

W.A.N.T.E
Annual General Meeting
May 22, 2013 – 5:00pm
Minutes

1. Call to Order

- President called meeting to order at 5:00pm

2. Introductions of Executive and Council for 2012 – 2013

- President thanked Executive and Council Members for their work and dedication during the 2012 – 2013 year.
- Current Executive and Council was introduced.

3. Introductions of Teller's Committee

- President introduced the Teller's Committee.
- Thanked them all for accepting to be a part of the committee.
- Committee Chair was Millie Mercier and members of the committee were: Debbie Chen, Colleen Chopek, Lori Hurd, Sabina Kasian, Carrie Logan, Evan Muzychuk, Francie Neaman and Monica Sitter.

4. Annual Reports and Auditor's Report – Liz

- Treasurer (Liz Belous) read report and gave financial update.

Motion: To adopt the 2012 -2013 Auditor's report.

Seconded: Luis Tome

Motion: carried (all in favor)

5. Nominations 2013 – 2014 – Carol Gossel

- Nominating Committee Chair, Carol Gossel introduced the members that were running for the voting positions, EA D and Members at Large.
- EA D – Irene Costa, Brenda Chartrand and Tricia Wiebe
- Members at Large – Cynthia Hornstein, Pam Elliott and Tracey Anderson.
- Lesley Meese will be Jr. Sr. High Clerk as the other person running removed their name as had taken on a position in an elementary school.
- Naomi Johnson will be Elementary School Clerk.
- President thanked the Executive and Council Members that were leaving... Gale Hladik, Liz Belous and Chris Eccles.

6. Proposed amendments to Constitution / ByLaws – Carla Paul

- The Constitution/Bylaws may be amended at any general meeting, by a 2/3 vote of the members present provided notice of the amendments have been presented fifteen (15) days before the meeting.
- Committee Chair, Carla Paul, presented the motions and answered questions prior to voting.

AMENDMENTS

1. CURRENT:

Article V – Finance,
Section A - Fiscal Year
The fiscal year shall be from April 1 to March 31.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

MOTION: To amend the constitution, Article V – Finance, Section A Fiscal Year by striking out “April 1 to March 31” and inserting “January 1 to December 31”.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Article V – Finance,
Section A - Fiscal Year
The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31. (Amended 01/05/13)

2. CURRENT:

Article VI – Officers,
Section F – Duties of Officers, number 4- Treasurer, section (d)
Prepare an annual budget to be presented to Council for adoption by the first meeting in April of any given year. The annual budget shall cover the fiscal year being from April 1 of any given year to March 31 of the succeeding year.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

MOTION: To amend the Constitution, Article VI- Officers, Section F – Duties of Officers, Number 4-Treasurer, section (d)- by striking out “April” in the first sentence,” April 1 and March 31” in the second sentence, and inserting “January” in the first sentence and “January 1 and December 31” in the second sentence and striking out “succeeding” and inserting “same”.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ:

Article VI- Officers,
Section F – Duties of Officers, Number 4-Treasure, section (d)
Prepare an annual budget to be presented to Council for adoption by the first meeting in January in any given year. The annual budget shall cover the fiscal year being from January 1 of any given year to December 31 of the same year. (Amended 01/05/13)

3. CURRENT:

(07/12/11) - ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS
Section B – Election of Officers 1. (b)
Vice President, Treasurer and two members-at-large
Any officer who is not up for re-election and who accepts a nomination for another position on the Executive Committee, or is not able to complete the term shall tender her resignation so that nominees may be nominated to fill her unexpired term. Said resignation will take effect

upon the completion of the term. A candidate for the office of president shall have served at executive for two consecutive years and must be a current officer of the Executive Committee. A candidate for the office of Vice-President shall have served at Council level for two (2) consecutive years.

The election of officers shall be by secret ballot except that if there is only one (1) nominee for any office, election will be by acclamation.

PROPOSED AMMENDMENT:

MOTION: To amend the Constitution (07/12/11) - ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS Section B – Election of Officers 1. (b) Vice President, Treasurer and two members-at-large

Any officer who is not up for re-election and who accepts a nomination for another position on the Executive Committee, or is not able to complete the term shall tender her resignation so that nominees may be nominated to fill her unexpired term. Said resignation will take effect upon the completion of the term. A candidate for the office of president shall have served at executive for two consecutive years and must be a current officer of the Executive Committee. A candidate for the office of Vice-President shall have served at Council level for two (2) consecutive years. Insert “any candidate seeking a position for member-at-large, treasurer, or secretary, shall have served on the council level in the past”.

The election of officers shall be by secret ballot except that if there is only one (1) nominee for any office, election will be by acclamation.

