



# Palliser District Teachers' Convention Board (PDTCA) Full Board Meeting Minutes



Hyatt Hotel/Virtual Meeting  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. (breakfast 8:30 am)

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92374192972?pwd=cldkcER1TE1ubJRUm00MHFCa0NwZz09>

## In Attendance:

**In Person:** L. Avramovic, B. Baum, A. Caporicci-Urovitch, C. Crane, S. Doikas, A. Doyle, V. Doyle, N. Emond, A. England, C. Frazer, L. Gibson, C. Gonsalvez, R. Hatch, K. Hinton, B. Hohenwarter, T. Hrysak, G. Hunter, S. Leppa, P. Morck, K. Muir, J. Munton, K. Nakaska, L. Neville, S. Paton, C. Pawelko, A. Pollard, M. Shain, J. White,

**Virtual:** E. Clarkson, K. McElroy, A. Neefe, A. Rai Nannan, M. Rogers, D. Saunderson, Y. Toney, A. Van Vliet, S. Watson, B. Yagos, J. Yersh

**Absent:** S. Buchfink, A. Gillespie, W. Lorenz, L. Murphy

## 1. Call to order and Land Acknowledgement – Read by Jenn Munton

## 2. Approval of Agenda

- Move Executive Assistant report to 7.7 after Exhibits
- Move Election of Table Officers to 9.1
- Addition of 9.6 Review of Constitution to New Business
- Addition of 9.6 Signing Authority for new executive
- **Motion: That PDTCA adopt the amended agenda of the March 26th, 2022, meeting.**
  - Moved by Ryan Hatch /Seconded by Lindsay Avramovic. CARRIED

## 3. Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting:

- **Motion: That PDTCA approve the minutes of the January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, PDTCA meeting.**
  - Moved by Paulette Morck/Seconded by Kristi Muir. CARRIED

## 4. Correspondence

- Daniel Maas – Association Links for Convention President Address and Post Convention Survey
- Daniel Mass - Link to the Annual Post-Convention Survey
- Mark Swanson – Spring Professional Development Area Conference
- Mark Swanson – Resources for Hosting Hybrid Meetings/Events
- Joni Turville – Updated Pandemic Restrictions
- Notice of Absence – S. Buchfink, A. Gillespie, W. Lorenz, L. Murphy

- Resigned – Wayne Lorenz, Amy Gillespie, Ashley Neefe, Amy Van Vliet

## 5. **Treasurers Report** - Sherry Leppa (posted)

- Sherry presented the balance sheet and the Profit and Loss
- Moderator re-imbursements may trigger that \$500.00 tax to receive a T4A

## 6. **Unfinished Business arising from the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes**

- Reinstate the Adhoc Convention by Numbers committee – Let our Vice President know if you are interested in joining this committee

## 7. **Executive Reports**

### 7.1. **President** – Jenn Munton – (report posted)

- Thank you to everyone for doing a great job in this second year of a Virtual Convention
- Thank you especially to Bertha
- Moderators did a wonderful job
- Thank you to Jill for organizing our Moderators
- English/French introduction was very well received.
- Delegates have appreciated having an opportunity to log on after convention to listen to more PD
- Continue to engage teachers by continuing to have scavenger hunts during convention – 115 delegates completed it
- Spring Convention/Spring PDAC will be in person this year
- Stepping down as President this year and moving into the Past President position

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

### 7.3. **Vice President** - Jill White (report posted)

- Thank you to all executive and board members for putting on a great convention
- Big thank you to Bertha!!
- Moderators – did a great job – their role was very valuable – this year's altered compensation structure seemed both appropriate and effective for the added work and time required of board members.
- Excellent AV company to ensure smooth transitions during convention
- Honorary President for Convention 2022
  - Louis Perrault from Three Drums of Wheat Local
  - Sent a note thanking the board for the recognition and the gifts
  - Will hopefully honor the two past honorary presidents at our next in person convention
- Recommendations for next year:
  - If in person –
    - moderator role might still be beneficial
    - Revisit the possibility of user pay childcare on site
  - If online –
    - continue with paying the moderators

- convention planning should be in person if possible
- Resume our Adhoc Convention by the Numbers Committee to look at remuneration for Larry's contracted position, our speaker fees, and any other pay
  - Review these items every 5 years
- Review the number of board members from each local and the formula by which those numbers are determined every 5 years
- Review our Constitution and Policy at the Policy, possibly at the December meeting

#### 7.4. **Program** - Paulette Morck (report posted)

- A big thank you to Bertha!!
- A big thank you to the executive, the program committee, Encore, all the moderators and everyone who helped make the program run smoothly
- Positive remarks from the francophone delegates
- Keynotes were very positive feedback to our keynotes
  - Dr. Robyne Hanely, Dr. Michael Ungar, Joel Monze, Michelle Good, Gerry Brooks, Jann Arden (sharing the expense of Jann Arden with SWATCA)
- Recommendations:
  - Keep a help desk even if we are in person
  - Look into how we could share a closing keynote with the other conventions on the Friday

#### 7.5. **Facilities** – Christine Crane (report posted)

- Awesome convention!
- Help desk was well used by our delegates for many issues that were solved
- Was able to help Bertha download some of the videos
- Encore was even more amazing this year
- Lots of feedback about how people liked the online format
- Signed contracts for the next 3 years for Convention
- Signed contracts for the next 2 years for our executive/board meetings
- Big thank you to Larry and his dedication to PDTCA
- Stepping down as Facilities Chair
- Upcoming convention meeting dates
  - May 27/28, 2022
  - Sept. 30/Oct. 1, 2022
  - Dec. 9, 2022 (Exec. Only)
  - Jan. 20/21, 2023
  - Feb. 23/24, 2023 (Annual Convention)
  - March 24/25, 2023

