

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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## DOWNTOWN OTTAWA

- A uOttawa Residence Hotel (90 University Prv.)
- **B** Laurier Bus Stop (Laurier St. & Waller St.)
- **C** Mother Tucker's (61 York St.)
- D Heart & Crown Irish Pub (61 Clarence St.)
- E Parliment Hill (Rideau St. & Metcalfe St.)
- F National Arts Center (51 Elgin St.)





## **UOTTAWA CAMPUS**

- Laurier Bus Stop (Laurier & Waller) A
- uOttawa Residence Hotel (90 University Prv.) B
  - Cafeteria (1st floor University Center) C
- 1848 Campus Bar (2nd floor University Center) D
  - Montpetit Hall (MNT 202) E

#### THURSDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup>

4.00	Registration	90 University - Main Lounge: UofO Residence
6.00	Dinner Reservation	Mother Tucker's (61 York Street)
8.00	Welcome Reception @ Hospitality Suite	1848 Pub (2nd Floor, University Center)
8:30	Get Your Horilka On! - Vodka Tasting (John Vellinga)	1848 Pub (2nd Floor, University Center)
9.00	Welcome Reception	1848 Pub (2nd Floor, University Center)
10.30	Informal Pub Night	1848 Pub (2nd Floor, University Center)

#### FRIDAY MAY 6<sup>th</sup>

- 7.00 9.00 Breakfast/Late Registration10.00 Opening Ceremonies/Election of Presidium
  - 10.30 Speaker Session Taras Zalusky
  - 11.30 Break
  - 12.00 Presidents / Executive / Financial Reports
  - 12.45 Election Nominations
  - 1.00 Lunch
  - 2.15 Speaker Session James Temerty
  - 3.15 Life Start Odessa Project Kim Howson
  - 4.15 Excursion of Ottawa Informal
  - 8.00 Bar Night

#### SATURDAY MAY 7<sup>th</sup>

7.00 - 8.30 Breakfast/Late Registration
9.00 Walk to Parliment
9.30 Tour of Parliment
11.30 Speaker Session - Pavlo Grod
12.30 Election - Voting Opens
1.00 Canada's Ukraine - Borys Potapenko
1.45 Guest Speaker - His Excellency Dr. Ihor Ostash
5.30 Congress Banquet - Cocktails
7.00 Congress Banquet - Dinner
7.30 Keynote Address - Borys Sirsky
8.30 Election Results / Awards / Announcements
9.00 Congress Zabava feat. Zirka
2.00 Cniв

### SUNDAY MAY 8<sup>th</sup>

- 7.00 9.00 Breakfast
  - 11.00 Buduchnist's Guide to Student Finance
  - 11.30 Tobi of Not to Be: You Are What You Culture
  - 12.00 Break
  - 12.15 Resolutions
  - 1.30 Closing Ceremonies
  - 2.00 Incoming / Outgoing / SUSK Exec Meeting
  - 2.30 Canadian Tulip Festival

90 University - Main Lounge: UofO Residence Montpetit Hall - Room 202 Montpetit Hall - Room 202 Montpetit Hall - Atrium Montpetit Hall - Room 202 Montpetit Hall - Room 202 Montpetit Hall - Atrium Montpetit Hall - Room 202 Montpetit Hall - Room 202

Heart & Crown (67 Clarence Street)

Cafeteria - University Center Meet at Hotel Lobby Parliment - Center Block Montpetit Hall - Room 202 Montpetit Hall - Atrium Montpetit Hall - Room 202 Montpetit Hall - Room 202 National Arts Center - Panorama Room National Arts Center - Panorama Room

90 University - Main Lounge: UofO Residence Montpetit Hall - Room 202 Montpetit Hall - Room 202 Montpetit Hall - Atrium Montpetit Hall - Room 202 Montpetit Hall - Room 202 18th floor Lounge - University Residence Commissioner's Park / Major's Hill Park

# GREETINGS from DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE

Message from Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to attendees of the 53rd National Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Congress.

Last year, Edmonton was honoured to host this successful event and I am sure Ottawa will build upon its legacy this year. I am pleased that students from the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary have the opportunity to join delegates from across Canada and the United States to discuss leadership, development, and multiculturalism and to promote and sustain our Ukrainian culture in Canada, strengthening the cultural fabric of our nation.

Alberta is rich in Ukrainian culture and history. With over 250,000 Albertans of Ukrainian descent, Alberta is home to the largest population of Ukrainian-Canadians in western Canada. As a result, our province has strong Alberta-Ukraine relations and works closely with our Ukrainian community.

The strength of Canada is rooted in its diversity and drawn from the rich traditions and cultural heritage of its people. As a proud Canadian of Ukrainian ancestry I am inspired to see so many youth committed to contributing to the Canadian mosaic and thinking about the future, while still embracing their heritage.

My sincere thanks to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress for your continued dedication and commitment in support of Ukrainian youth and culture. I wish you all the best with your Congress!

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Ed Stelmach



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Freedom To Create. Spirit To Achieve

Premier of Alberta



Посол України в Канаді Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada Ambassadeur d'Ukraine au Canada

May 6, 2011

Dear Ukrainian Canadian Students!

I have the great honour to greet and welcome you in Ottawa at the 53rd SUSK Congress.

This year is very special for the Ukrainian Canadian community, as we we celebrate the 120th anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada and 20th anniversary of Independance of Ukraine. Your ancestors arrived in Canada with the dream of freedom and a better life. In 120 years, the Ukrainians in Canada make up one of the strongest communities in the country, continuing to contribute in the development of the Canadian state today, as they did in the last century. For many years they had been dreaming about independant Ukraine and when it happened they promoted Canada to become the first Western state to recognisze this fact.

The Ukrainian Canadian students have always been actively participating in the Ukrainian community life. They helped to inform Canadians about the Holodomor, Famine-genocide of 1932 - 33 in Ukraine, organized charity events to help children, who suffered in Chornobyl nuclear disaster, were among the volunteers helping Ukrainian Olympic and Paralympic Teams to compete at the Winter Games in Vancouver.

In several years today's Ukrainian students will become leaders of the Ukrainian community in Canada. In modern globalized world we need your ideas, skills and young energy to keep our community growing and strengthening in every part of Canada and world.

I wish the SUSK members all the best in their honourable activity, success to all their endeavours and fullfillments of all the plans in future years. Wherever you are, I wish you to remember the words of the Ukrainian poet and philosopher Taras Shevchenko, whose monument will be unveilded in Ottawa on June 26, 2011: "Teach, read and learn from others, but do not forget what is your own" (Учітесь, читайте, чужого навчайтесь і свого не цурайтесь).

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. Ihor Ostash, Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada



Dear SUSK delegates:

May 5-8, 2011

I am delighted to extend my personal greetings to all those attending the 53rd Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Congress in Ottawa, Ontario. SUSK has a long proud history of bringing new, innovative and impactful approaches to the Ukrainian Canadian community. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress is pleased to count SUSK as one of its key constituents.

It is my distinct pleasure to recognize the hard work and dedication of the outgoing SUSK Executive and in particular its President Danylo Korbabicz with whom I have had a tremendous relationship. I look forward to working side-by-side with the new SUSK leadership. You have many valuable contributions to make to our community. It goes without saying that you can count on UCC's support and my personal commitment to SUSK. UCC must provide SUSK with the support it needs to ensure a vibrant Ukrainian Canadian student movement.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Ukrainian CanadiWan Congress, please accept my best wishes for a productive and memorable Congress. I look forward to working with all of you as community leaders for many many years!

