

**English Language Arts Council
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, May 6, 2017
12:15 pm
Amiskwaciy Academy, Edmonton AB**

May 5, 2017

Present:

Tannis Niziol	Marg Iveson	Jen Bartlett
Vic Mensch	Kevin McBean	Chandra Hildebrand
Gaylene Schreiber	Shelley Grey-Sortland	Laura Schmalz
Fran Korpela	Leisa Townsend	Angela Contrada
Catherine Burwell	Fran Korpela	Jason Schilling
Catherine Euston	Tracee Laba	Stephen Meiredew
Daniel Abbot	Carey Klassen	Genevieve Rudzki
Jelena Radcliffe	Bailey Almberg	Katelyn Jepsen
Barb Fouts-Melnychuk		

Regrets: Caterina Letizia, James Peters

1. Call to Order

Chandra Hildebrand called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

2. Approval of the agenda

Gaylene Schreiber moved to approve the agenda. Catherine Euston seconded.

Carried.

3. Approve minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Kevin McBean moved to approve the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Laura Schmalz seconded. Carried.

4. Business arising from the minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

5. Budget Submissions -Vic Mensch

5.1 Treasurer's report/Financial Statements

When fiscal year ended, the council reduced the surplus, as planned and expected. Vic Mensch received a letter from Didi Heer confirming that the Council was fiscally responsible.

The Council is in a healthy financial position.

5.2 Approval of the budget 2017/2018

The budget reflects a conference in Banff and that there will be a slight surplus from the

Conference earnings. Vic Mensch encouraged the spending of grants under the 'special projects' section of the budget.

Vic Mensch moved to accept the treasurer's report/financial statements as presented.

Genevieve Rudski seconded. Carried.

Vic Mensch moved to approve the 2017/2018 budget as presented. Jason Schilling seconded. Carried.

6. Executive, Regional, Publications and Liaison reports as presented-written submissions presented in the AGM handout.

Kevin McBean moved to accept the 2017 AGM reports as presented. Seconded by Barb Fouts-Melnychuk. Carried.

7. ELAC conference 2018

Tannis spoke to the ELAC 2018 conference at the beginning of the un-conference.

8. Election of Officers – see proposed slate 2017/2018 as presented

Nominations Received:

President-Elect – Kevin McBean

Treasurer- Vic Mensch

Secretary- Jennifer Bartlett

Alberta Voices Editor- Dr. Marg Iveson

New Teacher Liaison- Fran Korpela

Website Coordinator – Angela Contrada

Communications Coordinator – Laura Schmaltz

Calgary Regional Representative – Caterina Letizia

The 2017/2018 ELAC slate as presented were all acclaimed. No motion required.

9. Vacant positions – open the floor for nominations

2019 Conference Director

No nominations

Celebrating Words Editor

No nominations

Edmonton Regional Representative

No nominations

Central Regional Representative

No nominations

Greater South Regional Representative

No nominations

Chandra thanked Catherine Euston for her service to the Executive.

10. "Handing of the Gavel" to President

Chandra handed the gavel to Shelley Grey-Sortland.

Shelley thanked and gifted Chandra on behalf of the membership.

11. Other Business

No other business.

12. Adjourn

Marg Iveson moved to adjourn the AGM. Carried.

Next Executive meeting on May 27 in Calgary.