#### 7.6. **Exhibits** – Tara Hryszak

- Thank you to Bertha for getting things up and running and Sherry for helping with payment details.
- Thank you to Jenn and Jill for help with Trivia and Scavenger Hunt
- Thank you to Andrew for posting the Trivia
- 41 Virtual exhibits

- Social Media Trivia was successful – 9 -\$25.00 prizes were given away
- Exhibitor Scavenger Hunt was successful – prizes were given
- Exhibitors reported good traffic to their websites
- **Recommendations**
  - In person –
    - continue with exhibitor portal through Sched
    - reduce exhibit space from 158 booths to 120 booths
    - continue with social media presence – Trivia questions
    - continue with scavenger hunt card
    - keep PDTCA booth near security door
  - Virtual
    - Continue with exhibitor portal through Sched
    - Continue with Trivia and scavenger hunt
    - Have a deadline for exhibitors to email gift cards (1 week prior)

#### 7.7. **Executive Assistant** – Bertha Yagos (report posted)

- Pre-registration worked well – the speaker told encore who to let in
- Sched –
  - Issues with names but Bertha figured it out (see report for details)
  - Evaluation – issues sending to speakers – Bertha has worked around this as well (see report for details)
  - Overall Sched is great
- All evaluations are sent to all executive – if a board member wants to read them just let Bertha know
- Convention as a whole evaluation is not yet available
- Recommended
  - That we offer a Pre/Post Conference – an opportunity for speakers to submit a pre - recorded session to be viewed a few days before and after convention.

#### 7.8. **Social Media** – Andrew Doyle (report posted)

- Much of the year is spent prepping and promoting featured speakers
- Week before convention hyped speakers plus types of sessions available
- 2 days of giveaways were successful with good engagement from various locals
- Engagement overall was down, but still consistent sharing
- Continued to help troubleshoot various issues and update on any changes to the schedule

#### 7.9. **Secretary** – Susan Paton

- Will send out the minutes and hi-lights

#### 7.10. **District Reps** – Karen Nakaska (report posted)

- MIMs happened last week about Bargaining
- Members only website – where we are going with Bargaining
- Pension contributions will decrease 1% again this year – We are moving over to AMCO eventually

- Discipline information in the report
- Curriculum information in the report – Ditch the Draft – rally on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Noon in Calgary
- Barnett House is opening April 1<sup>st</sup> for people to walk in
- Spring PDAC will be in person in Calgary
- Impressed the quality of the PDTCA convention – Well done everyone!!

7.11. **ATA Convention Lead** – Chris Gonsalvez

- Convention Surveys are set to close mid-April
- April 22, 2022 – Convention meeting – all day Friday
- April 22/23, 2022 – Spring PDAC – Drew Dudley – Friday evening and David Irvine - Saturday closing – Keynotes
- Summer Conference – Aug. 8-12, 2022 – Banff location - Is planned to be in person

**Motion: That PDTCA receive the committee reports as presented.**

Moved by Veronica Doyle/Seconded by Stacey Doikas. CARRIED

**8. Old Business**

8.1.

**9. New Business**

**9.1. Election of Table Officers – Chaired by Veronica Doyle**

- President – Nominated - Jill White, Andrew Doyle
  - Jill White - Elected
- Vice President – Christine Crane - acclaimed
- Past President – Jenn Munton - acclaimed
- Secretary – Susan Paton - acclaimed
- Treasurer – Sherry Leppa - acclaimed
- Program – Alison England - acclaimed
- Facilities – Nominated from the Floor - Lindsay Avramovic - acclaimed
- Exhibits – Tara Hryszak - acclaimed
- Social Media – Nominated from the Floor - Paulette Morck – acclaimed

- **Carolyn Pawelko/Paulette Morck moved to destroy the ballots – Carried**

**9.2. Spring Convention Meeting – Sheraton Cavalier Hotel - April 22, 2022**

- President and Program usually attend
- Jill White, Alison England, Tara Hryszak, Jenn Monton, and Larry Neville would like to attend
- **Christine Crane/Susan Paton moved that in addition to the 3 people covered by the ATA two additional executive members may apply to attend if allowed by the ATA with costs covered by PDTCA. Carried**

**9.3. Spring PDAC – Sheraton Cavalier Hotel – April 22/23, 2022**

- Jenn Munton will attend
- Open one position to the board to attend PDAC

#### 9.4. Summer Conference

- Aug. 8 – 12, 2022
- Usually, the President and Program Chair or designate attend

#### 9.5. Banking signing authority – Sherry Leppa

- Paulette Morck/Tara Hryszak moves that the PDTCA signing authority be updated from the Jan 29, 2022, full board meeting minutes to the newly elected positions: Carried
- Treasurer: Sherry Leppa
- President: Jill White
- Secretary: Susan Paton
- Executive Staff Officer: Christopher Gonsalvez

#### 9.6. Review of the Constitution

- Convention By the Numbers – email Jill White if you are interested in being on the Adhoc meeting

### 10. Action Items

#### 10.1. Local Concerns

- Palliser North, Foothills Local do not want to have their elections before their local AGM
- **Thank you to all the outgoing executive and board members for their dedication and hard work the PDTCA.**

Adjourned at 12:15 p.m.