**Executive**

**Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

***Connecting, Supporting, Transforming***

Meeting Sept 21, 2022

In person: Drayton United Church, Drayton

**Roster:** Mark Laird (President Elect), Brent Caslick (Treasurer), Andrea Allan, Jessica Cottrell, Gail Fricker, Jenn Hind-Urquhart, Jennifer Irving, Joyce Johnston, Ann Harbridge, Cathy Larmond, Heather Leffler, Terry Smith

**Staff Support:** Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant & Acting Secretary

**Present:** Mark Laird, Brent Caslick, Andrea Allan, Jennifer Irving, Cathy Larmond, Heather Leffler, Terry Smith

**Regrets:** Jessica Cottrell, Joyce Johnston, Ann Harbridge, Gail Fricker, Jenn Hind-Urquhart

# Welcome and Constitution of Meeting (President Mark): I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority vested in me by Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it. The bounds of this meeting will be Drayton United Church.

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## **Consent Docket**

1. **Enabling Actions**
2. That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.
3. That the minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2022, be approved as distributed.
4. That motions and proposals be written and given to the Secretary.

B. **Correspondence Received**

1. Resignation letter from Diane Matheson-Jimenez
2. Expressions of Interest submitted

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Executive agrees to appoint David Shearman to the WOWRC Human Resources Commission and Cathy Hird to the WOWRC Mission & Discipleship Commission.

1. Learning Funds Grant Application submitted by Sarah Bruer

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Executive approves a Learning Funds Grant to Sarah Bruer in the amount of $500.00 to assist with costs associated with attendance at The Addiction and Faith Conference, in Minneapolis, MN, October, 2022.

(Note: Grants are limited to one-third (1/3) of the associated costs of a learning event, to a limit of five hundred dollars ($500), including any associated travel costs.)

C**. Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (8) Omnibus motion – September 21, 2022**

That the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (8) Executive take the following action(s):

a) Camp Menesetung

….approve Camp Menesetung 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Margaret Bakker

Pat Bernard

Janet Bettles

Ross Carter

Steve Miners

Mandy Sinclair

Ralph Watson

Jeff Wareham

This is based on the draft Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting of The Corporation of Camp Menesetung of October 19, 2021, the 2021 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.   **Approved by consensus**

**New Business**

1. Staff Support Committee

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa noted that with the retirement of the Staff Support Committee chair, a second WOWRC representative needs to be appointed. Cheryl-Ann consulted with Marg Krauter (WOWRC staff support committee rep) and Mark Laird, about possible appointees.

The Executive **approved by consensus** that Keith Reynolds be appointed as the second WOWRC representative to the Staff Support Committee.

1. Proposal 2: Mission Support grants; .5 Social Justice Minister Search

Discussion regarding proposal 2. Some questions of clarification; how much is the 40,000 as a percentage of the net revenue grant - little less than a half. Discussion about changing the numbers as suggested in the proposal and being more proactive about utilizing the PTCC funds.

**MOTION**: Terry Smith / Heather Leffler

That the WOWRC Executive

1. Direct the Executive Minister and Treasurer to make application to PTCC for a net revenue grant (interest) of $50,000 to support salary costs;
2. Will advise the Mission and Discipleship Commission that $145,000 is available for Mission Support Grants in 2023 and will remind the Commission that this figure is not guaranteed for subsequent years.

**Approved by consensus**

**MOTION**: Andrea Allan / Heather Leffler

That the WOWRC Executive

1) Direct the Executive Minister to work with the Staff Support Committee to:

1. Review and update the Position Description for the .5 Minister, Social Justice position;
2. Appoint an interview team ensuring at least one representative from the WOWRC Staff Support Committee appointees (Margaret Krauter and Keith Reynolds)
3. Initiate a search to fill this position.
4. Recommend including in the new position description supporting formation and development of networks addressing social justice.

**Approved by consensus**

To be revisited at a future WOWRC Executive meeting: discussion of balance of PTCC net revenue grant to go back to the pot available to congregations or have them hold it for WOWRC.

1. Proposal 1: Anti-Racism Workshop, February 2023 (tri-regional)

**MOTION**: Cathy Larmond / Andrea Allan

That WOWRC Executive agree to cover one-third of the cost of two workshops open to United Church members who have completed the four sessions of racial justice training:

1) With Salem Debs on February 7, 2023

2) With United Church theologians on March 7, 2023

Total anticipated cost $7,500—WOW’s share $2,500.

**Approved by consensus**

1. Investment Policy Review: Brent Caslick
   1. Review draft policy for further discussion and future decision.

Treasurer Brent Caslick reviewed the draft policy, noting it evolved from what was in place with Waterloo presbytery where most of monies came from.

**MOTION**: Brent Caslick / Cathy Larmond

That WOWRC Executive adopt the investment policy as presented and direct staff to add it to the WOWRC Governance Handbook.

**Approved by consensus**

**Updates**

1. Fall 2022 Regional Council Meeting: Nov. 18-19, online only.

Fred Monteith: parliamentarian

Gary Clark: worship

Presentations from commissions

Presentation from UCW

Executive video presentation re: recruitment. Andrea Allan, Heather Leffler, Jennifer Irving and President Mark will work on this presentation.

President Elect: Nancy Knowles, Thamesview UC.

Upcoming Meetings

Next Executive meeting: October 19, 2022, 9:15 a.m. (online)

WOWRC fall meeting: November 18-19 (online)

Tri-Executive meeting: November 25-26 (online)

No executive meetings in November and December, 2022

Next WOWRC Executive: January 18, 2023, 9:15 a.m. (online)