

TESL Kingston Annual General Meeting Minutes

FY April 2021 - March 2022

November 8, 2022

Kingston Public Library (Main Branch)

Executive Members Present: Alka Sood, Ellen Turcotte, Justine Macdonald, Kendra Noble, Belinda Whyte

Regrets: Jennifer Burns

Members Present: Darryl Press, Joanna Cooke, Christine Adams, Stacey Raymond, June Lang, Jude Wright

Welcome: Kendra Noble provided the land acknowledgement and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from our AGM of 2020/2021 was made by Ellen Turcotte and seconded by Christine Adams. The motion carried. A motion was made by Justine Macdonald and seconded by Joanna Cooke for Belinda Whyte to take the minutes for tonight's meeting.

Treasurer's and Committees' Reports:

1. Executive Report: Kendra reported that we have a much-reduced executive team. Ellen has been supporting as a past president, but we currently have no president.

2. Treasurer's Report: Alka Sood presented the financial report for our fiscal year 2021/2022. She reported that last year we had less revenue because our workshops were online and very few expenses due to the Pandemic. This year we received \$865.86 from TESL Ontario. Alka has arranged for all expenses to be paid now through on-line banking.

3. Program Committee Report: Kendra Noble reported on our past year's two online events. First, we connected with other affiliates and ran resource sharing workshops online for smaller cities such as TESL London, Niagara, and Kingston. Finally, we ran an event on the Ukraine crisis. We created a forum to share resources and discussions.

4. Publicity Report: Our website needs to stay updated with current job and volunteer opportunities. We would like some feedback on the resources section - is it helpful? Kingston Immigration Partnership (KIP) has recently started meeting again and QLIP (Belleville) meets online. We do not currently have a representative for QLIP.

5. Nominating Committee Report: We can have up to 15 members on the Executive. The Executive is approved at each AGM and specific roles for Executive members are determined at their first meeting after an AGM.

Christine Adams moved to accept the Executive reports, seconded by June Lang. Motion carried.

Fond Farewells: A special thank you to Maryam Vakily for serving with us on the Executive. We also thanked Tiffany Myers for all her help as our Affiliate Representative. She is currently taking a leave-of-absence from our Executive.

Approval of TESL Kingston Affiliate Chapter Executive for 2021 -2022: Kendra Noble introduced Belinda Whyte as our newest Executive member. The motion to accept Belinda's nomination was moved by Justine Macdonald, seconded by Ellen Turcotte, and the motion was passed.

Slate of Officers for 2022/23: Ellen Turcotte (Past-President), Justine MacDonald, Jennifer Burns, Kendra Noble, Alka Sood and Belinda Whyte. Christine Adams motioned to accept this slate, seconded by Justine. Motion carried.

AGM Adjournment : A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ellen Turcotte and seconded by Alka Sood.

The evening's workshop followed.

Minutes recorded by Belinda Whyte and edited by Jennifer Burns and Ellen Turcotte