

CYCWAM AGM Minutes March 23rd 2022

Location: Bonnie Day Restaurant, Winnipeg MB

Time: 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Attendees: Kristyna Fagerstrom Castro (President)
Chelsea Champagnes (Vice-President),
Kerry Coulter (Treasurer)
Leslie Kovacs (Member at Large) Jessie Home
Dineen Rainka (nominee) MATC
Lisette (nominee)
Heaven Geller (nominee)
Jenna Sto Domingo (nominee) The Link Youth and Family Supports
Susan Claire Johnson (CYCWAM volunteer)
Kathryn Wolshinski (RRC)
Diane Parris (RRC)
Kim Buxton (RRC Ndinawe)
Janel Dupley (Jessie Home)
Mardy Yager (Marymound)
Kenneth Agwegwe (Youth Stabilization, Marymound)
Swati Bhatt (RaY)

Regrets: Alicia Ordonez (New Directions)
Victoria Gonzalez (Secretary CYCWAM)
Blair Semerak (Neecheewam)

Agenda:

1. Review of 2021 AGM Minutes – approved
2. President's Report: Krisytyna Fagerstrom Castro

CYCWAM held its Annual General Meeting on March 17, 2022, and it was an opportunity to reflect on the past year and our accomplishments despite the challenges faced by all during this unique time.

Our amazing CYCWAM team is filled with energy and determination to accomplish the goals of the association. I would like to thank all board members and volunteers for their commitment to attending meetings amid their busy schedules. This group of dedicated volunteers is not only committed to meetings and tasks, but in addition committed and supportive to each other in times of need. At times board members were overwhelmed with the added pressures of work and personal items, yet we all stepped up to ensure that deadlines were met, and tasks completed. I would like to personally thank Chelsea Champagne for stepping into a leadership role as Vice-president when I temporarily took a backseat in the fall of 2021 to

become the CEO of a new addition to our family, who is now 8 months old.

The group efforts of the board allowed us to carry out many tasks and achieve several of our 2021 goals:

- o Launched a new user-friendly website which is easier to navigate and find information.
- o Instagram @cycwam was created, implemented, and has received positive feedback on posts. Relevant information

related to trainings/opportunities, resources, and information from other organizations is routinely posted

o We appreciate the ongoing work of Carol Watson who does a wonderful job of maintaining the CYCWAM Facebook page.

o This past February we sponsored 10 individual/corporate members to attend Frank Delano's training

o We are grateful for the stories people share in our CYCWAM quarterly newsletters it is a great way to share the

wonderful work of CYCPs in the community.

o CYCWAM provided scholarships to: CYC Diploma Program, RRC and to VOICES

o We sent a letter to Premier Stefanson advocating for better wages and quality training for CYC professionals

I am happy to share the CYC Diploma program at Red River College is now offering course-based registration. I believe

this important, and significant, as the last time CYCWAM met with the Minister of Families we advocated for higher

standards of care. We shared with the minister the need for CYCPs heavily outweighs the number of educated and

qualified CYCPs available. With course-based registration CYCWAM hopes that more CYCPs in the field will have easier

access to post-secondary education.

In addition to CYCWAM achievements, I would like to recognize the individual accomplishments of Board members:

Victoria - Graduated CYC Diploma 2021, Leslie – appointed program manager at Jessie Home, Chelsea – Elder bestowed

the honour of Drum Carrier, Tanisha (retired board member) was accepted into Psych Nursing.

I would like to end with a big THANK YOU to all members and corporate members for their continued support of

CYCWAM. Without your membership, we would not be able to operate and achieve the goals we have set which is to

continue to promote education and quality training among CYC professionals.

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3. Financial Report

Account Balance December 2021

Account # Community Builder 100001647930

\$16,268.53

Current Balance Community Builder 100001647930

\$16,268.53

Current Account # Community High Rate 110015916700

\$18,321.05

Current Account # Investment 11001231711

\$4691.45

No Liabilities

Total Accounts Present (March 23, 2022)

\$39,588.55

Breakdown of money spent this reporting period

Cheque order \$94.20

Council Of Canadian CYC Association \$400.00

In & out technologies \$1257.98

Minister of Finance \$40.00

RRC student award \$300.00

CYC-net \$250.00

Voices Scholarship \$1000.00

Admin support \$100.00

RRC Graduation \$200.00

Post office box \$208.95

Total Spent

\$3851.13

4. 2022 Nominees: Heaven Geller, Lisette Pino Vera, Dineen Rainka, Jenna Sto Domingo, Victoria Gonzalez (Secretary)
Returning Board Members: Kristyna Fagerstrom Castro, Leslie Kovacs
All nominees were accepted and confirmed as Board members.

5. Appreciation and thank you for agency and community support for CYCWAM – Susan Claire Johnson 2023
The child and youth care association of Manitoba is very appreciative of all the support it receives from corporate members and the community. In 2019 many agencies continued their corporate sponsorship of CYCWAM and provided strong attendance at the 2019 conference through the purchase of corporate tables for the conference. Red River college was a sponsor of the 2019 Provincial conferences and provided many services in kind, such as graphic art for the poster printing of the poster creation of the conference brochure and printing of the conference brochure.
CYCWAM used a local keynote speaker, and this kept the costs of running the conference down significantly.

Participants evaluated the conference very positively and appreciated the multitude of workshop opportunities.

CYCWAM is looking forward to the 2023 Provincial Conference and hopes to receive continued support from agencies and the community for this upcoming event

Meeting adjourned – 2:30

Minutes by Susan Claire Johnson, Kristyna Fagerstrom Castro and Kerry Coulter