

WANTE Annual General Meeting
May 27th, 2015 – 5:00pm
Victoria Inn – Centennial Rooms 4 & 5

1. President called the meeting to order – 5:00pm
2. President introduced Executive and Council for 2014 / 2015
3. President introduced the Tellers Committee: Lauralee Hurd (Committee Chair), Chris Hayden, Shelley Gregoire, Tammy Forbister, Ces D’Achilles.
4. Annual Reports and Auditor’s Report – Denise Hanlan

Motion: To accept the Auditor’s Annual Report as presented.

Seconded: Brenda Chartrand

Motion: Carried (29 in favor; 0 opposed)

5. Nominations 2015 – 2016

- Members at Large – Bruce Zilkowsky, Gale Hladik, Naomi Johnson, Tracey Anderson
- Educational Assistant A / B– Kelly Bowen, Michelle Short and Jessica Meurens

6. Proposed Amendments to Constitution / ByLaws

- Policy Committee Chairperson – Carla Paul
- Amendments / ByLaws were presented and explained to the membership.

Question & Answer Period

Q: Mike Labella - #4 does it mean that there’s no membership vote for changes to the standing rules?

A: Standing Rules no membership vote.... Changes to the constitution are voted on at the AGM.

Q: Karen Korzenowsky – How many members does WANTE have?

A: Please call the WANTE office for the breakdown... approx.. 1600 members right now... over 300 are still on terms.

Q: Mike Langtry – With the possibility of electronic voting... WANTE could not get dissolved by voting that way.

A: WANTE is looking at electronic voting in the future.

Q: Cecile Lemoine – In regards to amendment #2 – Does that mean that members can’t communicate to each other without President’s authorization?

A: Anything that goes out on letterhead / newsletter / website needs to go through the WANTE office first. President welcomes email communication within work locations to get members talking.

Q: Sue Seneshen - In regards to amendment #1 – 50% of the members need to vote in order to dissolve the association at AGM; is that referring to 50% of members that show up to the meeting (in attendance).

*A: The Amendment will state : The Association shall not have the power, or be able to dissolve itself unless more than fifty percent (50%) of the members in good standing, **are in attendance at**, and vote in favor of the dissolution at a general meeting called for this purpose.*

Q: Can members attend AGM and bring up an amendment change?

A: No, notifications need to go out to the membership 15 days prior to the AGM as well all amendments must be presented first at the April Executive / Council meetings.

7. Tellers Committee Report

- The votes were counted and the results were presented.
- Members at Large
 - ballots were received (spoiled = 55; more than two positions = 781)
- Successful candidates - Bruce Zilkowsky & Gale Hladik
- Educational Assistant A/B
 - 166 ballots were received (spoiled = 18)
 - Successful candidates – Michelle Short & Kelly Bowen
- Amendments to the Constitution
 - Amendments to the Constitution will only be carried if there is a 2/3 vote.

Amendment #1 – 47/55 – passed

ARTICLE XIV - PERMANENCY OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall not have the power, or be able to dissolve itself unless more than fifty percent (50%) of the members in good standing, **are in attendance at**, and vote in favor of the dissolution at a general meeting called for this purpose.

Amendment #2 – 49/54 – passed

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS *Section F - Duties of Officers*

1. PRESIDENT

The President shall:

- a) Preside at all executive, council and general meetings.

- b) Be charged with all press releases, the general management and supervision of the affairs and operations of the Association.
- c) Be an ex-officio member of each committee with the exception of the nominating committee.
- d) Sign, together with Chairman of the negotiating committee, collective agreements, negotiated by the collective bargaining committee after ratification of the membership.
- e) Sign cheques with the treasurer, and other documents as required.
- f) Be the custodian of the seal, all books, paper, records, correspondence, contracts and other documents belonging to the Association, which shall be contained in the files at the Association office.
- g) Be the chairman of the Grievance Committee.
- h) Authorize all communication to members, including bulletins, notices and website.
- i) Seek Legal advice, when necessary

Amendment #3 – 49/54 – passed

ARTICLE IX - ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Section C - Meetings

1. Meetings of the Council shall be open to all members in good standing.
2. Regular meetings shall be held once a month during the school year at a time and place to be determined by the Council.
3. Notice of meetings of the Council shall be given to representatives not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the holding of such meetings.
4. Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of any four (4) members of the Council.
5. Council members are required to attend all Council meetings. Two (2) absences for no valid reason will constitute an expulsion.

Amendment #4 – 53/54 – passed

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES

8. POLICY

The Policy Committee will be responsible for:

- a) Annually reviewing the Standing Rules, Policy and the Constitution of the Association. Present the recommended changes to the Council for approval.
- b) submit a report on the approved changes for inclusion in the Standing Rules and Policy at the end of the term.
- c) Oversee all necessary changes to the Constitution/Bylaws as it deems necessary in order to carry on the affairs of

Amendment #5 – 42/55 - passed

The Association dues increase to \$15.00 per month for 10 months effective September 1, 2015

8. **Liaison Dinner**

- The Liaison Dinner will be held on June 4th at 5:00pm at Marigold Restaurant – Inkster Blvd.
- All Liaison Members are to RSVP to the WANTE office prior.
- Thank you for your dedication this school year.

9. **Annual Dinner**

- Annual Dinner will be held Thursday, October 29th at the Victoria Inn.
- To date WANTE has over 40 retirees.
- If you know of anyone retiring please let the WANTE office know as HR doesn't always update WANTE.

10. **Open Session**

Q: Will voting results be posted on the website?

A: For results call the office.

11. **Draw – Door Prizes**

- Prize #1 – Spa package – Carla Paul
- Prize #2 – Gift card – Canadian Tire – Patti MacLean
- Prize #3 – Gift card – Home Depot - Rosie Gordon
- Prize #4 – Scrap book package – Kelly Bowen
- Prize #5 – Walmart gift card – Shelley Gregoire
- Prize #6 – Safeway gift card – Brenda Chartrand
- Prize #7 – Movie night at home – Candace Iwasienko

12. President thanked everyone for coming out.

13. Adjournment – 6:30pm