Yours very truly,

Ukrainian Canadian Congress

Pavlo Grod UCC National President Past President, SUSK (1994-95) Past President, U of T USC (1992-94)





КОНҐРЕС УКРАЇНЦІВ КАНАДИ Провінційна Рада Онтаріо UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS Ontario Provincial Council CONGRÈS DES UKRAINIENS-CANADIENS Conseil Provincial de'Ontario

April 11, 2011

Dear delegates, organizers, and dorohi druzi,

On behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Ontario Provincial Council it is my very honour to greet all of you who are attending the 53rd National SUSK Congress in Ottawa.

This is truly important and special occasion because the SUSK Congress is one of those rare occasions that brings together the young leaders of the Ukrainian Canadian community across our country and because it is an excellent opportunity for delegates to consider and debate the issues that will face the community not only today but in the years to come.

At the last UCC Triennial Congress in Edmonton, we had many discussions about what we can do to engage more young people in community organizations. After those discussions, I was truly energized - in part because I was impressed by your abilities, commitment and accomplishments to date and in part because I was reminded that the future looks very bright as I think about the many accomplishments that the youth in our community such as yourselves will realize in the years to come.

The SUSK Congress is a key opportunity to build on the accomplishments of the past and plan those of the future so please accept our best wished and support for the work you are undertaking during the Congress and in the years to come.

V pered!

Yvan Baker





Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Ontario Provincial Council

# PRYVIT <sup>to</sup> HONOURABLE DELEGATES

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you to our nation's capital for the 53rd National SUSK Congress. Revived in the fall of 2009 after years of inactivity, the University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club is very excited to be hosting Ukrainian student organization of the 53rd National SUSK Congress in Ottawa.

Since its revival the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union has become increasingly more active as the national coordination body of Ukrainian student organizations organization. The previous 52nd National SUSK Congress, which was held in Edmonton, Alberta in February 2010, were attended by many delegates from across Canada including delegates from the University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club.

It was in Edmonton that Adriana Sirskyj and Anda Hirceaga, attended their first SUSK Congress. At the end of the 3 day Congress they were both elected to the 2010-2011 National SUSK Executive as Internal Relations Director and Project Director. The Congress was a great success the delegates from Ottawa acquired much knowledge and valuable information to bring back to their respective Ukrainian student organization in Ottawa.

It is for this exact reason that the University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club has grown exceptionally as an individual organization and continues to this day to flourish as an active member organization of SUSK. Collectively, the U of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club Executive has worked hard to organize an unforgettable four day congress in Ottawa.

This year's Congress is particularly unique as it encompasses an extended four day program, allowing delegates to closely reflect on the recent growth and accomplishments of SUSK. All Delegates will also acquire a greater sense of the political culture in Ottawa as they receive a private tour of the historical Parliament buildings. Lastly, the Alumni Banquet and Zabava featuring Zirka held at the National Art Center will be a great opportunity in bringing the entirety of the Ukrainian community in Ottawa together.

We are especially eager in hosting all SUSK Delegates in our nation's capital. Wishing you an enjoyable and memorable Congress!

On behalf of the University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club Executive,

Adriana Sirskyj President - University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club Internal Relations Director - Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 5 - 8, 2011

It was only in 2007, at the XXII Congress of Ukrainian Canadians, that SUSK was revived after numerous years of inactivity. Since then SUSK has managed to overcome several challenges over these past four years. Most definitely its survival is a testament to the hard work and vision of many dedicated servants in the community. I have been privileged to play a part in two mandates over the course of this period and watch this organization revive itself and grow. Going forward, it will be important to address several fundamental challenges to ensure our survival, relevancy, and prosperity. I highlight some of our achievements and challenges.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- FINANCIAL STABILITY: With the assistance of a wide range of organizations we have managed through fiscal prudence and careful portioning of resources to ensure a relatively decent financial legacy.
- **GROWTH:** We have seen campus clubs appear and prosper at several universities, including the University of Ottawa which hosts our conference this year. We have also seen participation at our conferences increase exponentially, year after year. With over fifty delegates registered at this congress, the future looks promising
- RELEVANCE WITH COMMUNITY AT LARGE: We sponsored approximately twenty delegates to participate at last year's Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians in Edmonton. The proportion of youth present has never been higher. This will add much needed life to a pool of future leaders of the Ukrainian Canadian community.
- LINKS WITH OTHER GROUPS: We have strengthened our relationships with outside parties. Most notably, SUSTA: Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America, PISK: Polska Inicjatywa Studentow w Kanadzie, and the CFJS: Canadian Federation of Jewish Students.
- **RELEVANCE WITH UCC:** Our relationship with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress has never been stronger. The leadership has placed an appropriate emphasis on youth.
- **PROFESSIONALISM:** Our capacity to engage through traditional and new media has been strengthened, our capacity to meet regularly has been improved through investments in new technologies, and our web presence has flourished.
- NASCENT POLITICAL AWARENESS/IDENTITY: We have been more active on Parliament Hill, we have engaged in community meetings with Canadian political leadership, and we have started to foster our identity.
- LITERATURE: Our student newsmagazine has been active and we have received many articles for participating USO's.

President's Report Continued

### CHALLENGES

- VOLUNTEERISM: As with any volunteer group, SUSK has had a challenge in motivating its membership. Perhaps it is time to consider implementing honorariums or other incentives to influence participation.
- QUORUM: Related to volunteerism, it has been extremely challenging to ensure full executive participation at meetings. If we do not improve this, we risk poor governance. Further, certain executive members were absent for over 50% of meetings.
- CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES: Further related to the first two points, our executive had to devote an unreasonable amount of time in seeking replacement for the Finance portfolio this year. There needs to be more clarity in specifying how the executive is to respond in the event of a departure.
- FINANCIAL STABILITY: Though we have improved greatly in this area, it remains that we need a sustainable funding model year to year, perhaps in the form of an endowment. Countless hours have been spent on ensuring a successful congress, but we are much more than that. It would be ideal to have secured recurring basic operational funds year to year.
- **IDENTITY:** Gone are the days of the Soviet Union. We have to improve on what it is we stand for, what we wish to accomplish, and what role we should be playing both in Canada and abroad.

It is my sincere hope that we face our challenges head on. With UCC's newly minted office in the nation's capital it is my hope that SUSK may at some point in the future retain the services of an Executive Director, similar to the UCC model. This would serve us well both in the co-ordination of meetings, storage of materials, and retention of institutional knowledge. I am of the view that our long term survival will depend on this. SUSK's level of activity will ebb and flow, depending on the year and on the demographics of the community at large. Some of this is beyond the control of active executives! The key here is that at times when clubs reappear, the active youth do not need to start from scratch.

On behalf of the 2010-2011 National Executive, Sincerely,

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Danylo Korbabicz President SUSK: Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union



# FINANCIAL Report

2010 - 2011

April 11, 2011 Winnipeg, Manitoba

To the stakeholders of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union:

The purpose of the following financial report is to provide the reader with the results of the operations and financial condition of SUSK for the year ended May 3rd, 2011. This report should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, found following the report.

In our opinion, the following financial statements fairly and accurately depict the financial activities and financial standing of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union from May 10, 2010 to May 3, 2011.

Andrijko Semaniuk Vice-President Finance



#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements prepared for this year's Congress continue to follow the standard set by the previous Executive, which is necessary in order to ensure the accountability and transparency of our organization both internally and externally.

While the figures included in the financial statements are as accurate as possible, the reader should be made aware that the results are subject to change upon resolution of all Congress-related expenditures; more detail can be found in the footnotes of each statement. The SUSK Congress is by far our organization's largest undertaking (financially and otherwise), and it is recommended that the final figures from this year's Congress be included in the financial reports for the period ending sometime in the year 2012.

