

Annual Representative Assembly Committee 2022-2023 Annual Report

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During the 2022-2023 year, the committee performed the following tasks:

Selection of the Delegates for ARA

The Local received 92 delegate applications for the 2023 ARA. The committee created a delegate list of 81 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 81 delegates with a wait list of 11 applicants. This year, due to various circumstances, we had to make use of nine delegates on the wait list. 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 2023 ATA Provincial budget. The ARA Chair and Local Executive met to discuss the 2023 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. Both meetings were held in-person, one at the Glenmore Inn and one at the Royal Hotel Calgary.

Annual Representative Assembly

The Annual Representative Assembly was held in Edmonton this year. To help facilitate travel for members of the delegation, a bus was chartered, and 21 Calgary Public representatives rode up to Edmonton together. Four delegates from Calgary Separate joined us on the ride north. The Hospitality Committee provided snacks for the bus riders to help them remain nourished on the highway.

The business of the Assembly saw an amazingly high number of resolutions scheduled for debate based on the delegate pre-vote. Several more resolutions were pulled from the block, and some important Emergent Resolutions came forward from the floor at the Assembly. This led to a very full

weekend of discussion and debate. Calgary Public delegates spoke with eloquence and strength at the microphones on many of the important issues this weekend, and we also spearheaded an important change that will help delegates feel safe, secure, and supported at future ATA meetings and functions.

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 the ARA to get feedback in planning the 2024 ARA.

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
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