

## A4LE Saskatchewan Chapter – Chapter Executive Meeting

**Location** TEAMS Call  
**Date** September 18, 2023  
**Time** 12:00pm  
**Minutes** Kirstin Mahan Thompson

### In Attendance:

Heather Morgan (President)	Rachel Maldonado (PNW Director)	Kirstin Mahan Thompson (Secretary)	Kelly Nadler (Treasurer)
Greg Hasiuk (Manitoba Rep.)	Paul Blaser (Ad Hoc Director)	Landon Lucyk (Ad Hoc Director) <i>Newsletter Chair</i>	Amber Moar (Ad Hoc Director)
Leif Friggstad (President Elect) <i>Scholarship Chair</i>	Derek Kindrachuk (Director)	Donna Robinson (A4LE COO)	Ritesh Mistry (Ad Hoc Director)

### Regrets:

Daniel Reeves (Past President/Governor)	Tyler Ottenbreit (Director)		
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### Minutes of Meeting:

1. **Call to Order at 12:00pm.**
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Leif, Seconded by Derek.
3. **Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Moved by Kirstin, Seconded by Heather.
4. **New Pacific Northwest Regional Director:** Heather introduced Rachel Maldonado, who will be taking over our Region as Donna moves into a new role at International as Chief Operations Officer.
5. **Update on Scholarship**
  - a. Awarded to Josie Lockert from Vibank, SK. (Prairie Valley School Division).
  - b. Received 20 complete applications. Leif confirmed that the process of receiving scholarship applications through Donna went well and seemed very streamlined.
  - c. We would like to announce it in the next newsletter. Kelly will contact Josie to confirm permission to publish her work.
6. **Newsletter Update**
  - a. Heather will follow up separately with Landon to plan for the next newsletter. We should have it out before LearningScapes.
  - b. Items to cover in newsletter include:
    - i. New ISC members.
    - ii. "Why be a member of A4LE?"
    - iii. Updated information from Global Board

- iv. Introduction of new board members including Ritesh and Amber (as we haven't formally introduced them to the membership). Ritesh and Amber to send a short paragraph to introduce themselves that can be published.
- v. Fall Events and 2024 Conference Save teasers and "save the dates".
- vi. Any additional content to be sent to Landon and Heather.

#### **7. 20U40 Update**

- a. Landon to add photos and short paragraph on 20U40 experience this summer in Calgary. He commented that the event included informative tours, had a good venue, and provided for positive networking. One of their activities included working as a group on a design charette.
- b. We are hoping to improve communication for next year regarding funding available to attendees.

#### **8. International/Regional Events**

- a. Heather, Dan, Paul, Derek, and Greg are going to LearningScapes (October 12<sup>th</sup>-15). Donna confirmed there is a Regional Networking Event on Saturday from 6-7pm. There is also space available if each Region wants to get together separately.
- b. Pacific Northwest Conference: April 9-12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu – Standard Room rates \$309USD. Additional days are available on either side of the conference.
- c. Sask Chapter looking to submit name for someone to help review content for the 2024 LearningScapes conference sessions. Overall Commitment – submissions are broken up into smaller groups. Will review approximately 20-25 submissions, then determine the top ones for selection. 10-12 hours/with a couple of phone calls with the smaller group to review/rank. Please reach out to Heather by the end of day. Donna confirmed it would not be a problem if a reviewer has also submitted.

#### **9. Membership Update**

- a. Sask chapter currently has over 100 members.
- b. Ritesh has confirmed his membership has been transferred over from Victoria's at their firm.
- c. Faye Strong has spearheaded ongoing relationship with ISC (Indigenous Services Canada) to bring them into A4LE as an additional voice. Dan Reeves working towards two fall sessions in collaboration with Faye Strong. Faye is working with Nick Salmon to look at presenting some of these sessions/workshops.

#### **10. Conference 2024**

- a. The Board is no longer considering pushing this to March 2024. Paul mentioned that March tends to be very busy with other events/tenders. The end of January tends to be what people expect, and the board agreed that weather could be bad for either date, in general (wet snowstorms tend to be worse in March).
- b. Heather requested Rachel help us continue vetting venues/sites in. Greg will discuss with Owner Groups from Weyburn for venues and main tour options. Will start looking at January 24-26, 2023 (Wednesday to Friday).
- c. Standing Planning Committee: Greg, Heather, Leif, Kirstin, Ritesh, Rachel, Landon, Kelly, and Dan. Paul Blazer also mentioned he could help as needed.

- d. Heather reminded that AGM would now be separate from this, as it will need to align with International at end of Calendar year.
  - e. Kelly can start reaching out to vendors to get January dates on their radar.
11. **Next Meeting:** Heather would like to plan for an Executive Meeting after LearningScapes. She will send out an invite.