# DISCUSSION <sup>©</sup> ANALYSIS

Financial Report 2010 - 2011

### TRANSACTIONS & RECORD KEEPNG

The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union continues to use PayPal as a convenient method of gathering funds from individuals across the country. Though there is a minor fee for the service per transaction, the benefits outweigh the costs in terms of centralization and record-keeping. The use of PayPal provides detailed reports of all transactions and reduces the need to physically handle funds.

Further, detailed records of all disbursements from our bank account are kept by the Vice-President Finance, and are always available if need be. These records can, and should, be passed along to the next Executive, who should continue the system to ensure consistency for the future.

#### EXPENSE CLAIMS

Many expenses are incurred by individuals throughout the year on behalf of SUSK. Previous Executives had issues with accountability and procedures relating to expenses and their reimbursement. Thus, this past year, the SUSK Executive took a disciplined approach to these matters. All expenditures were pre-approved by the executive, and no individual was provided with funds for reimbursement without first presenting proof of the expenditure in question (receipt, invoice, etc.) to the Vice-President Finance. All proofs of expenditure have been kept on file and, if desired, can be passed along to the next Executive.

#### AUDITING

As it stands, these statements are unaudited. It is recommended that future SUSK Executives perform an audit of their financial statements; at the very least, an auditing committee should be established as a branch of the Executive. This would bring another level of accountability and transparency to SUSK, which will translate into increased professionalism and integrity in the organization.

# BALANCE SHEET

For the Period of

May 10, 2010 – May 3, 2011 (All Figures \$CDN)

### SUSK: UKRAINIAN CANADIAN STUDENTS' UNION

#### **Assets**

Cash in Bank Cash Equivalents <sup>1</sup> Donations Receivable Accounts Receivable	\$ _	14,769 7,673 5,250 4,425		
Total Assets	\$	<u>32,117</u>		
Liabilities & Stakeholders' Equity				
Liabilities				
Accrued Membership Dues	\$	350		
Short-Term Liabilities <sup>2</sup>		3,523		
Accounts Payable <sup>3</sup>	_	16,765		
Total Liabilities	\$	20,638		
Stakeholders' Equity	\$	11,480		
Total Liabilities & Stakeholders' Equity	\$	<u>32,117</u>		

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Balance in PayPal account.
 <sup>2</sup> Outstanding cheques to be cashed.
 <sup>3</sup> Based on amounts in Income Statement and subject to change after all Congress expenditures are settled.

# INCOME Statement

For the Period of

May 10, 2010 – May 3, 2011 (All Figures \$CDN)

### SUSK: UKRAINIAN CANADIAN STUDENTS' UNION

#### INCOME

USO Membership Fees	\$	530
53rd National SUSK Congress Delegate Registration Fees Alumni Banquet &		5,073
Zabava1		4,968
Donations		9,750
Shevchenko "Hope" T-Shirt Project		3,430
Miscellaneous		1,000
Interest Income	_	2
	_	
Total Income	\$	24,752
EXPENSES2		
UCC Triennial Congress Subsidies	\$	1,150
UCC Membership Fees (2011-2012)		350
53rd National SUSK Congress3		16,319
53rd National SUSK Congress - Travel Subsidies		2,055
SUSTA Travel Subsidy		500
Shevchenko "Hope" T-Shirt Project		3,483
Miscellaneous	_	284
	_	
Total Expenses	\$	24,141
Excess (Deficiency) of Income Over Expenses	\$	<u>612</u>

<sup>1</sup> Includes only payments received to date. The total will change by a material amount as the remaining tickets are sold and paid for up to and including the date of the Alumni Banquet and Zabava.

<sup>2</sup> Income received via PayPal is net of any charges, thus there is no separate category for "PayPal Expenses"

<sup>3</sup> This amount reflects both expenses actually *incurred* to date, as well as those to be settled after the Congress. Some figures included in this final amount are estimates and, though they are as accurate as possible, the total will change by a material amount after the Congress.

# RULES of ORDER for the Congress

Національний Кон*spec* Правильник Кон*specy* 

As per section VIII.4.a of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Constitution;

- 4. At the outset of the Congress, The President, or the Vice-President, or designate when the President is not available shall chair the election from among Delegates:
  - a. Presidium, composed of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and two (2) Secretaries;i. The Presidium is responsible to conduct the Congress proceedings;

## RIGHTS & RESPONSABILITIES of the CHAIR

- 1. Conduct sessions of the LII Congress in accordance with the adopted program, maintain order and adhere to the Rules of Order outline in the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Constitution
- 2. Facilitate discussion and ensure its viability
- 3. Put all motions to a vote and announce the results
- 4. Explain and decide all questions of order
- 5. Immediately suspend discussion by a delegate when;
  - He/She interferes with the proceedings of the Congress or is off topic being discussed;
  - A motion is made on a point of order;
  - An objection to the consideration of a motion is made
- 6. Dismiss irrelevant or late motions
- 7. Conduct sessions fairly and impartially
- 8. The Vice-Chair, who conducts Congress business in the absence of the Chair, is accorded the same rights as the chair.

## **RIGHTS** of the **DELEGATE**

- 1. Express opinions relevant to issues place on the agenda and formulate them into concise conclusions
- 2. Put forth before the Congress proposals and motions for approval
- 3. Take part in the Congress Committee's, discuss and approve proposed resolutions at the Committees and vote on them during the appropriated times.
- 4. Have voting privileges as defined by the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Constitution

Rules of Order Continued

#### **GENERAL RULES** of **ORDER**

- 1. Question to members of the outgoing Executive be directed to the Chair
- 2. During discussion of reports each person may speak only once to summarize his remarks regarding the activities of the outgoing Executive. Comments already made by other persons should not be restated.
- 3. Each person who proposes an amendment to a motion by adding to, deleting from the question or rephrasing should be immediately provided to the Congress Resolutions Committee with their proposal in writing.
- 4. A motion, once it is moved, seconded and interpreted by the Chair may be withdrawn by the mover only with the consent of the seconder.
- 5. All points of order should be directed to the Chair by a motion. A motion concerning a point of order may be made under the following circumstances;
  - Where there is concern about the running of business by the Chair
  - When Delegates use improper or derogatory comments
  - When a speaker does not speak to the issue or takes excessive time in debate
  - A point of order must be made immediately and stated concisely;

A point of order;

- Supersedes all other debate and may interrupt the speaker
- Does not require a seconder
- Must be resolved by the Chair immediately
- May be appealed to the Congress immediately after the ruling of the Chair
- 6. All procedural matters, which are not addressed by the Rules of Order of the Congress, shall be go erned by to Robert's Rules of Order, insofar as they do not contradict the Ukrainian Canadian Student's Union Constitution

#### VOTING

- 1. Voting for the SUSK National Executive will be conducted by secret ballot
- 2. Voting for the proposed Constitutional Amendments will be conducted by secret ballot
- 3. Voting for proposed Resolutions will be conducted by show of Delegate voting cards.
- 4. Counting of votes cast will be conducted by the Congress Elections & Verifications Committee

Rules of Order Continued

- 1. The Congress Resolutions Committee shall receive and present the proposed resolutions of the Committees of the Congress.
- 2. The Resolutions Committee may revise, re-order or amalgamate resolutions in order to;
  - Ensure consistency in their format;
  - Avoid duplication of similar principles or concepts
- 3. The Congress Resolutions Committee may also review and propose resolutions not covered by the Committees
- 4. Each resolution must be proposed by the Congress Resolutions Committee for consideration by the Congress
- 5. Each Delegate has the right to submit a resolution to the Congress Resolutions Committee in writing.
- 6. The resolutions may be discussed during the appropriate session within a limited time period specified by the Congress Chair.
- 7. Any amendments to the resolutions arising from the sessions must be agreed to by either the Chair of the Congress Resolutions Committee or his/her designate.

