

**Sixty Second Annual General Meeting  
Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association Minutes\*\*  
Westin Hotel, Edmonton  
November 16-17, 2019**

**Saturday, November 16  
Business Meeting I  
1:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

*Call to order*

President Serena Shaw called the 2019 Annual General Meeting to order at 1:27 p.m.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

*Appointment of  
Parliamentarian*

MOVED by Lory Iovinelli (Calgary) that Becky Kallal be appointed as Parliamentarian for the Annual General Meeting.

SECONDED by Michelle Boisvert (Grande Prairie).

CARRIED

*Approval of  
Rules of Procedure*

MOVED by John de Jong (Christ the Redeemer) that the Rules of Procedure found on pages 34 & 35 of the Convention package be accepted.

SECONDED by Natalie Beland (Conseil scolaire Centre-Est).

CARRIED

*Approval of the Order Paper*

MOVED by Michelle Szott (Elk Island) that the Order Paper found on pages 36 & 37 of the Convention package be accepted.

SECONDED by Madeleine Fortin-Bergeron (Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest).

CARRIED

*Approval of Minutes*

MOVED by Genevieve Poulin (Conseil scolaire FrancoSud) that the minutes of the November 17-18, 2018 Annual General Meeting found on pages 38-43 of the Convention package be approved as circulated.

SECONDED by Rene Tremblay (Greater St. Albert).

CARRIED

*Report on Previous AGM Resolutions  
Requiring Action.*

President Serena Shaw presented the report on previous AGM Resolutions Requiring Action as information pursuant to the agenda. The report is on pages 44-45 of the Convention package.

*President's Report*

*Solicitor Client Privilege Motion*

MOVED by Alene Mutala (Edmonton) that this portion of the Annual General Meeting be convened under the protection of solicitor/client privilege at the direction of legal counsel, for the primary purpose of asking for and receiving advice in anticipation of litigation and asking for and receiving advice during the progress of an action.  
SECONDED by Erin Currie (Yellowknife).

CARRIED

**Items discussed are protected by Solicitor/Client Privilege.**

*In-camera Motion*

MOVED by Richard Yaceyko (Evergreen) that the meeting move in-camera, and furthermore that in addition to all member school board trustees, the following will remain in the room during the discussion: member board staff, ACSTA staff, Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques (AFOCSC), Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association, Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association and the parliamentarian.  
SECONDED by Robert Yaro (Fort McMurray).

CARRIED

*Out of In-Camera Motion*

MOVED by Michelle Boisvert (Grande Prairie) that the meeting move out of *in-camera*.  
SECONDED by John Kuran (Holy Family).

CARRIED

President Serena Shaw stated that the President's Report on pages 46 & 47 of the convention package is provided as information pursuant to the agenda.

*Executive Director's Report*

Executive Director Dean Sarnecki presented his report. The report on pages 48-50 of the convention package was provided as information pursuant to the agenda.

*CCSTA Report*

President Serena Shaw presented the CCSTA report as information pursuant to the agenda. The report is on pages 51-53 of the convention package.

*ACSTA/ASBA (Zone 7) Report*

Michael Ouellette (Grande Prairie), presented the ACSTA/ASBA (Zone 7) Report as information pursuant to the agenda. The report is on page 53 of the convention package.

*Nominations Committee Report I*

Nominations Committee Chair, Sandra Bannard (St. Thomas Aquinas) presented the slate for President and Vice-President.

*Presidential candidates*

1<sup>st</sup> NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT:

**Serena Shaw**

NOMINATOR: Richard Yaceyko (Evergreen)

SECONDER: Steve Daigle (Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord)

Serena Shaw (Greater St. Albert) accepted the nomination.

2<sup>nd</sup> NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT:

**Michelle Szott**

NOMINATOR: Ted Paszek (Elk Island)

SECONDER: Dana Kentner (Living Waters)

Michelle Szott (Elk Island) accepted the nomination.

FIRST and SECOND calls were made for nominations for President with no response from the floor.

*Vice-Presidential candidates*

1<sup>st</sup> NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

**Cheryl Low**

NOMINATOR: Kim Pasula (Red Deer)

SECONDER: Dick Mastel (Medicine Hat)

Cheryl Low (Calgary) accepted the nomination.

FIRST and SECOND calls were made for nominations for Vice-President with no response from the floor.

*Re: Third call for nominations*

Sandra Bannard (St. Thomas Aquinas) announced that the third call for nominations for the positions of President and Vice-President would follow on Sunday morning, November 17, 2019.

*Acceptance of Auditor's Report*

MOVED by Cheryl Low (Calgary Catholic) that the 2018 Auditor's Report beginning on page 54 of the Convention package be accepted.

SECONDED by Pat Bremner (Holy Spirit).

CARRIED

*Scrutineer Committee*

MOVED by Dick Mastel (Medicine Hat) that the Scrutineer Committee be comprised of the following: Dave Dempsey, Michael Kilcommons, Glenn Nowosad, and Rod Steeves.

SECONDED by Vince MacDonald (Lakeland).

