

# **Annual Representative Assembly Committee 2023-2024 Annual Report**

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During the 2023-2024 year, the ARA committee performed the following tasks:

## **SELECTION OF THE DELEGATES FOR ARA**

The Local received 101 delegate applications for the 2024 ARA. The committee created a delegate list of 82 based on policy 1.A.23 and submitted it to Executive. Executive recommended the list be presented to CSR for approval. Entitlement numbers were provided by provincial the day of CSR and CSR approved 82 delegates with a wait list of 9 applicants. Thank you to everyone who applied this year! Let's keep the engagement going.

## **PREPARATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

In addition to regular meetings, the committee met jointly with Executive to prepare recommendations for ARA delegates concerning the proposed 2024 ATA Provincial budget. The ARA Chair and Local Executive met to discuss the 2024 ARA policy manual review as well as Local and PEC resolutions.

## **DELEGATE PREPARATION**

Two meetings were held to develop Calgary Public's position on the proposed provincial budget and the new policy manual coming forward. The budget pre-meeting was held on Saturday, 2024 February 24 at the Glenmore Inn. The pre-meeting on resolutions was held on Saturday, 2024 April 6 at the Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza.

## **ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

The Annual Representative Assembly was held in Calgary this year during the May long weekend at the Hyatt Regency Calgary.

The business of the Assembly saw a significant number of resolutions pertaining to diversity, equity, and human rights. Stories shared at the microphone were emotional and moving as the delegation voted to support the rights of students, and teachers in Alberta, and around the world.

Provincial Executive Council brought forward a resolution urging the Alberta government to restore funding to the national average. Delegates shared stories regarding the impact that underfunding has had on their classrooms, working conditions, and students.

As always, our Hospitality Committee made ARA a fun and comfortable experience with bingo, goodie bags, and door prizes, making the work that little bit easier to do. A luncheon for delegates was put on by the Hospitality Committee on the Sunday of the weekend. The meal was delicious and the atmosphere in the room was inspiring as we all ate together and shared in our common goal of improving the association, and our profession.

The delegate survey was sent out after ARA to get feedback in planning the 2025 ARA.

With my transition to a different role on the Local 38 Executive, this was my last year (for now) as Chair of the ARA Committee. I started the role the year ARA was held online and had a steep learning curve to ensure it went smoothly. It has been my honor to return year after year to carry out this important work with dedicated and thoughtful members of our delegation. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported my work over these years. I wouldn't enjoy this work as much as I do without you!

I would like to thank all members of the ARA Committee for their time and valuable contributions to the process. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Myra Hoffman for her fabulous assistance keeping this committee on track throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Carron, Chair  
Annual Representative Assembly Committee