# RESOLUTIONS of the 53<sup>RD</sup> CONGRESS

### **RESOLUTION 1**

- WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it important to maintaining the long term continuity of SUSK
  - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the incoming SUSK National Executive continue using the UCC National address in Winnipeg, Manitoba as a central mailing address and have any SUSK mail/correspondence forwarded to the concerned individual;

## **RESOLUTION 2**

- BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive maintain as a priority communication between representatives of Ukrainian Student Organizations and facilitate outside SUSK Executive Meetings;
  - 1. Regional Conferences
  - 2. Open meetings with USO Representatives

- WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it important in preserving tangible Ukrainian Canadian Culture is important to the further development of a Ukrainian Canadian consciousness and identity;
- AND WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it important of documenting and archiving an integral part of Ukrainian Canadian History, as well as Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union history that is heretofore no well archived, researched or colleted;
- AND WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it important of instituting a standard and practice for archiving future publications of "Student";
- AND WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it important to preserve materials that were published and were substantial to the success of "Student";
- AND WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it important of promoting a contextual and historical understanding of Ukrainian Canadian Students;
  - BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive continue with the SUSK's "Student" digitization project, which seeks to document a comprehensive collection of "Student" publications and create a searchable digital archive of the publications;
  - **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the incoming SUSK National Executive actively see funding for the SUSK "Student" digitization project.

#### **RESOLUTION 4**

• **BE IT RESOLVED** that the incoming SUSK National Executive hold the 54th National SUSK Congress in the months from May-October, 2012.

#### **RESOLUTION** 5

• **BE IT RESOLVED** that the 53rd National SUSK Congress acknowledge the hard work of the 53rd SUSK National Congress committee, and its host the Ukrainian Students' Club at the University of Ottawa.

#### **RESOLUTION 6**

- WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees SUSK as a constituted federation, and shall remain so;
- AND WHEREAS SUSK recognizes the identification of all Ukrainian Student Organizations with the objectives of the SUSK constitution, and;
- AND WHEREAS SUSK endeavours to promote a sense of unity and solidarity between local Ukrainian Student Organizations across Canada.
  - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the incoming SUSK National Executive recommend to all Member Organization USO's within SUSK to adopt the name "SUSK" in conjunction with their local name as the official name of their Ukrainian Student Organization (Club, Society, Association, Union,

- WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it importance of Ukrainian Courses at post-secondary institutions across Canada.
  - AND WHEREAS Ukrainian courses/departments are in a situation of dropping enrolment and potential threat of funding cuts
  - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SUSK National Executive encourage each Member Organization to distribute information regarding available courses in Ukrainian Studies by outlining the benefits of these courses to students.
  - **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SUSK National Executive encourage each Member Organization to petition their concerned post-secondary institution to increase Ukrainian courses available to students.
  - **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the incoming SUSK National Executive encourage each Member Organization USO to distribute information regarding available courses in Ukrainian Studies to support and

promote Ukrainian Studies by outlining the benefits of these courses to students

• BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in those post-secondary institutions where no Ukrainian courses exist, that the SUSK National Executive encourage Member Organization USO's to undertake to promote interest in Ukrainian studies through the organization of seminars, lectures, panels, and by other means available to them.

#### **RESOLUTION 8**

- WHEREAS local USO activity is enhanced by delegate participation in SUSK conferences and the SUSK Congress, and;
- AND WHEREAS smaller USO's may not always be able to afford the costs associated with travel in sending delegates to distant cities, and;
- AND WHEREAS inter-city travel costs are high enough on a students' budget
  - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the SUSK National Executive make travel subsidies available for certain official SUSK Delegates for conferences and the Congress, and take into account special consideration for USO's from Western Canada.
  - **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any application for travel subsidy either be offered by the SUSK National Executive, or be applied for no less than two weeks prior to the Delegates departure to the concerned event.

### **RESOLUTION 9**

- WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it importance of an international organization of Ukrainian Students' is needed to facilitate communication among Ukrainian students worldwide.
- AND WHEREAS the Central Union of Ukrainian Students (CeSUS) has fallen inactive and not fulfilled its mandate in recent years.
  - BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive contact the former Member Organizations of CeSUS about the possibility of reorganizing an International Ukrainian Students' Union and make CeSUS a viable organization in the future.

- WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees the financial longevity of SUSK crucial to its long term continuity and suffers shortages in operating funds;
  - **BE IT RESOLVED** that SUSK in cooperation with the Taras Shevchenko Foundation create a managed Contingency Reserve Fund to sustain the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;

### **RESOLUTION 11**

- WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it important to maintain financial integrity at any level of organization;
  - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the incoming SUSK National Executive use widely accepted financial procedures

#### **RESOLUTION 12**

- WHEREAS the 53nd National SUSK Congress sees it importance of financial accountability;
  - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the incoming SUSK National Executive enforce the payment of membership dues from Member Organizations;
  - **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that only fund transferred to SUSK by constituent Member Organization USO's that will be considered as 'Membership dues' as outlined in the SUSK Constitution be those funds explicitly designated as dues at the time of transfer of said funds.

#### **RESOLUTION 13**

- WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it important to maintaining the long term continuity of an active SUSK Executive;
- AND WHEREAS all outgoing Executive Members hold an ex-officio position as per section XI.7 as outlined in the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Constitution.
  - BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive enforce section XI.7 of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Constitution and establish a Immediate Past-Executive Committee consisting of all outgoing SUSK Executive Members, with the objective to be responsible to act in an advisory role to the current SUSK Executive.

- WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it problematic of the systemic and targeted closure of post-secondary institutions in Ukraine;
- AND WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it important to show solidarity with our colleagues in Ukraine;
  - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the 53rd National SUSK Congress call for the return of all post-secondary institutions in Ukraine who have had their status and funding revoked by the current Ukrainian President and the current Ukrainian Government.

#### **RESOLUTION** 15

- WHEREAS the year 2011 marks the 120th Anniversary of the first Ukrainian immigrants arrival to Canada;
- AND WHEREAS the year 2011 marks the 150th Anniversary of the death of Taras Shevchenko;
- AND WHEREAS the year 2014 marks the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko;
- AND WHEREAS there is a seeming disconnect for Ukrainian Canadians in identifying with Ukraine;
- AND WHEREAS the year 2013 marks the 60th Anniversary of the creation of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
  - BE IT RESOLVED that the 53rd National SUSK Congress call upon the Ukrainian Canadian Congress as well as all Ukrainian Canadian Students` Union Member Organizations to plan and execute an inclusive and cohesive event promote Ukrainian consciousness.

#### **RESOLUTION 16**

- WHEREAS the Ukrainian Canadian Congress intends to open an office in Ottawa, Ontario;
  - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the incoming SUSK Executive negotiate with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress exclusive rights to mainstreaming students into a internship/mentorship program

- WHEREAS as reported by the official agent and observer of the Ukrainian Canadian Students` Union to the SUSK National Executive, of the less than favourable conditions of the SUSTA Conference;
- AND WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it important to further cooperation between both the Ukrainian Canadian Students` Union and the Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America
- AND WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress sees it mutually beneficial to have active Ukrainian Student Organization umbrella organizations in North America;
- AND WHEREAS the 53rd National SUSK Congress is aware of other National Ukrainian Student Organizations outside of SUSK's respective jurisdiction such as the Ukrainian German Students' Union (SUSN), and where be it there may be a Ukrainian diaspora with students;
  - BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK Executive consider and make an active effort to organize a dual Congress for the Ukrainian Canadian Students` Union and the Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America, but not limited to these two organizations.

