

Minutes of the Saskatoon Writers' Coop Fourth Annual General Meeting

Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, 639 Main Street, Saskatoon SK
Thursday, March 16, 2006, 7:30 PM.

Board members in attendance: Amy Jo Ehman (Chair), Jim Weseen (Secretary), Joanne Blythe, Belinda Betker, Sandy Easterbrook, Karen Millard, Alma Wagner Roberts, Adrienne Gruber, Lorelie Sarauer. **Absent with apologies:** Janice Schmidt (Treasurer), Jeannette Lavigne.

Members Present: Including the board, 16 members were in attendance. Coop bylaws specify that twelve voting members constitute a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chair Amy Jo Ehman. All members received printed copies of the annual reports and other documents presented during the meeting.

1. Approval of agenda

Motion: Lorelie Sarauer–Adrienne Gruber that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

2. Notice of motion: notice was given of a pending motion to change the Articles of Incorporation with regard to the Coop's official name. See Item 10.1, below.

3. Minutes of the March 23, 2005 AGM

Motion: Jim Weseen–Sandy Easterbrook that the minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

4. President's report: Amy Jo Ehman presented the President's report, including a brief report on Membership. The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes, and is available on the Coop website, www.writerscoop.org

5. Treasurer's report: In Janice Schmidt's absence, Jim Weseen presented the Annual Financial Statement for 2005 on her behalf. Balance as of December 31, 2005 was \$4145.16. The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes, and is available at www.writerscoop.org.

Motion: Jim Weseen–Beth Matheson that the 2005 Annual Financial Statement be approved as presented. Carried.

6. Audit: by the provisions of the Non-Profit Corporations Act (1995) and Coop bylaws, for organizations with annual revenues of less than \$25,000 an audit may be waived by unanimous member approval at the AGM.

Motion: Jim Weseen–Belinda Betker that an audit be waived. Carried unanimously.

7. **Programming report:** Programming Chair Sandy Easterbrook presented the Programming report. The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes, and is available at www.writerscoop.org.
8. **Board Elections:** Coop bylaws allow for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 board members. The following current board members were presented as having agreed to stand for re-election to the board: Joanne Blythe, Amy Jo Ehman, Adrienne Gruber, Karen Millard, Lorelie Sarauer, Janice Schmidt, James Weseen. The following Coop members were presented as having agreed to stand for election to the board: Kamal Parmar, Lloyd Ratzlaff, Edda Ryan.

The Secretary reviewed board policy as to responsibilities of board members: regular attendance, advance notice of absence, and a willingness to serve as a table officer or other official position, and/or as an active working member of one or more standing committees.

The Chair called for nominations from the floor. None was forthcoming.

Motion: James Romanow–Beth Matheson that nominations cease. Carried.

The total number of nominees (10) being less than the maximum allowable board size (15), the Chair declared all nominees elected, and gave notice of the next board meeting (organizational meeting), to be held April 3, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at Lydia's Restaurant, 650 Broadway Avenue.

9. **Farewell to departing board members:** Coop Vice-president Karen Millard thanked and gave flowers to Alma Wagner Roberts, Sandy Easterbrook, Belinda Betker, and (in absentia) Jeannette Lavigne, in appreciation of their long and dedicated service on the board. Alma, Sandy, and Belinda spoke briefly. Each departing board member will receive a free Coop membership for the coming year.

10. New business:

10.1 Motion to amend the Articles of Incorporation:

Motion: Jim Weseen– Alma Wagner Roberts that if investigation reveals no legal impediment, the Objects and Bylaws under which the Coop is incorporated be amended as follows:

1. The name of the organization is THE WRITERS COOP hereinafter referred to as the "Coop" shall be amended to read

1. The name of the organization is the SASKATOON WRITERS' COOP, hereinafter referred to as the "Coop."

Carried.

11. **Adjournment:** the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.