

Minutes of the Saskatoon Writers' Coop Fifth Annual General Meeting

The Refinery, 609 Dufferin Avenue, Saskatoon SK
Thursday, March 22, 2007, 7:00 PM.

Board members in attendance: Amy Jo Ehman (Chair), Jim Weseen (Secretary), Joanne Blythe, Karen Millard, Kamal Parmar, Lloyd Ratzlaff, Edda Ryan

Absent with apologies: Janice Schmidt (Treasurer), Lorelie Sarauer, Darla Tenold

Members Present: Including the board, 20 members were in attendance. Coop bylaws specify that twelve voting members constitute a quorum.

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Amy Jo Ehman. All members received printed copies of the annual reports and other documents presented during the meeting.

2. **Approval of agenda**

Motion: Karen Millard–Alma Wagner Roberts that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

3. **Notices of motion to amend articles or bylaws:** no notices of motion were tabled.

4. **Minutes of the March 16, 2006 AGM**

Motion: Adrienne Gruber–Belinda Betker that the minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

5. **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. Amy Jo also presented thank-you cards and gifts to departing board members Karen Millard, Janice Schmidt (in absentia) and Adrienne Gruber. Karen and Adrienne spoke briefly.

6. **Programming report:** Programming Chair Lloyd Ratzlaff presented the Programming report. The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes, and is available at www.writerscoop.org.

7. **Treasurer's report:** In Janice Schmidt's absence, Jim Weseen presented the Annual Financial Statement for 2006 on her behalf. Balance as of December 31, 2006 was \$4927.65. The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes, and is available at www.writerscoop.org.

Motion: Jim Weseen–Joanne Blythe that the 2006 Annual Financial Statement be approved as presented. Carried.

8. **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–Edda Ryan that an audit be waived. Carried unanimously.

9. **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, Kamal Parmar, Lloyd Ratzlaff, Edda Ryan, Lorelie Sarauer, James Weseen. The following Coop members were presented as having agreed to stand for election the board: Darla Tenold (having already served a partial term), Wes Funk, Don Reimer.

The Chair called for nominations from the floor. Edda Ryan nominated Jo Oliver. Karen Millard nominated Beate Epp.

Motion: Kamal Parmar–Doug Robert that nominations cease. Carried.

The total number of nominees (12) 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 Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at Jim Weseen's house, 222 Main Street.

10. **New business:** no new business was presented
11. **Adjournment:** the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.
12. **Launch of Coop website:** Coop web designer **Karen Millard** displayed and demonstrated a working copy of the Coop's new website, which had its official launch as part of tonight's proceedings.