# CONGRESS SPEAKERS <sup>©</sup> BIOGRAPHIES

uyol vellinga



Leadership has been a way of life for John Vellinga, dating all the way back to the days when he was President of his high school students' council. He was educated as a Systems Design Engineer at the University of Waterloo, where he took on the roles of President of the Engineering Student Society and President of the University Federation of Students. While at university, Mr. Vellinga co-founded the Waterloo Engineering Endowment Foundation, an innovative and widely imitated student-run endowment which, at over \$8 million dollars, is now one of the largest sources of funding for undergraduate Engineering education.

In Canada, he has worked with such leading companies such as Procter & Gamble, Canadian Tire and General Motors, in a management and technical role. This early part of his career built experience and understanding of each stage of the supply chain: manufacturing, packaging materials, distribution and retailing. In 1997, he moved to Ukraine and was a founding partner, and Managing Partner of Emergex Business Solutions (EBS). EBS has since grown into Ukraine's largest private management consulting firm, a major employer of professionals, with many multinational and top-tier clients including Pepsi, Lucent, McCain Foods, Northland Power, Coca-Cola, IBM, Baltic Beverages Holdings (Slavutich brewery), Sandora juices and UMC, the country's largest telecoms company, for which Mr. Vellinga led the effort to launch the first pre-paid cell service in Ukraine.

Throughout his academic and business career, Mr. Vellinga has proven to be a strong and visionary leader that can be counted on to implement change and produce results. This, combined with extensive experience in technology, project management, organization design and business process re-engineering, provide him with an excellent skill-set for building and leading Multiculture Marketing and its subsidiaries.

session:

Get your Horilka on: Vodka Tasting session:

Ukrainians Represent! Politics, Lobbying, & the Ukrainian Community: An Insiders Account

# taras **ZALUSKY**



With over twenty years of experience working in business and government at the most senior levels, Taras brings to UCC significant experience and expertise at working in the development and communication of public policy. Since 2006, he has been President of Trident International Business Solutions Inc., an international public policy and human resources consultancy. He previously served as Chief of Staff and as a Senior Advisor to federal Cabinet Ministers in several departments including the Canadian International Development Agency, Human Resources Canada, Treasury Board and the Privy Council Office.

Taras has a long record of involvement within and on behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian community here in Canada and in Ukraine. He was Senior Deputy Chief of Mission to the 2004 and 2010 Canadian Election Monitoring Mission to Ukraine. He has also served on the executive and the boards of several organizations including the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, the SUS Foundation, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ottawa.

Taras is fluent in English, French and Ukrainian. He is married to Catherine Rudick and they live in Ottawa with their daughter Alena.

The Executive Director is the Chief Executive Officer of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and reports to the President and Executive Committee of the UCC, and is responsible for the organization's consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives.

#### session:

Success in the Business World: A Personal Account



James C. Temerty is chairman of Northland Power Inc. and an entrepreneur with over 40 years of business experience.

Previously, Mr. Temerty owned and operated the world's largest privately held chain of ComputerLand stores. Prior to that, he held numerous positions with IBM in Canada and the US and assisted in the founding of Softchoice Corporation and served as its Chair for 15 years.

Mr. Temerty has been an active community leader and has played instrumental roles in philanthropy. He was chairman of the Ukrainian Centennial Fundraising Campaign, a member of the Sunnybrook Hospital Foundation Governing Council, Co-Chair of the Havergal College Capital Campaign, a director of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation.

Internationally, he was instrumental in launching the Kyiv Mohyla Business School of which he serves as Chairman of the Advisory Council. He chaired the Ukrainian Election Observers Campaign, facilitating 500 private sector election observers to the 2004 Orange Revolution presidential election. He is a donor and Trustee of the Children's Hospital of the Future in Kyiv, Ukraine.

From 2002 to 2009, Mr. Temerty served as Chairman of the Royal Ontario Museum Board of Governors. Mr. Temerty is a recipient of many honours including Member of the Order of Canada and recipient of UCC's Shevchenko Medal. He has been married 42 years to Louise Arcand Temerty, and has two daughters Melissa and Leah.

#### session: UCC and SUSK: Sustainability for the Future





As a volunteer, Paul has served as the National President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress since October 2007. Prior to his election as President, Paul served as the Congress' Vice President and member of the Board of Directors since 2001. During that period Paul also chaired and served on a number of UCC National Committees including Justice, Internment and Canada Ukraine.

Paul has a strong connection to his ancestoral homeland and has travelled there on numerous occassions. First as a student organizer, working with the Students Union of Ukraine to encourage young Ukrainians to vote and become involved in the political process. Later Paul coordinated a group of international experts working for the Council of Advisors to the Parliament of Ukraine. Most recently he organized and lead 500-person and later 150-person missions to observer the 2004 Presidential (Orange Revolution) and later the 2006 Parliamentary elections in Ukraine. Paul has been involved in a number of community organizations including the Ukrainian Youth Association, Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (past President), Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association and the League of Ukrainian Canadians.

Paul is President & CEO of Rodan Energy, a leading provider of energy management and smart grid solutions. Prior to founding Rodan, Paul was a corporate and investment banker with CIBC World Markets and most recently practiced corporate finance and M&A law with Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, one of Canada's largest national law firms.

He is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and holds a Bachelor of Political Science degree, a Bachelor of Laws degree and a Master of Business Administration degree. Paul is married and has four young children.

#### session:

Canada's Ukraine

# s **POTAPENKO**



Since June 2010, Borys Potapenko serves as Executive Director of the National Executive of the League of Ukrainian Canadians, LUC. He contributes to setting the strategic goals of the LUC, including program and project development and implementation. He is directly responsible to the National Executive of the LUC.

He brings to his new assignment a wealth of experience working in national and international organizations in the Diaspora and in Ukraine. These include, serving on the boards of or as a consultant to the International Conference in Support of Ukraine, Ukrainian World Congress, Canadian Conference in Support of Ukraine, Ukrainian Information Service, Organization in Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations, Kyiv City Memorial Society, National Renaissance Center of Stephan Bandera, the Research Institute of the Liberation Struggle, World Congress of Free Ukrainians, Ukrainian National Information Service, Ukrainian Youth Association.

He has traveled extensively on behalf of Ukrainian organizations including throughout Europe and Asia. Borys has been a frequent visitor to Ukraine, where he works with civic, academic and advocacy groups. He has been directly involved in the planning and implementation of numerous projects and programs in the Diaspora and in Ukraine in the areas of national and human rights, democracy and civil society.

Borys holds a MA in international relations and a post graduate certificate in United Nations studies. At the United Nations Organization in New York, he served as Political Analyst and Advisor with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia.

Borys Potapenko is married to Larysa Figol of Toronto. They have a son Mykola.

guest speaker:

Ambassador Extrodinary ఈ Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Canada

## in **Ostash**





Speaks English, French, Czech, Slovak, Polish, Serbian and Croatian. Married to Mrs. Maryna Hrymych and has a daughter and a son. Graduate student at the Institute of Languages of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Senior researcher, junior scientific researcher at the Institute of Languages of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Scientific secretary of the Literature, Language and Art division of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine Director of the International School of Ukrainian Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

Member of Parliament of Ukraine, Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs. Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Treaties of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs

Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs

Vice-President, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Canada

Appointed Representative of Ukraine to International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)

Presented to Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michëlle Jean, Government General of Canada, the Letters of Credence accrediting him as Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada

#### guest speaker:

Keynote Address at Banquet

# scloper



Borys SIRSKYJ completed 3 degrees - two at the University of Waterloo - 1972-1976 and a third at McMaster University 1976-78. He was active in both Ukrainian students clubs being the President of the USC at Waterloo between 1973-1976. In 1974, Mr. Sirskyj and two other students began a hunger strike to save the life of Ukrainian historian Valentyn Moroz who was languishing in a Soviet prison. With this incentive, 11 other universities across Canada and numerous others in the United States joined this protest action to save the life of Moroz. In 1979 he moved to Canada 's capital where he became the Executive Assistant to Senatror Paul Yuzyk, working together with the Senator till the end of 1976 on many trying community actions. In 1976 he joined CSIS where he has been till this day. He was posted to the Canadian Embassy in Vienna, Austria between 1995 - 1999. In total he has been with the Federal Government for 33 years and today remains a senior officer with CSIS.

