

**GTEC AGM - November 17,2007**

**NAIT - Edmonton**

**4:20 P.M.**

Present:

TraceySchaufele	Hal Curties
Graeme Finlay	Terry Gerling
Andrew Finlay	Linda Finlay
Dani Hunter	Michael Pyryt
Don Delaney	Sal Mendaglio
John Finlay	Carlotta Carr
Jacqueline Skytt	Gloria Oberg
Barbara Bishop	Ley-Anne Folks
Erin Bodner	

I. Welcome and Introductions

Graeme welcomed those attending and congratulated the SAGE Committee on a successful, interesting conference.

II. Approval of minutes

Andrew moved for the adoption of the minutes of the 2006 AGM. Carried.

III. Reports

1. President's report

Graeme expressed concern over the lack of growth in the council.

Several initiatives undertaken during the past year were mentioned

- set up tables at several conferences
- continued to develop the website
- working with T-Net

Moved by Graeme. Carried.

2. Communications

Don described his plans for the website. Tracey commented that the website was very useful and user friendly for the conference. Discussion ensued regarding connecting with the T-Net

Moved by Don. Carried

### 3. Special Projects

No new initiatives currently. Recommend we maintain a liaison with Special Education Conference. Edmonton New Teachers Conference was successful. There were approximately 35 attendees.

Calgary Beginning Teachers Conference also had approximately 35 attendees.

Moved by Terry. Carried

### 4. Treasurer

Auditors report has expressed approval of the financial statement. Andrew explained how ATA funding for membership would change because of the free council membership. Executive expenses include 2 conferences for past presidents; one for 2006 and one for 2007.

Moved by Andrew. Carried

### 5. Journal

Michael stated that the last issue came out over the summer. Next issue will be edited by Sal. Discussion ensued concerning possibility of publishing on line.

Michael explained that he submitted in APA format, and then is edited to reflect ATA format. Michael also stated that if the journal goes online, the time from submission of the manuscript until publication may be shortened. Currently, it takes 3 months.

Sal has stated that the articles for the next issue are being reviewed.

### 6. Newsletter

No report. Andrew has temporarily taken on the newsletter. He asked people to submit articles.

### 7. SAGE

Final report unavailable at present, but Tracey mentioned the concern for low registration a week ago, but it ended up with only about 20 fewer delegates than the last time.

## IV. New business

Graeme asked for feedback regarding direction of the council.

Some suggestions were:

Connection with others teaching gifted via website.

Mentorship for new teachers

In-services for student teachers – work through student locals of the ATA at each university.

Develop GTEC university chapters

Links to practical information for teachers

Send a mail-out to schools

Part of Westmount Charter School's charter is to be a resource for school districts.

Westmount staff will inservice staff at no cost.

## VII. Election of Officers

### 1. Appointments:

President elect –Hal Curties becomes President.

Past President –Graeme Finlay, becomes Conference Director

Communications Director, Don Delaney – remains

Special Projects Coordinator, Terry Gerling – remains

### 2. Nominations

President elect – remains vacant

Secretary- Dani Hunter - acclaimed

Treasurer -Andrew Finlay – acclaimed

Newsletter Editor – Barbara Bishop – acclaimed.

Tracey presented a farewell gift on behalf of the council to Linda who stepped down from the council executive after 10 years of service.

Don asked members to send suggestions for him to the webpage to [delaneyd@escd.net](mailto:delaneyd@escd.net)

Adjourned at 5:03 P.M.