

Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

Minutes – Annual General Meeting

Held Virtually on Zoom

Thursday, May 26, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Voting Members Present

Erin Beckwell
Stephanie Ross
Katinka Naldner
Charlene Cameron

Marvin Ankrah
Fay Schuster
Lisa O'Dell
Carole Bryant

Sherjan Maybanting
Amber Stewart
Georgia Laloudakis
Brenda Schock

Melanie Honish
Nicole Kinzel
Wanda Miller
Kathy Bovair

Margarita Sysing
Maureen Kraemer
Suzy Yim
Charlene McLean

Mehwish Sehgal
Jim Walls
Sheena McCallion
Karen Wasylenska

Non Voting: Public Member: Gord Wyatt

Executive Director and Administration Staff: Karen Wasylenska, Fay Schuster, Linda Arnold

1.0 Opening Greetings/Appointment of Parliamentarian – Council President Erin Beckwell provided the Land Acknowledgement. Gord Wyatt was designated the parliamentarian for this AGM. A video was shown made by South East Branch

2.0 Agenda

MOTION: Maureen Kraemer/Benda Schock. CARRIED.

3.0 Adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes 2021

MOTION: to adopt the May 27, 2021 AGM minutes by **Kathy Bovair/Stephanie Ross. CARRIED.**

4.0 Council/Appointment Reports

- 4.1 President's Report – Erin Beckwell provided an overview of her report as found in the SASW 2021 Annual Report. Erin was honoured to be president over the last two years and acknowledges everyone in the field of social work. Erin noted some loss of being able to travel and meet other social workers in person during the pandemic. She noted the great work done the past couple of years: learning opportunities, cultural humility practice document produced, speaker Dr. Cindy Blackstock. In addition, acknowledged Karen, Faye, Reshma, and other fellow executive members for everyone's hard work

MOTION: to accept the Presidents Report. **Carole Bryant/Nicole Kinzel. CARRIED.**

4.2 Executive Director's Report - Karen Wasylenska presented the highlights of her report, also available in the 2021 Annual Report. Karen noted that all should be proud of our profession and association, SASW continued to follow the strategic plan from 2017:

supporting social work, promoting the profession, social justice issues. The committees/branches do most of the work of the SASW, thanks to those who volunteer to sit on a project or work on a panel. SASW staff worked hard this past year, introduced Linda Arnold, accountant who joined last fall, acknowledge work of Fay Schuster and acknowledge Council and Erin Beckwell for her leadership over the last 2 years. This year will celebrate the 60th anniversary of SASW (December 1, 2022)

MOTION: to accept the Executive Director's Report. **Jim Walls/Brenda Schock. CARRIED.**

- 4.3 Registrar's Report - Fay Schuster also provided an overview of her report, which can also be found in the 2021 Annual Report. Faye followed up with members who didn't renew and were still using the title on 3 occasions; 5 non-members were using the title of social worker. Membership 2021 10.5% increase (from 2020); 14% increase in student membership. CPE audits: completed 192 which is 9% of renewing members; audited 244 non-practicing renewals, 31 temporary licenses were issued in 2021

MOTION: to accept the Registrar's Report. **Fay Schuster/Margarita Sysing. CARRIED.**

4.4 Treasurer's Report

4.4.1 Review of Auditor's Report at December 31, 2021 by Carole Bryant.

MOTION: to receive the audited financial statement for 2020 as information. **Carole Bryant/Brenda Schock. CARRIED.**

4.4.2 Appointment of Auditor for 2021.

MOTION: to appoint *Priority Accounting Services CPA Prof. Corp.* as the external auditors to conduct the Audit for 2021. **Carole Bryant/Fay Schuster. CARRIED.**

4.4.3 Review of 2022 Operating Budget. The Treasurer, Carole Bryant, presented the 2022 operating budget, approved by Council, for information.

4.5. Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) Report – CASW representative Hazel Berg unable to attend meeting; report is in the 2021 Annual Report.

4.6 Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators (CCSWR) Report – Karen Wasylenska highlighted report as in the 2021 Annual Report

5.0 By-law Amendments (attachment)

5.1 Amendment #1 Repeal of Section 23 of the SASW Administrative Bylaws and Establishment of Fee Bylaw

MOTION that Section 23) of the Administrative Bylaws (Fees) be repealed and a separate Fee Bylaw as circulated in the meeting documents be adopted as presented. **Maureen Kraemer/ Wanda Miller. CARRIED.**

6.0 Election of Council Positions (attachment) – Positions of Secretary (Margarita Sysing) and member at large (Justine Powell) filled by acclamation. As no nominations for Treasurer, as per SASW bylaws, Council has appointed Carole Bryant to the position. We would also like to bid farewell to Sheila Szacks in her role as Secretary and thank her for her years of service. Brenda Schock begins role as President and Erin Beckwell as role of Past President. Council members for 2022/23 are: President: Brenda Schock, Secretary: Margarita Sysing, Treasurer: Carole Bryant, Members at Large: Ruth Ann Thomas, Nicole Kinzel, Justine Powell. Public Representatives on Council are Lynda Kushnir-Pekrul, Gord Wyatt

7.0 Committee Reports:

7.1 Professional Conduct Committee – Jim Walls

- More complaints of people in private practice; many may be lacking in consultation/ supervision. Sophie Grahame will be new Chair, thank you to Jim for many years of service as chair

7.2 Standards of Practice Committee – Kathy Bovair

- Completed Cultural Humility Practice Document

8.0 Branch Reports

8.1 South East Branch – Lisa O'Dell

- Many branch activities, including presentations, lunch and learn, branch luncheon

8.2 Regina branch

- has been inactive but interest expressed in starting this branch again. Anyone interested can reach out to the office

9.0 Recipients of Awards

9.1 SASW Student Award presentation – Awarded to SherJan Maybanting from Yorkton (\$1,291.89). Biography of accomplishments provided.

9.2 SASW Distinguished Service Award.

- 2 recipients: Amber Stewart (North Battleford) and Suzy Yim (Regina), biographies of each presented.

10.0 Adjournment

Closing – Erin Beckwell extended thanks to all social workers in the province in the past couple of years for their work, resilience

MOTION to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. SherJan Maybanting

Minutes recorded by Margarita Sysing

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Secretary