For the last 32 years he has been involved in the Ukrainian Community in Ottawa, serving as a long-time President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and member of the Executive, a teacher of Ukrainian history at Kursy for many years, engaged with Plast in various capacities over these 30 plus years years, and numerous other Ukrainian organizations. He has also served in many different leadership capacities within our community. For his many different contributions - he received the Shevchenko medal - the highest form of Ukrainian community recognition by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in 2004.

Banquet Topic: Ukrainian students as Community Leaders - Yesterday, Today & in the future - the voice to be reckoned with!. Mr. SIRSKYJ will speak from the position of a SUSK alumnus - beginning by paying respect to the 120th Anniversary of pioneer settlement in Canada and then taking participants back in history to the 1970 's, 80's, examining the state of the Ukrainian community in those years while looking at the role played by Ukrainian students - if any. He will conclude his remarks while looking at the present generation and ascertaining their contributions to the Ukrainian community at large.

# OUTGOING SUSK EXECUTIVES

2010 - 2011



NAME Danylo Korbabicz

**POSITION** President

UNIVERSITY Carleton University

field of STUDY Political Science & Public Policy



NAME Zenon Ciz POSITION Executive UNIVERSITY University of Toronto FIELD of STUDY Commerce and Finance



NAME Andrijko Semanuik

**POSITION** Vice-President Finance

**UNIVERSITY** University of Manitoba

field of STUDY Commerce & International Business



NAME Maryana Zayats

**POSITION** *Vice-President West* 

**UNIVERSITY** University of Manitoba

field of STUDY Actuarial Math & International Business



NAME

Olena Kit POSITION Vice-President Central UNIVERSITY

McMaster University FIELD of STUDY Arts & Science



NAME Marta Cybulsky POSITION Vice-President East UNIVERSITY McGill University FIELD

of STUDY Physiology



NAME Marco Jacuta POSITION Immediate Past President

UNIVERSITY University of Alberta

field of STUDY Sociology & Law

## 2010 - 2011



NAME Christina Bajus

**POSITION** Secretary

UNIVERSITY McMaster University

FIELD of STUDY Environmental Science



NAME Adriana Sirskyj POSITION Internal Relations Director UNIVERSITY University of Ottawa FIELD of STUDY Criminology



NAME Andrew Wodoslawsky POSITION

External Relations UNIVERSITY Director University of Toronto

FIELD of STUDY Mechanical Engineering



NAME Anda Hircega POSITION

Project Director

**UNIVERSITY** University of Ottawa

field of STUDY Communications & Business



NAME Adriana Luhovy

POSITION Media Director

**UNIVERSITY** Concordia University

FIELD of STUDY Communication Studies



NAME Roman Storoshchuk

**POSITION** Alumni Director

**UNIVERSITY** University of Calgary

FIELD of STUDY Political Science

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## **CONSTITUTION** of the Ukrianian Canadian Students' Union

Amended the 13th day of February, 2010

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### I. PRELIMINARY

There shall be one name to this organization;

 The name of this organization will be the "Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union". Ця організація є під назвою "Союз Українського Студентства Канади". Cette organisation tombera sous le nom «Union des Étudiants Ukrainiens Canadiens»;

Abbreviations for the name of this organization are to be as follows;

- 2. (UCSU) in English;
- 3. (СУСК) по-Українськи;
- 4. (UEUC) en Français.

Constitution Continued

#### II. STATUS

The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union is;

- 1. An organization established at the first Congress of Ukrainian Students in Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 26-27, 1953 under the patronage of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee (UCC).
- 2. A member of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) and is recognized as the national representative organisation for Ukrainian Canadian students.
- 3. A member of the World Conference of Ukrainian Students (CeSUS) The coordinating body of Ukrainian student organizations throughout the world.
- 4. A member of the Ukrainian World Congress The co-ordinating body for Ukrainian organisations outside the borders of Ukraine.
- 5. An organization member and recognized by The Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America.

#### III. FINANCIAL STATUS

The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union is a non-profit organization;

- 1. Excess net income available at the end of the year shall be carried into the next year;
- 2. Neither issue of shares nor payment of dividends or premiums shall be made.

#### IV. MANDATES & OBJECTIVES

- 1. To uphold and promote the Ukrainian language;
- 2. To organise, and represent the Member Organizations of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union, along with other Associate Member Organizations as an organised body;
- 3. To promote Ukrainian and Ukrainian Canadian studies;
- 4. To promote awareness of Ukrainian and Ukrainian Canadian culture;
- 5. To provide a structure for intra/inter group relations;
- 6. To foster cooperation and understanding among Ukrainian Canadian students' Member Organizations and other Associate Member Organizations as well as non-members;
- 7. To participate in and encourage the development of the Ukrainian-Canadian community which abides by the rule of law and democratic and humanitarian principles;
- 8. To educate and inform Individual Members and non-members about issues

relevant to the Ukrainian-Canadian community;

- 9. To coordinate and initiate activities for persons in order to promote Ukrainian culture;
- 10. To organise conferences, tours, ethnic events, study groups and exhibits which further the objectives of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union.

#### V. MEMBERSHIP

A Member Organization is a Ukrainian Student Organization who agrees to abide by the constitution of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union, whose fees are paid in full. Ukrainian Student Organization's consist of Individual Members. There are two (2) classes of membership for Member Organizations, "Full" and "Associate". The terms of membership are as follows;

- 1. Membership in the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union is open to all Ukrainian Student Organizations;
- 2. Membership application will commence upon receiving a formal written request for membership, or during a membership drive;
- 3. Criteria for eligible organizations for membership to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union are as follows:
  - For Full Membership, the applying organization must consist of Individual Members enrolled in Canadian post-secondary institutions, who support the mandate and objectives of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
  - b. For Associate Membership, the applying organization is established outside Canadian borders, or whose membership does not consist of Students enrolled in Canadian post-secondary institutions may still apply for Associate Membership. However, Associate Membership will have absolutely no voting privileges if granted membership to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
  - c. In all cases Member Organizations or an Associate Member Organization must be democratically governed with an executive responsible to it's membership
- 4. Before membership is granted to an organization the applying organization shall:
  - a. Provide a copy of the organizations' Constitution to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive;
  - b. Provide an accurate list of their Executive members along with their positions on the Executive;
  - c. Provide a list of the organization's membership including;
    - i. Full Names
    - ii. Email addresses
- 5. Where an applicant organization for membership to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union has fulfilled the criteria as per V.2-4. of this Constitution; the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive may conditionally accept this applicant organization as a Member Organization or Associate Member Organization of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;

- a. Pending a two month probation during which the aspiring organization must appoint a Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union representative, and;
- b. Pay its membership fee for that academic year;
- 6. All Full Member Organizations in good standing of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union have voting privileges at all Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Congresses, and Extraordinary Congresses;
- 7. The Executive will establish the membership fee annually;
  - a. The fee for one year may not be less than 1 \$ Canadian per Individual Member of the Member Organizations' membership.
  - b. The fee shall be ratified by the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Congress if greater than 1 \$ Canadian;
- 8. Member Organizations may withdraw their membership at any time from the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
  - a. By filing a declaration of withdrawal and giving proper prior notification to the Executive of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
  - b. Dissolving the organization;
  - c. Membership fees are non-refundable;
- 9. Memberships expire on September 30th of the subsequent year;