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The election of officers shall be by secret ballot except that if there is only one (1) nominee for any office, election will be by acclamation. (Amended 14/11/12)

4. CURRENT:

Constitution, Article IX – Association Council, Section A – Composition, Number (4) under One representative from the following Number and Number 3, under Two representatives comprised from each of the following groups:

Number 4, under One representative from the following: Computer Technician / Library Technical Assistants

Number 3, under Two representatives comprised from each of the following groups: Educational Assistant D, Vocational Trainer, Work Experience Coordinator, and clinician Assistants.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

To amend the Constitution Article IX – Association Council, Section A – Composition, Number (4) under One representative from the following Number and Number (3), under Two representatives comprised from each of the following groups:

Number 4, under One representative from the following: to strike out” Technical Assistants” and insert “Technician”

Number 3, under Two representatives comprised from each of the following groups: strike out “and” after Coordinator and insert “,” and insert “and Interpreters” after Assistants.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Article IX – Association Council, Section A – Composition, Number (4) under One representative from the following Number and Number (3), under Two representatives comprised from each of the following groups:

Under One representative from the following:

4. Computer Technicians / Library Technicians,

Under Two representatives comprised from each of the following groups:

3. Educational Assistant D, Vocational Trainer, Work Experience Coordinator, Clinician Assistants and Interpreters. (Amended 01/05/13)

5. CURRENT:

Article X - Committees,

Section E – Other Appointed Committees, 1. Appointments, a) Tellers committee i)

A Tellers’ Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from the General membership immediately after the final slate of candidates has been presented.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

MOTION: I move to amend the constitution Article X – Committees, Section E – Other Appointed Committees, 1. Appointments, a) Tellers’ Committee i)

By inserting “and overseen by the Nominating Chairperson immediately after the final slate of candidates has been presented”.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ:

Article X - Committees,

Section E – Other Appointed Committees, 1.Appointments, a) Tellers committee i)

A Tellers' Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from the general membership and overseen by the Nominating Chairperson immediately after the final slate of candidates has been presented. (Amended 06/05/13)

Question and Answer Period

Q: Why does WANTE want to change the fiscal financial year?

A: It is very difficult to close the year and give accurate amounts at the AGM. Presently years closes at the end of March and then it's very busy to get everything ready for the AGM. Auditor needs to go through all accounts.

Q: Serving time on Council prior to being able to be on Executive, what was the rationale?

A: Executive Members chair committees and need the experience.

Q: Elections of Officer... changes should affect sections A & B and not just B.

A: No it doesn't change B

Q: What is the rationale to the Nominating Chairperson to oversee the Teller's Committee?

A: Nominating Chair is the Liaison person between the Teller's Committee and the Membership. President especially if they are running for election should not be involved in the Nominations. The Nominating Chairperson will never be someone up for election therefore does not have a stake in the election.

Q: Just a note that it wasn't clear as to whom the people were that the membership was voting for. It was just names on a ballot, not sure who they are.

A: W.A.N.T.E. does try our best to give information to the membership about those people that are running for office. We do provide profiles sent out to the membership and an opportunity to meet the person at the liaison meetings.

7. Teller's Committee Report – Millie Mercier

- Results were given to the President and were announced as follows:
- Members at Large – Cynthia Hornstein & Pam Elliott
- Educational Assistant D – Irene Costa & Tricia Wiebe

The NEW Executive and Council Members for 2013 -2014 are:

President – Barbara Morrison

Vice-President – Luis Tome

Treasurer – Denise Hanlan

Secretary – Maria Carreira

Member-at-Large – Pam Elliott

Member-at-Large – Carol Gossel

Member-at-Large – Cynthia Hornstein

Member-at-Large – Carla Paul

Junior / Senior Schools Clerk – Lesley Meese
Elementary School Clerk – Naomi Johnson
Non-School Sites Clerk – Dawn Bronk
Computer Technician / Library Technician – Evan Comstock
Educational Assistant A & B – Kelly Bowen
Educational Assistant A & B – Michelle Short
Educational Assistant C – Renée Griffith
Educational Assistant C – Gail Barker
Educational Assistant D – Irene Costa
Educational Assistant D – Tricia Wiebe

All five of the amendments were passed with more than 2/3 vote.

8. Reminder – Liaison Dinner – June 6th, 2013 at 5:00pm at Galo Louco

9. Annual Dinner –

- Thursday, October 24th, 2013 at the Norwood Hotel. Tickets will be available in September and will be \$20.00

10. Open Session

Collective Bargaining

- Committee has met 4 times.
- They are currently working to better the contract.
- Current contract ends July 9/13.

Q: Would it be possible to get the Annual Report prior to the AGM... it's too much to digest.

A: President will try next year to put it on the WANTE website prior to the meeting.

11. Draw – Prizes were given.

12. Closing Remarks

- President thanked everyone for attending.

13. Adjournment: 6:35pm