paton, A. Pollard, A. Rai Nannan, M. Rogers, D. Saunderson, Y. Toney, M. Shain, A. Van Vliet, C. Wasylynuik, S. Watson, J. White, B. Yagos,

**Absent:** B. Baum, S. Buchfink, M. Doz, A. Gillespie, J. Yersh

**1. Welcome & Call to order & Land Acknowledgement - 9:04 am**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- Chris Gonsalvez/spaton moved that we make an addition to the agenda of a discussion of the Contracted Positions to the agenda as Number 4. Carried
- Jill White/spaton moved that we make an addition to the agenda to 7.3 under Old Business called Convention by the Numbers. Carried.
- **Motion:** That PDTCA adopts the amended agenda of the May 29, 2021, meeting. **Moved by Ryan Hatch/Seconded by S. Paton. Carried**

**3. Minutes of previous meeting**

- **Motion:** That PDTCA approve the minutes of the March 27, 2021 - Zoom online PDTCA meeting. **Moved by Amrit Rai Nannan /Seconded by S. Paton. Carried**

**4. Discussion of Contracted Positions – In Camera Session**

- **Jill White/Amrit Rai Nannan moved** that we move into an In-Camera session to discuss the contracted positions. Carried
- Bertha Yagos and Larry Neville will leave the meeting until after this discussion.
- A Subcommittee met to go over the Contracted positions
  - Chaired by Karen Nakaska (District Rep), Chris Gonsalvez, Jenn Munton, Sherry Leppa, Jill White.
  - Jenn then went over the reasons why a committee was struck.
- Chris Gonsalvez explained the contract to the Full Board while Bertha and Larry were not in attendance.
  - ATA are trying to get consistency for contracted positions across convention boards – we are trying to use the same language in ATA convention contracts.

- These proposed contracts have already been approved by Dr. Swanson from the ATA
- PDTCA came up with a proposed contract for Bertha Yagos as our Executive Assistant for June 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022.
- Chris Gonsalvez then presented the contract for Bertha Yagos to the Full board followed by discussion.
- PDTCA came up with a proposed contract for Larry Neville as our Facilities Assistant for June 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022
- Chris Gonsalvez then presented the contract for Larry Neville to the Full board followed by discussion.
- Final approval will be done by the full board
- **Chris Gonsalvez/S. Paton moved** that we leave the in-camera session. Carried
- **Chris Gonsalvez/Jill White moved** that all decisions made in camera are ratified. Carried

## 5. Correspondence

- Notice of Absence from Amy Gillespie, Brenton Baum
- Resignations: Michelle Doz, Carmen Wasylynuik, Jennifer Yersh
- Daniel Maas – Draft Curriculum Sessions at 2022 Conventions
- Daniel Maas – Support for French Language Programming at Teachers' Conventions
- Daniel Maas – Capital Estate Planning – wants a session at every convention

## 6. Treasurer's Report

- S. Leppa presented the financial report.
- Any Convention Boards over that 100% surplus is frowned upon by ATA. Last year we were at 45% which is right where we should be. This year is unusual because of Covid 19 – We are at 102% this year.
- We have received all fees from locals – 3905 teachers attended the 2021 convention.
- **S. Leppa/M. Shain moved** to accept the treasurers report as presented. Carried

## 7. Executive Reports

### 7.1. President – J. Munton– (No written report)

- President Email: [president@pdtca.org](mailto:president@pdtca.org)
- Attended Online Spring Convention Meeting in the morning then attended the Treasurer's meeting in the afternoon with Sherry Leppa.
- Participated in the Discussion of the Contract Positions on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Jenn shared Capital Estate Planning email to get some guidance from the executive
  - Sessions that are no longer allowed 37.2.4 – Convention boards shall not schedule financial and retirement planning sessions, unless offered by Association staff or speakers from Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund (ATRF)
  - Suggestion: If Capital Estate planning told Danny Maas what their session is and then if Danny has approved it, he can then contact PDTCA and say they have a session approved by ATA
  - PDTCA does not feel they want to save a spot for Capital Estate Planning each year.

- Jenn will respond with Danny Maas and let him know the feeling of PDTCA, which is we do not want to save a spot for them on program – they should apply like everyone else.