#### VI. ELECTIONS

All Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Individual Members of a Member Organization may run for any Executive position when elections are held under the following terms;

- 1. Any Individual Member may run for election to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive, if that Individual Member Organization, and;
  - a. The Individual Member is a student at a Canadian post-secondary institute and has not received a degree or diploma from a post-secondary institution, unless that person is enrolled in a further degree or diploma program at a Canadian post-secondary institution.
- 2. No Individual Member may hold more than one executive position at the same time;
- 3. The candidates for the executive positions of President and Vice-President Finance must;
  - a. Have one full year of previous experience on the Executive;
  - b. Have registered in a degree or diploma program at a post-secondary institution in Canada for the subsequent academic year, as defined by the candidate's post-secondary institution calendar;
  - c. Must be fully aware of issues relevant to the Ukrainian-Canadian community in Canada and beyond;

#### VII. ELECTION PROCEDURES

The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Annual and Extraordinary Congresses shall follow proper Parliamentary Procedure;

#### All Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organizations;

- 1. All Ukrainian Canadian Student's Union Executive are entitled to one vote per person during an Executive meeting;
  - a. With the exception of the President, who will have one additional deciding vote in a case of a tie;
  - b. During an election each member may only vote once per position;
- 2. All Ukrainian Canadian Student' Union Members are entitled to one vote per person during an Annual or Extraordinary Congresses
  - a. With the exception of the Presidium Chairperson, who will have one deciding vote in a case of a tie;
- 3. An election is won by the person receiving the simple plurality of votes; and where required a majority consists of 50% plus one (1) more votes of those present;
- 4. All candidates must be first nominated either by an Individual Member in attendance at the Congress, or by self-nomination;
  - a. The nomination must then receive a seconded nomination;
  - b. The nominee must accept the nomination before proceeding to the election;
  - c. Must be fully aware of issues relevant to the Ukrainian-Canadian community in Canada and beyond;
- 5. All elections shall be done through secret ballot;
  - a. With the exception when there is unanimous consent by all Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union members present to have an open vote;
- 6. All Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Individual Members are eligible to run for any Executive position with the exception of the position of President and Vice-President Finance as per VI.3.
- 7. Only Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive and Member Organization's Delegates will have voting privileges at a Congress;
  - a. No Delegate whose Congress registration is not paid in full will have voting privileges at the Congress;
- 8. The maximum number of Delegates that may be sent by a Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organization are as follow;
  - a. Three Delegates; representing the Executive of the Member Organization, and;
  - b. One Delegate for every 20 Individual Members of the Member Organization, or fraction thereof whose membership fees have been paid to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;

 Each Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organization, in good standing, in its discretion may delegate up to three of its votes to its first Delegate;

- a. Should any Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organization send more than one Delegate to the Congress, any additional delegates are entitled to vote only if the total votes then held by the person(s) n does not exceed the Constitutionally set maximum allowable votes as per VII.7 of this Constitution;
- 10. No person representing a Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member organization shall delegate a right to vote at a Congress to another person;
  - a. The only exception being in the case of a delegate from one Full Member organization delegating a vote, by written proxy, to an alternate delegate from the same member organization;
# VIII. CONGRESS

The Congress is the supreme legislative body of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union; it is the Annual assembly or, Extraordinary assembly, of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;

- 1. The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive shall convene a Congress at least once during every calendar year;
  - a. The Executive shall give written notice to all Ukrainian Canadian Student's Union Member Organizations of the date and place the Congress is to be held, no less than less than two (2) calendar months prior to the date of the Congress, and;
  - b. Should the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive be incapable of calling a Congress as per VIII.1.a. of this Constitution an ad hoc Congress committee composed of the Presidents of at least half the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organizations may call a Congress and set its agenda;
  - c. Upon the written request of a minimum one-third of all Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organizations, the Executive shall call an Extraordinary Congress and set its agenda.
- 2. The agenda at every Annual Congress shall include at least;
  - a. Reports from each of the Executive members;
  - b. Reports from any existing committees;
  - c. Reports from each Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organization;
  - d. An audited financial statement;
  - e. Resolutions;
  - f. Constitutional Amendments, and;
  - g. Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive Elections;
- 3. The Annual Congress shall consist of The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive where every Executive Member is a Delegate, Member Organization's Delegates, Alternative Delegates, Associate Member Organization's Observers and Guests;
  - a. A Member Organization "Delegate" is;
    - i. A member in good standing of a Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organization;
    - ii. Authorized by that Member Organization to attend the Congress as the organization's representative;
  - b. An "Alternative Delegate" is;
    - i. An Individual Member in good standing of a Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organization;
    - Authorized by that Member Organization to attend the Congress as the organization's representative to take the place of any of the organization's Delegates unable to participate in the Congress;
  - c. An "Observer" is;
    - i. any person who is in attendance at the Congress and is not a Delegate or Alternate Delegate;

- ii. A member in good standing of a Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Associate Member Organization;
- d. A "Guest" is;
  - i. Any observer who has been officially invited by the Executive to attend the Congress;
- 4. At the outset of the Congress, The President, or the Vice-President, or designate when the President is not available shall chair the election from among Delegates:
  - a. A Presidium, composed of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and two (2) Secretaries;
    - i. The Presidium is responsible to conduct the Congress proceedings;
  - b. A Nominations Committee;
    - The Nomination Committee is responsible to prepare a list of candidates for election to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive for the subsequent term of office;
  - c. A Verifications Committee;
  - i. The Verification Committee is responsible to verify that each Member Organization has only the Constitutionally permitted number of Delegates and that these Delegates are bona fide Delegates;
  - d. A Constitutional Committee;
    - i. The Constitutional Committee is responsible to prepare the text of all proposed Constitutional changes, if any, to the Congress;
  - e. A Resolutions Committee;
    - i. The Resolution Committee is responsible to prepare the text of any Congress resolutions for the consideration of the Congress;
  - f. An Auditing Committee;
    - i. The Auditing Committee is responsible to audit the financial records and report of the preceding Vice-President Finance, and;
  - g. Any other committee which the Congress may deem necessary;

# IX. EXECUTIVE

The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive is composed of;

- A President, a Vice-President, a Vice-President Finance, up to five (5) Regional Vice-Presidents, an Internal Relations Director, an External Relations Director, a Secretary, a Media Technician, a Project Director, an Alumni Director, and an Immediate Past-President;
  - a. Regional Vice-Presidents are elected by the Congress, where each Regional Vice-President represents Ukrainian Student Member Organizations in a geographical area, as defined by the Annual Congress of Extraordinary Congress;

- 2. Should there be any vacant positions on the Executive, with the exception of that of the President, an election will be held at the next executive meeting;
  - a. If there is no Executive meeting for more than eight (8) weeks, then the President shall appoint an Individual Member to fill the vacant Executive position and to serve the rest of the term;
  - b. If a vacancy of the Executive position of President occurs, then the position shall be filled by the existing Vice-President;
- 3. If an Executive member has not fulfilled their duties, or has not been active in the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union for a period of time exceeding two (2) months without a valid reason, or prior formal notification to the Executive;
  - a. The executive position may be vacated by putting the matter to a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive;
- 4. The Executive, subject to budgetary constraints, may employ any professional staff the Executive deem necessary to fulfill the objects outlined as per Article X.

