

**Edmonton United Services Institute**

11035 – 163 Ave. NW, Edmonton, Alberta  
Edmonton, AB, T5X 2A2

Edmonton Inn and Convention Centre, Kingsway  
30 Sep 2023 1200 hrs

**MINUTES OF AGM**

**ATTENDING:**

Alex Tsang, Maj - President  
Mary Cherniawski – Treasurer  
George Kuhse, Capt – Director of Honours & Awards  
HCol Ken Pilip – Director-at-Large  
John Tyrrell, LCdr – Director-at-Large  
MWO Andrew Gordey – Acting as Secretary  
Roman Bereczenski – Youth Development Director

**ABSENT:**

Mary Hunt – Secretary,  
Margaret Day – Messing Director  
Craig Paterson – Legal Officer and Vice-president  
Norman Leach – Media and PIO  
Joe Zasada – Web Administrator  
Rob Baron – Youth Development Director  
Rob Whitley – Director-at-Large,

11 General Members in Attendance

Meeting called to order at 1200 hrs.

**1. OPENING PROCEDURE**

Alex Tsang greeted the attendees, O’ Canada was sung, and a general recognition and thanks was made to all cultures and backgrounds that have contributed to Canada and her history.

There was a short break for lunch followed by introductions by all members in attendance.

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion: Ken Pilip, Second: Leo Boyd  
CARRIED

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Alex Tsang explained the reasoning behind the lack of AGMs. He pointed out several changes as stated in the President's Report (see attached "2022/23 President's Report"). The original copy of the EUSI By-laws has become irretrievable however Margaret Day has volunteered to compile what information is available and to begin rewriting them for member review and approval.

The Membership List was distributed throughout the room for corrections. Andrew Gordey has volunteered to work with Alex to get the list up-to-date. Alex stated that any member present can also see Mary Cherniawski to renew their membership dues at the end of the meeting.

### **4. APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT & 2020 AGM MINUTES**

MOTION to accept the most recent AGM Minutes (2020) and the President's Report as presented: David Jackson, Second: John Dziadyk  
CARRIED

### **5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

Alex Tsang reviewed the sub-categories as listed in the Agenda.

- a. President – Alex volunteered to stay in the President position and to continue being the lead on Fundraising and being the Symposium Co-chair. No other nominations were presented.

MOTION to re-elect Alex Tsang as the EUSI President: Mark Minemko, Second: Ken Pilip  
CARRIED

- b. Vice President

MOTION to accept Andrew Gordey as the EUSI Vice-President and Membership Co-chair: Alex Tsang, Second: Dane Findlay  
CARRIED

- c. Treasurer

MOTION to re-elect Mary Cherniawski as the Treasurer: Alex Tsang, Second: Dane Findlay  
CARRIED

d. Secretary

MOTION to re-elect Mary Hunt as the Secretary: Alex Tsang, Second: Mary Cherniawski  
CARRIED

e. Membership and Recruiting Director

MOTION to re-elect Margaret Day as the Membership and Recruiting Director: Alex Tsang, Second: Dane Findlay  
CARRIED

f. Military Liaison Director

MOTION to accept Dane Findlay as the Military Liaison Director: Alex Tsang, Second: Mary Chernowski  
CARRIED

g. Web Administrator

MOTION to re-elect Joe Zasada as the Web Administrator: Alex Tsang, Second: Mary Chernowski  
CARRIED

h. Public Information & Media Relations Officer

MOTION to re-elect Norman Leach as the Public Information & Media Relations Officer: Alex Tsang, Second: Mary Chernowski  
CARRIED

i. Honours & Awards Director

MOTION to re-elect George Kuhse as the Honours & Awards Director: Alex Tsang, Second: Andrew Gordey  
CARRIED

j. Symposium Chairperson

MOTION to accept David Jackson as the Symposium Chairperson and John Dziadyk as the Vice-chairperson: Alex Tsang, Second: Andrew Gordey  
CARRIED

k. Messing & Recruiting Director

MOTION to re-elect Margaret Day as the Messing and Recruiting Director: Alex Tsang, Second: Mary Cherniawski  
CARRIED

l. Governmental Relations Officer

MOTION to accept Ken Pilip as the Governmental Relations Officer: Alex Tsang, Second: Mary Cherniawski  
CARRIED

m. Padre

The appointed position of Padre was re-accepted by John Tyrrell to continue in this capacity.

n. Directors-at-Large

MOTION to accept Ken Pilip, Ben Grossmith, and Leo Boyd as Directors-at-Large with Ben Grossmith as Recruiting Co-chair as well: Alex Tsang, Second: Andrew Gordey  
CARRIED

o. Cancelled Positions

The Military Liaison for ANZAC, Legal Officer, and Youth Development Director positions were removed from the Board Composition.

## **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

George Kuhse – He discussed the success of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Medal submissions and recipients. He also introduced the King Charles Coronation Medal that the Government of Canada announced. There will be approximately 3000 available to Albertans and although a timeline has yet to be provided for nominations, he suggested that if any members have nominations in mind, to begin conversations with him on how to begin drafting letters. Lastly, he reminded members about the Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers. He discussed the nomination criteria and process and advised members to nominate people they feel are deserving of this recognition.

## **7. TREASURER’S REPORT**

### **A. Financial Statement**

Mary Cherniawski - Explained presented the financial statement. She discussed how the

Statements displayed what the Society has spent over the past fiscal year.

See attached Financial Statement with Balance dated 31 Aug 2023.

Alex Tsang spoke about the EUSI sources of revenue and how all members should be on the search for sponsors and donations. He asked for George Kuhse and Andrew Gordey to volunteer to be added as signatories on the banking account(s).

MOTION to accept Financial Statement as presented in attached document: Alex Tsang,  
Second: Dane Findlay  
CARRIED

## **8. OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Nil

### **B. SYMPOSIUM**

Alex Tsang discussed the history and reasoning behind previous Symposium topics. This began an open discussion regarding the topic of Drones and Drone Air Defense. Mention of drones being used in the Ukrainian/Russian conflict and how militaries were using them for information gathering along with other methods to gain battlespace information. David Jackson was asked by the President to determine a topic for the next symposium within the next 30-calendar days so that preparation for guest speakers can begin. Military attaches were mentioned as a possible source of information and contact as well. The Edmonton Inn & Convention Centre will likely be the hosting venue for the next Symposium.

### **C. EDMONTON SALUTES/EUSI**

Alex brought up the topic that since the renaming of 97<sup>th</sup> St in Edmonton, that signage on the provincial roadway entering Edmonton should be updated. As this will take coordination with the Province of Alberta, John Dziadyk volunteered to coordinate with the Province to see what can be accomplished.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

Nil

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: George Kuhse  
CARRIED at 1330 hrs.