A4LE Alberta Chapter Annual General Meeting
March 8, 2018
Jasper Park Lodge
Jasper, Alberta

ATTENDANCE:
Jonathan Steel          Lesley Woodland
Daniel Heaton           Joanne Wright
Ryan Bultena            Steve Bushnell
Laurel Udell            Alyssa Lefaivre
Miguel Quponds          Jennifer Lavier Jankovic
Claudia Yehia-Alaeddin

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 4:35pm

2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to Accept Alyssa Lefaivre; seconded Steve Bushnell

3. Approval of Minutes from May 18th, 2017 Annual General Meeting
Motion to Accept Laurel Udell; seconded Ryan Bultena

4. Business Arising from the Minutes
No business arising from the previous minutes.

5. Executive Reports

5.1 Treasurer’s Report
See Attachment 1 - Banking Summary- 2017

5.2 President’s Report
• Jonathan has relocated to Portland and will not be involved with the Alberta Chapter of A4LE Board for the time being.

5.3 Governor’s Regional Report
See Attachment – Governor’s Report

5.4 International Report
• LearningSCAPES 2018 – Chicago, IL; Nov. 1-4, 2018
• LearningSCAPES 2019 – Anaheim, CA; Oct. 22-29, 2019
• International has begun a series of Town Hall meetings inviting Chapter and Regional Leaders to the conference calls. Provides a forum for Regional and Chapter Leadership to get an update on
what the International Board is working on and provides Regional and Chapter Leadership with a forum to discuss what is taking place in local chapters as well as the various regions.

- New website was rolled out in January

6. **New Business**

6.1 **Appointment of Members at Large for Financial Auditing**
Steve Bushnell and Alyssa Lefaivre

6.2 **Topics/Ideas for Continued Discussion at Next Meeting:**

6.2.1 Conference Feedback and Ideas for Next Year
- Positive feedback was received on the format of running single sessions only
- Positive feedback was received on providing half hour coffee breaks (time to network or work)
- Discuss banquet dinner vs. other options – this must be decided before the contract is signed
- Location – Lake Louise or Banff next year?

6.2.2 Ideas for Increasing Member Engagement
- Target younger members
- Organize events that are less formal
- Partner with like-minded groups for events and/or event promotion – libraries, ATA, AAA
- Secure dates early for events and send to members
- Increase regular communications – newsletter

6.2.3 Indigenous Outreach
- Joanne Wright would like to lead this

7. **Election of Officers**

9.1 Governor – Claudia Yehia-Alaeddin
9.2 President – Jennifer Lavier Jankovic
9.3 President Elect – Daniel Heaton
9.4 Treasurer – Laurel Udell
9.5 Secretary – Lesley Woodland
9.7 Members at Large – Steve Bushnell, Alyssa Lefaivre, Miguel Quponds, Joanne Wright, Jen Coffin

8. **Next Meeting**

Thursday April 10, 2018 - 10:00am
9. **Adjournment**  
Meeting adjourned at 5:10
Alberta Chapter – Governor’s Report 2017

The Alberta Chapter had a very successful and productive year through 2017 that included steady membership and new Conference Committee members. The Pacific Northwest Regional Conference was held in Banff, Alberta and was an extremely well-attended event.

Highlights of the year included:

1. Whisky sales are up!
3. Planning for the 2018 Spring Conference at the Jasper Park Lodge (March 7 - 9, 2018) is well underway. We are seeing registrant numbers of 50 attendees already which is typically seen at this date prior to the conference. Our early bird registration has been extended until the end of this month and we anticipate a flurry of registrations as this date approaches. One item of note is that both Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure have enacted a moratorium on any conference attendance. This is of great concern to the Chapter Executive and the Conference Planning Committee as this may have significant impact on Conference attendance as many school board members attend our Chapter Conference as it provides them with an opportunity to meet directly with contacts within Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure. Typically there are as many as 10 attendees from combined from both departments.
4. Current paid membership of both public and private membership numbers has fluctuated through-out the year with a total as of December 2017 of 143 representing the Alberta Chapter.
5. Our current bank balance stands at $10,600. While the PNR Conference was a overall success and very well attended, it was not as profitable as it should have been due to an error that went out on the Call for Speakers which resulted in 14 speakers being provided with complimentary registration. The Planning Committee decided to honor the commitment made which resulted in approximately $9,500 in lost revenue. The Chapter Executive has made the decision to commit a portion of the Chapter’s Spring Conference to honor the commitment made to PNR.
6. Our Alberta Chapter meetings continue to have healthy representation with support from Provincial members, local School Boards, Consultants and Industry. We regularly have 12-15 Committee members attend either physically or through teleconference for the monthly meetings.

Submitted by,

Ryan Bultena, PNR Past-President & Canadian Director