

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

Jessie Miller Room, St. James Church, 607 Dufferin Avenue, Saskatoon SK  
Wednesday, March 24, 2010 7:00 p.m.

**Board members in attendance:** Jim Weseen (Chair), Gary Chappell (Treasurer), Peter Jonker, Jo Oliver, Janice Salkeld (Secretary), Kristina Komendant

**Absent:** Jeff Smith, Carrie Prefontaine (apologies), Dave Schultz, Cindy Clarke

**Members present:** Including board members, 13 members were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting, 18 by the end. 7 guests were also in attendance. 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 – Jo Oliver/Jaime Prinilla that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

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

**4. Minutes of the March 26, 2009, AGM:** Motion – Gary Chappell/Peter Jonker that the minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

**5a. President's report:** Jim Weseen presented the President's report, including a report on membership. 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 Joanne Blythe (in absentia) Darla Tenold (in absentia) Cindy Clarke (in absentia), Megha Morganfield (in absentia) and Erica Jen (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 Darla Tenold for her continued volunteer work on the Coaching Program. He made particular note of the collaborative involvement of the Coop with other organizations such as the Saskatoon Public Library, WOTS organizing committee, the SWG, and the City of Saskatoon's Cultural Planning Forum.

**5c. Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Gary Chappell presented the Annual Financial Statement for 2009. Balance as of December 31, 2009, was \$6,223.47 an increase of \$572.48 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 – Jo Oliver/Kristina Komendant that the 2009 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/Rita Bouvier that the audit be waived. Carried, none opposed.

**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: Gary Chappell, Peter Jonker, Jo Oliver, Jeff Smith, Jim Weseen, Carrie Prefontaine, Janice Salkeld, and Kristina Komendant. The following Coop members completing partial terms were presented as having agreed to stand for election to the board: Dave Schultz. The Chair called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were forthcoming.

Motion –Garry Chappell/PeterJonker that nominations cease. Carried.

The total number of nominees (9) 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 7, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. at Mackenzie Cole Coffee Shop 815A Gray Avenue.

**8. New business:** None.

**9. Adjournment:** The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The meeting was followed by a presentation by David Parkinson and Bob Calder on the proposed U of S MFA program in creative writing.

Following that, the evening's keynote address, on stories and storytelling, was delivered by Jerry Haigh.

Food and punch was provided by the Coop.