#### 7.2. **Past President** – V. Doyle (No report)

- Welcome to your new position

#### 7.3. **Vice President** - J. White (Report posted)

- Start thinking about nominations for the 2022 Honorary President – see Policy handbook 9.3 for criteria
- Convention by the Numbers Adhoc committee met on April 28/21 to discuss:
  - Locally developed speaker session fees and
  - Renumeration for Moderators if an online convention occurs.

#### 7.4. **Publicity/Website/Evaluations** – B. Yagos (Report Posted)

- Our speaking proposal site opened on April 1, 2021.
- We will be following the standards set out by ATA so that all sessions will be linked to the wording for TQS and LQS as well as the category Pre-K, Kindergarten, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4
  - This might be difficult for people vetting these sessions as more than one person can be looking at multiple sessions
- We have over 90 proposals submitted so far. Most of them are willing to do either online or face to face.
- Bertha has so many requests from speakers for their evaluations that Bertha sent them out to those speakers. They were much appreciated.
- Bertha has many requests for the recorded videos. These were no longer available on the website. However, Bertha had downloaded these ahead of time and sent them to the speakers who requested them. Again, much appreciated by those speakers.
- Bertha reminded board members to let their locals know we are looking for locally developed speakers. We really appreciate our locally developed speakers.
- Deadline to submit a speaking proposal is June 30, 2021
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#### 7.5. **Program** – P. Morck (No written report)

- **Program Chair Email:** [program@pdtca.org](mailto:program@pdtca.org)
- **Program Assistant** – appointed Veronica Doyle as the Program Assistant
- **Program committee** – asked who would like to be on this committee at the full board meeting. She will put together a google doc for board members to sign up to be on the program committee.  
<https://forms.gle/vhJvHyPEa2epv7n37>
- **Speaking Proposal letter** was sent to all board members to forward to local secretaries who would then send out to all teachers.
- **Keynote and Featured Speakers**
  - No one at this point has been booked
- **Speaking Proposal Deadline** is June 30/21 to submit speaking proposals – get the word out - <http://www.pdtca.org/submit-speaking-proposal.html>

#### 7.6. **Facilities** – C. Crane (Report posted)

- **Facilities Chair Email:** [facilities@pdtca.org](mailto:facilities@pdtca.org)

- **Attended Spring Convention and PDAC**
  - See report for shared ideas from those meetings
    - I.e. Locked room, blue room, author visits, etc.
  - P.D. newsletter is worth reading
- We are looking to tentatively reserving dates for the next 3 years until we have further information from the ATA, so our dates don't conflict.
- **Convention Meeting Dates** (after much discussion to make sure we have ATA representation at our meetings)
  - June 11/21 – Emergent Executive Meeting (4-5 pm)
  - October 1/2, 2021
  - December 10, 2021 – Executive Policy Review (tentative)
  - January 28/29, 2022 (tentative)
  - February 24/25, 2022 – Convention Dates

7.7. **Exhibits** – T. Hrysak (No written report)

- Exhibits Email – [exhibits@pdtca.org](mailto:exhibits@pdtca.org)
- 2022 Convention rates are unknown currently, until we know if we are virtual or in person.
- Have been in contact with Ursula from the TELUS Convention center however, no decisions have been made until PEC decides
- Global Convention services is the new Show Services
- If the 2022 Convention is online, we will have to charge exhibitors due to the time it takes for inputting the information.
- T. Hrysak will wait until further notice before she appoints her assistant.
- Exhibits site will be on the website once a decision for the 2022 convention is made by PEC

7.8. **Social Media (No report)**

- Possibly for next year we would like a virtual info booth and we would need Andrew to get the word out.
- For this year Andrew will get the word out that we would like more locally developed speakers via twitter, and Facebook.

