

ATA Staff Officer Report –2023 03 24

- Mark your calendars that the Spring Convention Meeting will take place Friday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Barnett House in Edmonton. An invitation will be sent in the next week. Presidents, program chairs, and a third convention executive is invited (discretion of the president) with expenses covered by ATA, and if more wish to attend they may do so at the cost of the convention board (discretion of the president);
- Related, there will be a Convention Treasurer Seminar on the afternoon of Thursday, April 27 led by Tracy Pohl at Barnett House in Edmonton. An invitation will be included in the Spring Convention Meeting invitation, and convention presidents are invited to attend with convention treasurers.
- Spring PDAC takes place on the evening of Friday, April 28 and on Saturday, April 29 at Barnett House in Edmonton.
- The Convention Annual Report template has been sent out to each convention board and is due May 10. Please note that efforts have been made this year to reduce the size of the annual report to reduce the administrative burden on convention boards.
- There was a Zoom meeting last Wednesday Mar. 15 for convention executives interested in offering feedback to Provincial Executive Council on their decision for the mode of delivery of the 2024 conventions and possibly beyond. That feedback was compiled and was shared back with convention Presidents via email (from Danny) on Mar. 22 to ensure that feedback was captured accurately and fully.
- Looking ahead to ATA Summer Conference 2023 which takes place 2023 08 14-18, eligibility will be expanding to include board members as well as executive members, the rationale being to assist with succession planning and capacity building beyond just your executive. Speak to your president(s) if you are interested in attending, look for the invitation memo to be sent out in the near future from Marianne Moffatt at ATA.
- Returning to in-person conventions this year, ATA has resumed the practice of equalizing the payments between conventions for those members approved to attend alternate conventions. A memo was sent Mar. 24 with details on whether your convention will receive or need to pay money.
- Any interested convention executive members are welcome to join the ATA Conventions Facebook private group. The purpose of this group is for quick communication and feedback across conventions. Those interested may visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/945810559274490> and request to join.