

**Minutes of the Saskatoon Writers' Coop  
Seventh Annual General Meeting**

Jessie Miller Room, St. James Church, 607 Dufferin Avenue, Saskatoon SK  
Thursday, March 26, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

**Board members in attendance:** Jim Weseen (Chair), Gary Chappell, Peter Jonker, Jo Oliver, Edda Ryan, Jeff Smith, Darla Tenold

**Absent with apologies:** Amy Jo Ehman (Secretary), Joanne Blythe

**Members present:** Including board members, 15 members were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting, 26 by the end. Coop bylaws state that 12 voting members constitute a quorum.

**1. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Jim Weseen. All members present received copies of the annual reports and other documents presented during the meeting.

**2. Approval of agenda:** Motion – Edda Ryan/James Romanow that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

**3. Notices of motion to amend articles or bylaws:** None.

**4. Minutes of the March 27, 2008, AGM:** Motion – Jeff Smith/Jeanette Montgomery that the minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

**5a. President's report:** Jim Weseen presented the President's report, including a report on membership. He noted that missing from the written report was the production of 10 Coop Scoops and 8 Bulletins in the past year. The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Coop Website at [www.writerscoop.org](http://www.writerscoop.org). Jim expressed the Coop's appreciation to retiring or retired board members Edda Ryan, Amy Jo Ehman (in absentia), Don Reimer (in absentia).

**5b. Programming report:** Jim Weseen presented the Programming report. The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Coop Website at [www.writerscoop.org](http://www.writerscoop.org). In addition Jim expressed appreciation to Coop volunteer Beth Matheson for her continued dedication to our snail mail list. He also acknowledged institutions and their staff members who have helped the Coop in the past year: Saskatoon Public Library, North Battleford Public Library, The Refinery, and Tastebuds Café.

**5c. Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Darla Tenold presented the Annual Financial Statement for 2008. Balance as of December 31, 2008, was \$5,650.99, an increase of \$529.89 from last year. The complete report is attached to the official

copy of these minutes and is available on the Coop Website at [www.writerscoop.org](http://www.writerscoop.org).

Motion – Peter Jonker/Chander Behl that the 2008 Annual Financial Report be approved as presented. Carried.

**6. Motion to Waive Audit:** by the provisions of the Non-Profit Corporations Act (1995, rev. 2006) and Coop bylaws, for organizations with annual revenues of less than \$25,000 an audit may be waived by a 2/3 majority vote at the AGM.

Motion – Peter Jonker/Jo Oliver that the audit be waived. Carried unanimously.

**7. 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, Peter Jonker, Jo Oliver, Jeff Smith, Darla Tenold, Jim Weseen. The following Coop members completing partial terms were presented as having agreed to stand for election the board: Gary Chappell. The following Coop members were presented as having agreed to stand for election the board: Cindy Clarke, Megha Morganfield, Carrie Prefontaine. The Chair called for nominations from the floor. Edda Ryan nominated Janice Salkeld. Jeff Smith nominated Kristina Komendant. Both accepted nomination. No further nominations were forthcoming.

Motion –Jeff Smith/Darla Tenold 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 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Tastebuds Café, 1624 Lorne Avenue or other location to be determined.

**8. New business:** Upon request from the Chair, James Romanow, as the Saskatchewan Writers Guild's representative to the Access Copyright board, briefly outlined some current issues relating to copyright settlements, specifically one with Google. He will be conducting a workshop on this and related topics on Sunday April 19, 2009, starting at 1:00 p.m., place to be determined.

**9. Adjournment:** the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.