

Edmonton United Services Institute Annual AGM

Edmonton Inn and Convention Centre, Kingsway Avenue
October 5, 2024 at 1100 hrs

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alex Tsang
Mary Hunt
Brian Andrus
Leo Boyd
Jon Dziadyk
George Kuhse
Scott Long
James McLaren
Ken Pilip
John Tyrrell

Mary Cherniawski
Andrew Gordey
Rob Baron
Margaret Day
Dane Findlay
Norman Leach
John McDonald
Mark Minenko
Jennie Reiz
Bob Whitley

ABSENT:

Berni Baker
Dan Germain
June Greig
David Jackson
Brian Talty
LGen Paul Wynnyk

Bill Buckham
Nicole Goehring
Ben Grossmith
John McDonald
Carol Tyrrell
Joe Zasada

Meeting called to order at 11:10 hrs.

1. OPENING

Alex Tsang greeted and welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to accept Agenda as presented: Bob Whitley. Seconded: Rob Baron. CARRIED

Motion that the 20 members present represent a Quorum: Jon Dziadyk. Seconded: Rob Baron. CARRIED

3. 2023 AGM MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion to accept the Amended 2023 AGM Minutes striking the apostrophe in O Canada in Item 1: Leo Boyd. Seconded: George Kuhse. CARRIED

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (attached to the Minutes)

Alex Tsang provided an overview of EUSI activities for the past year.

5. APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion to accept the President's Report as presented: Margaret Day. Seconded: Dane Findlay. CARRIED

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & APPOINTED DIRECTORS

- a. **President** – Alex stated that he would be stepping down after 14 years of service as EUSI President. He indicated that Andrew Gordey is willing to let his name stand and called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations...

Motion to accept Andrew Gordey be ~~appointed~~ elected the ~~new~~ EUSI President: Mark Minenko. Seconded: Ken Pilip. CARRIED

- b. **Vice President** – David Jackson had indicated he would let his name stand for Vice President and there being no further nominations...

Motion to accept David Jackson as the elected EUSI Vice-President: Mark Minenko. Seconded: Ken Pilip. CARRIED

- c. **Treasurer**

Motion to re-elect Mary Cherniawski as Treasurer and there being no further nominations: Mark Minenko. Seconded: Norman Leach. CARRIED

- d. **Secretary**

Motion to re-elect Mary Hunt as the Secretary and there being no further nominations: Mark Minenko. Seconded: Norman Leach. CARRIED

- e. **Symposium Chairperson**

Motion to accept David Jackson as the Symposium Chairperson: ~~Moved by Alex Tsang. Seconded by:~~ Andrew Gordey

- f. **Symposium Committee Member**

Motion to appoint Jon Dziadyk as Symposium Committee Member: Mark Minenko. Seconded:-Norman Leach

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

George Kuhse – All nominations for the King Charles Coronation Medal announced by the Government of Canada are in. There will be approximately 3000 medals available to Albertans and some Albertans have been advised they will be receiving the medal. Presentations to begin in December. He reminded members about the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. He invited us to contact him regarding the nomination criteria and process and encouraged members to nominate people they feel are deserving of this recognition.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT (attached to the Minutes)

Mary Cherniawski - 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 30 September, 2024.

Alex Tsang spoke about the EUSI sources of revenue and how all members should be looking for sponsors and donations.

Motion to accept Financial Statement as presented: Alex Tsang. Seconded: Dane Findlay. CARRIED

9. OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Andrew Gordey: Andrew reported that he had gone through the paid membership numbers and how important it is that we get people to pay their dues and to advertise and endorse EUSI. Norman Leach had suggested to him that we look at making cards simply to be handed out by members to potentially new members. The cards could possibly include the Mission Statement for EUSI. He will work on the cards as part of the handover and banking updates meeting next month. He has drafted a set of By-Laws for EUSI for review and approval. Executive position descriptions are being worked on.

B. 2025 SYMPOSIUM and Dinner

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 and his committee members will be asked by the President to determine a topic for the next symposium within the next 60-calendar days so that preparations for guest speakers can begin. Military attaches were mentioned as a possible source of information and contact as well. The Edmonton Inn & Convention Centre is a possible venue for hosting the next Symposium. Possible financial sponsors suggestions: Veteran Affairs Canada and RCSC, Edmonton

10. FINANCIAL SIGNATORIES

Motion to add Andrew Gordey and David Jackson as financial signatories: Mary Cherniawski. Seconded: Mary Hunt. CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn: George Kuhse CARRIED at 1410 hrs.

EUSI - President's Annual Report 2024 - October 5th 2024

The Year 2024 has been a busy year for the EUSI members. We have seen a growth in active membership and we were able to participate in many activities.

Beginning in December 2023, EUSI held our first family Christmas dinner at the Wokery Restaurant. Over 20 members and family attended with tons of take-home leftovers. In March 2024, Our Annual symposium and mess dinner were also well attended. The topic of mitigating damages from natural disasters addressed flooding, wildfires and economic impacts/insurance just great timing.

In June, a number of EUSI members were key volunteers for the Royal Commonwealth Society of Edmonton Casino fund raiser, which reportedly raised almost \$80,000.00. The RCSC is one of our fund donors and can be expected to do the same in the coming years.

The month of July was busy for a number of members as EUSI hosted a number of Korean Veterans and their guests to attend a two-day event for the dedication of a monument donated by the City of Kapyong, South Korea, at the City of Banff. This was an international event that raised the profile of EUSI. A UN Ambassador of Peace medal was awarded to the president. EUSI also held our second Surf and Turf social gathering in July and again it was a great family get together.

On September 14, EUSI supported the RCAF 100th Anniversary by purchasing 14 tickets for their Dinner Theatre and fund raiser.

Throughout the years, EUSI through the Edmonton Salutes Committee has been sending two to three members to attend the Monthly Businessmen's Luncheon held at the Officers' Mess at CFB Edmonton. This was a great net working and connecting with the command structures at the Base.

After being president for fifteen years, I hope to step down during the next AGM on Oct 5, 2024. I will be available to assist the new president to ease into his new position. Please extend your support to him as you have for me. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president for the last fifteen years. Thank you all.

Alexander Tsang, CD
Major (retired)
President, 2024.

Edmonton United Services Institute
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2024

Assets			
	Opening operating funds as of January 1st2024	\$12,864.17	12,864.17
Donations	City of Edmonton		\$ 2,500.00
	R.C.S. of Edmonton		\$ 5,000.00
	Prepaid Dues		\$ 700.00
	Prepaid tickets for Symposium		\$3,700.00
	Total Assets		\$24,764.17
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Liabilities			
	Symposium dinner	\$6,976.86	
	Symposium planning 2025	\$1,564.17	
	Donation to Korean Veterans	\$ 500.00	
	Korean Travel-Meals-Hotel in Banff Alberta	\$2,669.78	
Liabilities	E.U.S.I. and C.F.M.U.S. meetings	\$ 632.44	
	Office supplies (stamps, stationary, paper)	\$ 871.82	
	Bank charges	40.00	
	Total liabilities	\$13,255.07	
	Total Members Equity	\$11,509.10	\$11,509.10

Prepared by Mary Cherniawski, EUSI Treasurer