



MINUTES

Annual General Meeting – 6:30 pm
Thursday November 27, 2008

St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church
202 Harcourt Street
Winnipeg MB R3J 3H3

Members Present: 26

1. Call to Order/Introductions: 18:30

A. Schramm

- The President called the meeting to order, welcomed the attendees and members, and introduced the executive members in attendance.

2. Additions:

- There were no additions.

3. Adoption of the Agenda:

G. Kendall/E. Plotnik

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes:

J. Wazney/R. Braganza

5. Business Arising/Action Items:

- Action Items were attached and referenced.
- 2007 AGM motions were read and reviewed.
- There was no new business.

6. Presidents Report:

A. Schramm

- A written report was attached

Motion: *To amend the VTAM Constitution Article III and Article IV as per attachment.*
VTAM Executive - Passed

Motion: *To identify all Past-presidents and ensure they are recognized as either Honorary or Lifetime members.*

NOTE: Add to Action Items – Secretary and Membership Chair
VTAM Executive - Passed

Motion: *To accept the President's Report as presented.*

Question: A member asked if a more detailed report was coming out later and the President indicated to the affirmative.

L. Ogg/E. Plotnik – Accepted

7. VTAM - RRC Teacher Candidate Award

A. Schramm

- Dual recipients: Korey Asher and James Rogowy were presented with framed certificates and a cash award for their outstanding efforts and contributions.

8. Vice-President Report

R. Schroeder

- A written report was attached

Motion: *To accept the Vice-President's Report as presented.*

J. Wazney/G. Kendall - Accepted

9. Treasurers Report - Written reports were attached

C. Kalinin

- Written reports were attached

Motion: *To accept the Auditors Report.*

E. Plotnik/T. Alvesios - Accepted

Motion: *To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.*

L. Schultz/J. Wazney - Accepted

10. Membership Chair Report

K. Penley

- A written report was attached

Motion: *To accept the Membership Chair Report as presented.*

L. Ogg/J. Wazney - Accepted

11. SAG/PD Chair Report

- No report – Position vacant.

12. Editor Report

K. Asher

- A written report was attached

Motion: *To accept the Editor's Report as presented.*

Member question: Has thought been given to offering an online version?

Editor response: An online version is in the works and will become available.

General discussion:

- A comment was made about a recent vocational education article in the Winnipeg Free Press that brought positive attention to vocational education.
- A suggestion was made to do similar and more media exposure of a similar type.
- Editor noted that Skills Manitoba contest winners have been published and that considerable effort is being put towards promotion and into obtaining positive media product for inclusion in the association's *TecTalk* newsletter.

J. Wazney/E. Plotnik - Accepted

13. Public Relations Report

D. Bomback

- A written report was attached

Motion: *To accept the Public Relation's Report as presented.*

G. Kendall/D. Signore - Accepted

14. Website Administrator Report

J. Rogowy

- A written report was attached

Motion: *To accept the Website Administrator's Report as presented.*

J. Wazney/E. Plotnik - Accepted

15. Past-president Report

J. Bilous

- A written report was attached

Motion: *To accept the Past-President's Report as presented.*

L. Ogg/P. Degrosso - Accepted

General discussion:

- It was suggested that the Late Registration Fee was counter-productive and it presents itself as a deterrent to SAG Conference participation due to its negative overtones.
- L. Ogg suggested that the conference fees could be presented at a discounted level for individuals who remitted their fees early – and that VTAM should consider this as an “early bird” option that would reward those who submitted early.
- The members present indicated their preference for this approach through their nods of approval and general comments of support.

16. Elections

J. Bilous

At this time the Chair passed the gavel to the Past-president who in the role of Nomination Chair, was charged with conducting the election segment of the meeting.

Slate of Candidates:

Membership Chair: Jeff Wazney – Acclaimed

Public Relations Chair: Lucie Laurin - Acclaimed

PD/SAG Chair: Denise Letienne - Acclaimed

Secretary: Jill Price - Acclaimed

Vice-President: Larry Schultz - Acclaimed

President: Rick Schroeder – Acclaimed

At the conclusion of the elections, the President re-assumed the position of Chair.

17. Motion to Adjourn

L. Schultz/G. Mercier – Passed

18. Adjournment: 20:30

19. Next Annual General Meeting:

- **Will be held prior to the 2009 SAG Conference on Friday October 23, 2009, and is tentatively slated for: Site TBD**