

## ***PDTCA President's Report***

***March 22/23, 2024***

Submitted by Jill White, President

This is the fourth and final full board meeting of our 2024 Convention year, and last before our convention event. Thank you to everyone for all of the work you have put into this year's convention. A lot of changes were made and well-received.

### **Work Completed**

- We are still waiting on one last Local for their minutes detailing their vote on our proposed constitutional changes. All 9 received were in favour of the changes. We still need record of every Local's vote, so please email those to Sue and me as soon as possible.
- Attended CCTCA and invited their members to attend PDTCA
- Invited Superintendents of 9 Locals to attend a convention keynote.
- I sent information to Local Presidents regarding the Notice of Motion regarding the proposed fee increase.
- Fielded questions regarding our proposed fee increase and where PDTCA has been reducing spending.

### **Work in Progress**

- Addressing Local Concerns
- I am resigning from PDTCA. It has been a pleasure working with this amazing team!

### **New Business/Action Items**

- Observations from Convention 2024:
  - The later start time made for better keynote attendance at 9:00.
  - Keynotes worked well in the one room, though traffic outside exhibits was a bit heavy for a few minutes. The 20 minute breaks helped people get to their next sessions on time.
- Recommendations for the 2025 Executive:
  - Once the Secretary and 2025 President receive the minutes of the last locals having voted on the proposed Constitutional changes, they need to contact Chris Gonsalvez, Executive Staff Officer, to send the changes to PEC for review.
  - Have the newly elected executive re-revise the proposed policy document and send it to board members at least 30 days before the next meeting (before May 2nd)
  - This year's contracted positions started on the first of June and ended on April 30th. After deciding the positions you need and the appropriate compensation, contact Chris to formalize the contracts with ATA, if applicable.
  - Contact all Local presidents with a note about the number of board members to elect for the 2025 convention year. There will be a numbers discrepancy between the current and proposed constitutions for some locals. The most recent local numbers show 4195 teachers, but that is expected to go down a bit once Sherry receives the alternate convention venue document from Danny.

aeefa - 226  
Canadian Rockies - 153  
Chinook's Edge - 372  
Christ the Redeemer - 504  
Foothills - 453

Livingstone Range - 16  
Palliser - 327  
Prairieland - 181  
Rocky View - 1509  
Three Drums of Wheat - 454

Local	# of Teachers	# of PDTCA reps according to current Constitution	# of PDTCA reps according to proposed Constitution	Change effect from current to proposed formula
aeefa	226	Up to 2 (as Unité locale francophone)	2 + 0	No change
Canadian Rockies	153	Up to 2	2	No change
Chinook's Edge	372	Up to 3	2 + 1	No change
Christ the Redeemer	504	6	2 + 2	<2
Foothills	453	Up to 5	2 + 2	<1
Livingstone Range	16	1	1	No change
Palliser	327	up to 4	2 + 1	<1
Prairieland	181	Up to 2	2	No change
Rocky View	1509	Up to 11	2 + 10 (32%)	>1
Three Drums of Wheat	434	Up to 4	2 + 2	No change
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4195</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>&lt;3</b>

Applying these numbers to the proposed constitution would see our board reduced by 3 members for the next year.

- Recommendations for the Convention by the Numbers Review Committee:
  - For the 2025 Convention year, before publishing details on the website, review travel expenses for speakers. It appears they are low and need to be adjusted. Fees should be good for now.
  - If the proposed increase to delegate fees is not voted on or passed at this meeting, review amount for a vote on a different amount next meeting. A Notice of Motion with details on cost-saving measures being taken plus increasing expenses needs to be sent to Local Presidents before May 2nd in order to take the vote on June 1st.
    - Background to the recommendation on delegate fee increase:
      - Last fee increase was in 2017 (\$70 to \$94 - a 34.3% increase), and in 2012 before that. We are currently operating with deficit budgets that will not be sustainable, as cash will be depleted in 3.82 years. The committee recommends that we have a \$21.00 fee increase from \$94.00 to \$115.00 to be implemented for the 2025 convention year, and budgeting to not require another increase for at least 5 years. The committee also recommends that delegate fees are reviewed every 5 years.
  - When meeting to discuss proposed fee increases, aim to have at least 1 board member from every local present, if possible.

## Items/Questions for the Executive and/or Board

- Challenges for PDTCA going forward:
  - As always, the scheduling of our convention at the same time as 3 others in relatively close proximity. PDTCA does not set this schedule.
- Fielding questions or concerns - **If you, as board members, have concerns, please address them with the executive before taking them to your colleagues or your locals.** It is so much easier to work this way and research or fix things before they take on a life of their own. It is very challenging to dispel wrong or outdated information if it goes to the locals before it comes back to the executive.
  - Please ensure that at least one convention representative from your local attends your CSR meetings, and shares the Highlights document sent by the secretary and Audited Financial Statements when received at the end of September. The Convention Highlights are essentially your Convention Rep Report for your local. They can also be found on the 'Meeting Dates with Highlights' page available to everyone publicly at <https://www.pdtca.org/meeting-dates--highlights.html>
  - Please review the private members' page of our website regularly. We ask that you do not share the link or information from that page. It contains the minutes of all meetings, executive reports, Policy, Constitution, reimbursement voucher, and provincial ATA Convention Handbook. If you come across anything on this page that concerns you, again, please contact a member of the executive before sharing that outside the board.

Many thanks for many years of personal and professional growth. I will miss you!