CARRIED

<i>Resolution #1 (Regular)</i>	<p>MOVED by Cheryl Low (Calgary Catholic) that the proposed 2020 ACSTA operating budget in the amount of \$885,583 be approved; further, that the related membership assessment be \$9.52 for each of the first 1,000 students, \$4.76 for each student thereafter, and \$2.56 for each home education student.          SECONDED by Dana Kentner (Living Waters).</p>	
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Motion to Amend</i>	<p>MOVED by Jean Boisvert (Elk Island) to amend the budget to eliminate any increase in honorariums and per diems from last year.          SECONDED by Debbie Engel (Edmonton Catholic).</p>	
<i>Vote by Show of Hands</i>		AMENDMENT CARRIED
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to Amend</i>	<p>MOVED by Caren Mueller (Evergreen) to amend the budget to withdraw \$15,000 from Officers and Directors per diems.          SECONDED by Jean Boisvert (Elk Island).</p>	
<i>Motion to Call the Question on 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment</i>	<p>MOVED by Bryan Kranzler (Holy Spirit) to call the question.          SECONDED by Peter Grad (Medicine Hat).</p>	CARRIED
<i>Vote by Show of Hands</i>		AMENDMENT DEFEATED
<i>Motion to Call the Question</i>	<p>MOVED by Jean Boisvert (Elk Island) to call the question on the main motion as amended.          SECONDED by Caren Mueller (Evergreen).</p>	CARRIED
<i>Vote on Main Motion as Amended</i>	A weighted ballot vote was taken.	CARRIED

<i>Resolution #2 (Special)</i>	<p>MOVED by Cheryl Low (Calgary Catholic) that the existing Bylaws of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association be repealed in their entirety and replaced by the attached set of Bylaws.          SECONDED by Steve Daigle (Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord).</p>
<i>Amendment to Definitions</i>	<p>Paul Bourassa (Conseil scolaire Francosud) proposed an amendment adding clause 2.1.11.1 "Executive Director" shall mean the paid administrator and employee of the Association" to the definitions.</p> <p>The amendment was accepted by unanimous consent (friendly amendment).</p>
<i>1st Motion to Amend</i>	<p>MOVED by Laura Thibert (Edmonton Catholic) to add the following clauses to Bylaw 6.4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6.4.4 The Executive Director shall execute the strategic plan of the Association as determined by the Board of Directors; and</li> <li>- 6.4.5 The Executive Director shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.</li> </ul> <p>SECONDED by Paul Bourassa (Conseil scolaire Francosud).</p>
<i>Vote on Amendment by Show of Hands</i>	AMENDMENT CARRIED
<i>2nd Motion to Amend</i>	<p>MOVED by Ted Paszek (Elk Island) that the Bylaws be amended to allow for annual elections of President and Vice-President with no term limits.          SECONDED by Peter Grad (Medicine Hat).</p>
<i>Vote on Amendment by Show of Hands</i>	AMENDMENT DEFEATED
<i>Motion to Call the Question</i>	<p>MOVED by Henry Effen (St. Thomas Aquinas) to call the question.          SECONDED by Murray Hollman (Red Deer).</p>
	CARRIED
<i>Vote on the Main Motion as Amended</i>	<p>Individual Ballot non-weighted vote was taken.</p>
	CARRIED
<i>Resolution 3 (Regular)</i>	<p>MOVED by Mary Martin (Calgary Catholic) that the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association direct the Executive of the Association to strengthen advocacy to protect, preserve and promote publicly funded Catholic Education in Alberta, Northwest Territories and Yukon to ensure it remains governed by elected Catholic trustees and continues to be a fully funded choice for all parents.          SECONDED by Pat Bremner (Holy Spirit).</p>

*1<sup>st</sup> Amendment*

Sandra Bannard (St. Thomas Aquinas) proposed an amendment to include the word “celebrate” in the motion.

The amendment was accepted by unanimous consent (friendly amendment).

*2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment*

Paul Bourassa (Conseil scolaire Francosud) proposed an amendment to add the word “Committee” to the motion.

The amendment was accepted by unanimous consent (friendly amendment).

*Vote on Main Motion as Amended by Show of Hands*

CARRIED

Business Meeting I was declared adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 17

**Sunday, November 17  
Business Meeting II  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

*Call to Order*

President Serena Shaw called Business Meeting II to order at 9:10 a.m.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

*Nominations Committee Report II: President*

Nominations Committee Chair, Sandra Bannard (St. Thomas Aquinas) announced third call for further nominations for the position of ACSTA President.

There were no further nominations from the floor.

MOVED by Kim Pasula (Red Deer) that nominations for President cease.

SECONDED by Dick Mastel (Medicine Hat).

CARRIED

Ballot votes were taken subsequent to candidates' presentations.

**Serena Shaw was elected President, 2019-2020 ACSTA Board of Directors.**

*Nominations Committee Report II: Vice-President*

Nominations Committee Chair, Sandra Bannard (St. Thomas Aquinas) announced third call for further nominations for the position of ACSTA Vice-President.

2nd NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

**Michelle Szott**

NOMINATOR: Ted Paszek (Elk Island)

SECONDER: Erin Currie (Yellowknife)

Michelle Szott (Elk Island) accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations from the floor.

MOVED by Erin Currie (Yellowknife) that nominations for Vice-President cease.

SECONDED by Jim Sanson (East Central Alberta).

CARRIED

Ballot votes were taken subsequent to candidates' presentations.

**Cheryl Low was elected Vice-President, 2019-2020**

ACSTA Board of Directors.

*Destroy Ballots*

MOVED by Dwight Wiebe (St. Paul) that the ballots be destroyed.

SECONDED by John DeJong (Christ the Redeemer).

CARRIED

*Adjournment  
Business Meeting II*

MOVED by Natalie Beland (Conseil scolaire Centre Est) that the 2018 AGM be adjourned.

SECONDED by Steve Daigle (Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord).

CARRIED

*Closing Prayer*

Madeleine Fortin-Bergeron (Conseil scolaire du Nord Ouest) closed the meeting with a prayer.