7.9. **Secretary** – S. Paton

- Information is posted on the webpage within 2 weeks of the meeting date
- Please notify the President, Facilities Assistant and Secretary when you cannot attend a meeting
- Attendance was done virtually – adding new members and updating addresses.
- All reports and minutes are on our private PDTCA page – <https://www.pdtca.org/minutes.html>

7.10. **District Reps** – K. Nakaska (report posted)

- Updated Information from ARA - no fee increase
- Check out Karen's report on the for all the information she presented today along with all the links.
- Karen also has a Facebook page that she updates regularly (follow her at Nakaskak.dr)

7.11. **ATA Provincial Staff** – C. Gonsalvez

- Would like to be involved with setting the dates for our Convention meetings so they do not conflict with PEC – done

- Alternate PD is no longer decided by each Convention – It is now being monitored by the Provincial Association - Danny Maas
- The executive will have an emergent meeting June, after the decision by PEC is made, to discuss our next steps for how Conventions will look next year.
- The ATA has asked all committees (specialists, conventions, etc.) not to host any NEW Curriculum sessions
- Hybrid Definition – Possible Ideas
  - is NOT the ability to choose to attend or do it virtually
  - could look like – run an online convention where schools or teachers could get together and have some presentations played virtually in a room (gym, commons room, etc.)
  - could look like – streaming speakers into a room onsite at their convention and that speaker is projected onto a big screen where delegates watch together
- Decision to have virtual or an in-person Convention will be determined by PEC on June 10, 2021

**Motion: That PDTCA receives the committee reports as presented.**  
**Moved by Tara Hryszak/S. Paton. Carried**

## 8. Old Business

### 8.1. Spring Convention Planning Online Meeting – Jenn Munton

- It was very informative and learned lots of valuable information
- The Mural app was an excellent use of getting everyone's ideas out on virtual paper.
- Most of the convention board members in attendance felt that another virtual convention would be the way to go and that a decision needs to be made before the summer. 82% of Convention people in attendance voted for another virtual convention for the 2022. 0% wanted an in-person convention. This decision will be made by PEC at their June 2021 meeting.
- During this report we took another poll asking our board members what kind of Convention they would like to see for next year – The poll choices were: Fully online, Hybrid mostly online, Hybrid Mostly in person, Fully in person.
  - Results were – 42% Fully online, 31% Hybrid mostly online, 19% Hybrid Mostly in person, 8% Fully in person.

### 8.2. Summer Conference – August 10/11, 2021

- This will be an online conference.
- Two full days: 9-3 with an hour off for lunch
- Will run very similar to how we ran Teacher's Convention
- Jenn asked the question of Karen and Chris if we could meet as a group together while we attend the virtual summer conference. Karen will ask this question of PEC at the June meeting.
- Sue and Jenn from executive will attend this year's Summer Conference – Jenn will also open it up to the Full Board if anyone else would like to attend.

### 8.3. Convention by the Numbers – Jill White

- Speaker Honoraria – see report. The following motions came out the Adhoc committee meeting.

- **Motions: Amrit Rai Nannan/Carmen Wasylynuik moved** that the local speaker fee remuneration be \$200.00 for one session, \$400.00 for half day session, and \$800.00 for a full day. **Carried**
- ~~Carmen Wasylynuik /Amrit Rai Nannan moved~~ that should we go online for 2022 Convention; Moderator compensation should include training each year and moderating one session for \$100.00 and \$50.00 for each additional session they moderate.
- **Chris Gonsalvez/Karen Nakaska moved an amendment by substitution to:** When PDTCA offers an online convention, the following compensation would be offered to moderators: for attending the training session and moderating one session- \$100, and for each additional session- \$50.00. **Carried.**
- **Carmen Wasylynuik/Amrit Rai Nannan moved** when PDTCA offers an online convention the following compensation would be offered to moderators: for attending the training session and moderating one session- \$100, and for each additional session- \$50.00. **Carried**
- **Jill White/S.Paton moved** that when PDTCA offers an online convention, any moderator of a Networking session would be paid the same as the local speaker fee. **Carried**

## 9. New Business

### 9.1. Preliminary Budget – Sherry Leppa

- Bring back to your local that there will be No fee increase for the 2022 Convention
- Sherry presented two preliminary budgets
  - She has made two budgets – one for in person convention and one for an online virtual convention.

## 10. Action Items

### 10.1. Local Concerns

- Sarah Watson asked if we could Poll the board members to see if they would like to meet in person and/or online for some of the meetings. Chris suggested that we continue this discussion at the September meeting and add it to the agenda under Business arising from the minutes.

**Meeting adjourned by J. Munton/S. Paton at 12:45 p.m.**