



MINUTES

THE GREAT SOUTHWEST - AMCTO ZONE 1 SPRING ZONE MEETING

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Virtual Meeting

This meeting was conducted electronically through Zoom

Call to Order

Chair Mandi Pearson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There are 51 members present in the electronic meeting.

Minutes – October 21, 2020

Motion: 01/21

Moved By Kate Hebert
Seconded By Jennifer Turk

That the minutes from the October 21, 2020 Zone 1 meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

Financial Statement

Motion 02/21

Moved By Michelle Casavecchia - Sommers
Seconded By Amanda Gibbs

That the AMCTO – Zone 1 Treasurer's Report dated October 30, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

Welcome & Zone Business

The members concurred that the location of the Fall Zone 1 Meeting be held virtually.

AMCTO Presentation

Sandra McDonald, Vice President of the AMCTO Board is joined by David Arbuckle, AMCTO Executive Director, to update the membership on the organizations priorities and program status. Ms. McDonald explained the challenges with operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She advised on the organizations operations with respect to

workshops and education programs which have moved to a virtual platform, and has seen a big uptake with the membership. Virtual programs will continue for 2021. The organization is reviewing the how to approach 2022 programs, a hybrid approach with some virtual and in person learning opportunities. She comments on the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Conference and advised that the 2021 Annual Conference will be held virtually.

The 2021 budget was balanced given the cancellation of the Annual Conference. The 2018-2022 Strategic Plan will meet or exceed organizational goals this year.

Mr. Arbuckle introduced the newest staff members to the members, the Manager Education Services and Manager Professional Development, and Policy Advisor. He comments on the completion of the State of the Membership survey and will be presented at the Fall meeting. The organization will be working with Zone Executives to address membership numbers and promoting membership.

Q & A Discussion

Questions raised during the session include the following:

1. Communications from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing circulated through Heads of Council. Mr. Ryall indicated that this issue is being addressed.
2. Businesses opening against the Provincial lockdown orders and enforcement.
3. Accessibility of documents posted on municipal websites.

The Chair called a recess at 10:25 am and reconvenes the meeting at 12:25 pm.

Employee Wellness Solutions Network “Creating Joy Amidst the Chaos.”

Meaghan Jansen presented the PowerPoint presentation entitled “Creating Joy Amidst the Chaos”, to the membership. Presentation slides will be posted to the Zone 1 webpage after the meeting.

The chair encourages the membership to submit suggestions on what items/ topic.

The Vice-Chair recesses the meeting at 1:35 pm and reconvenes the meeting at 1:45pm.

David Berman Communications - AODA Accessibility Standards for Information and Communications.

Mr. David Berman presents a PowerPoint presentation on the accessibility standards for public websites.

The Vice Chair confirms that the fall virtual meeting will be held at Wednesday, October 20, 2021. The meeting adjourns at 3:47pm