# X. COMPETENCE of the EXECUTIVE

The President's responsibilities are designated as follows;

- 1. All overseeing activities of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
- 2. Is responsible for the management of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union, and shall
  - a. Coordinate all Executive members;
- 3. Is responsible for all Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union affairs;
- 4. Calls and Chairs all Executive meetings;
- 5. Represents the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union to the public as an official spokesperson;
- 6. Serves as an official representative to any formal organization;
  - a. This includes serving as an official representative to; The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), The World Conference of Ukrainian Students (CeSUS), The Ukrainian World Congress, and The Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America.
- 7. May delegate any one of the Executive position's responsibilities or tasks to any other Executive Member;
- 8. Gives a clear direction as to the activities and direction of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
- 9. Is responsible for briefing all Executive members with respect to their duties, and;
- 10. The President must have financial signing authority;

Whereas the Vice-President's responsibilities are designated as follows;

- 11. Is responsible for assisting the President in fulfilling duties of the President when the President is unable to do so, and;
- 12. Is responsible to coordinate, organise, and maintain contact with all

Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union member organizations, coordinating all actions and activities with the Regional Vice-Presidents;

The Vice-President Finance's responsibilities are designated as follows;

- 13. Is responsible for all Ukrainian Canadian Student's Union funds; and;
  - a. Keep an accurate financial record using generally accepted accounting principles;
- 14. Is responsible for drafting a budget for the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union fiscal year and be responsible for its realization;
- 15. Is responsible to propose a budget for various events;
- 16. Is responsible for setting a budget with, and for all Executive members;
- 17. Is responsible for all Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union subsidy plans, and grant applications;
- 18. Is responsible to keep all funds at a legal, financial institution;
- 19. Is responsible to present a completed final financial report to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Congress delegates and to the auditing committee for examination at the Congress or by the auditing committee;
- 20. Is responsible for collecting membership fees, and;
- 21. The Vice-President Finance must have financial signing authority;

The Regional Vice-President's responsibilities are designated as follows;

- 22. Is responsible to coordinate Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union activities in a given geographical region of Canada where deemed necessary; and
- 23. Is responsible for communication between Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union member organizations within their designated region, and the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive;

The Internal Relations Director's responsibilities are designated as follows;

- 24. Is responsible for the management of communication within the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
- 25. Is responsible for all Internal affairs within the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
- 26. Is responsible for understanding the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union constitution;
- 27. Is responsible to investigate any internal formal grievances within the Ukrainian Canadian Student's Union;
- Is responsible for initiating, encouraging, and coordinating social and cultural activities geared towards Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union members; and;
- 29. Is responsible to help orientate and integrate Member Organizations of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union who are in their 1st year of membership;
- The External Relations Director's responsibilities are designated as follows;
  - 30. Is responsible for the management of communication with all Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian organizations;
  - 31. Is responsible to maintain communications with other Ukrainian and

non-Ukrainian organizations;

- a. Responsible to ensure that each Member Organization is aware of the new Executive after elections;
- b. Responsible to ensure that each Member Organization is aware of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Unions' activities;
- Responsible to ensure that a representative and/or greeting is dispatched to other organization's national congress/convention(s) as directed by the Executive;
- 32. Is responsible for maintaining liaison with the community and its activities;
- 33. Is responsible to maintain contact with all levels of government;
- 34. Is responsible for coordinating all actions and activities with Ukrainian community and other organizations;
- 35. Is responsible to investigate any external formal grievance relevant to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
- 36. Is responsible for initiating, encouraging, and coordinating social and cultural activities geared to all non-Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organizations;
- 37. Is responsible for compiling an access list of resource people in the press, media and/or community, and;
- 38. Is responsible for the acquisition and distribution of all promotional materials; and;
- 39. Is responsible to provide information about the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union and its activities to students attending High Schools, Universities and other post-secondary institutions in Canada;

The Secretary's responsibilities are designated as follows;

- 40. Is responsible for the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive meeting minutes; and
  - a. Make the minutes available to all Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organizations;
  - b. Must appoint a person from the Executive to take minutes in their absence;
- 41. Is responsible to record ingoing and outgoing correspondence;
- 42. Is responsible to keep and maintain the archive of all past, and present Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union activities and Member Organizations membership list;
- 43. Is responsible to keep and maintain an accurate, and up-to-date membership list of Member Organizations and their memberships;
- 44. Is responsible for understanding the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union constitution; and
  - a. Making the Constitution available to all Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organizations;
- 45. Is responsible for informing executive members of all meetings and important decisions in their absence, and;
- 46. Is responsible for maintaining adequate office supplies.

The Media Director's responsibilities are designated as follows;

- 47. Is responsible for a functioning Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Website, and;
- 48. Is responsible to produce a regular publication/newsletter (Студент/Student), and any other publications deemed necessary by the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive, or by the Congress;
- 49. Is responsible to update the web site at least once (1) every two (2) months;
  - a. Construct and maintain a web page that informs members of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union about the constitution, mandates, executive members, and upcoming Member Organization events; and;
- 50. Is responsible to aid the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive maintain communication with Member Organizations;

The Project Director's responsibilities are designated as follows;

- 51. Is responsible to co-ordinate all Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Projects;
- 52. Is responsible for initiating, encouraging and coordinating social activities;
- 53. Is responsible for ensuring that members of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive, and Committees of the Executive are informed of all Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union projects;

The Alumni Director's responsibilities are designated as follows;

- 54. Is responsible to organise and maintain liaison with Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union alumni; and
- 55. Is responsible to gather and aid the Secretary in the maintenance of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union archive;

The Immediate Past-President's responsibilities are designated as follows;

- 56. Is the outgoing President of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union of the immediately preceding term of office;
- 57. Is responsible to provide advice to the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive on all UCSU matters, and;
  - a. Acts as a liaison and provides an organizational continuity with the previous year's Executive;
- 58. Has no voting privileges at Executive meetings;

# XI. TERMS

The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executive shall fulfill the mandates and objectives outlined in Article IV of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Constitution to the best of its ability;

- 1. Annual elections will be held during the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Congress, or at the Extraordinary Congress;
  - a. Unless the President of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union at the time defers the time of the elections with two (2) week's

prior written notice, due to extraordinary circumstances, which must be approved by the Executive in advance;

- 2. All elected positions are active from inception to the following elections;
- 3. All elected positions are bound by the resolutions passed at all Annual and Extraordinary Congresses;
- 4. The Vice-President Finance and any other Executive Members having signing privileges, must notify the financial institution with whom they do business, formally in writing, of their absolution and loss of privileges, within one week of the election of the new Executive, or upon resignation from their position;
  - a. They must transfer signing privileges to the newly elected Executive;
- The newly elected Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Executives shall assume their responsibilities immediately at the conclusion of the elections;
- 6. The elected Executive will hold their positions until the conclusion of the election the subsequent year, or until they resign, or are removed from office, and;
- 7. Immediately following elections, the entire outgoing Executive shall remain as ex-officio members, active advisors, with no voting privileges during Executive meetings.

# XII. PROVISIONS for QUORUM

Quorum for Executive meetings shall be the President, or the Vice-President, or designate when the President is not available and at least 50% of Executive Members, to make a decision, and;

Quorum for an Annual Congress or Extraordinary Congress is 51% of the delegates registered at the Congress.

# XIII. REMUNERATION

No Executive member shall receive remuneration for their service as an Executive Member. The Executive may vote to reimburse any individual for legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union. Only when authorized by the Vice-President Finance and only after a motion has been passed by the Executive shall any Individual Member of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union receive remuneration for their expenses;

# XIV. DISSOLUTION & ACTIVITY

In the event of the dissolution of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;

- 1. Its assets shall be deposited with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, for the purpose of funding a future national Ukrainian Canadian student organization.
- 2. Any permanent records or artefacts of significant historical note shall be left in the custody of the National Archives of Canada or such other or-

ganization as the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union designates; to hold in trust until the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union is revived; or to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress;

# XV. IMPEACHMENT

Grounds for impeachment shall consist of any action that contravenes this constitution, or any municipal, provincial, or federal laws.

Any member of the Executive may be impeached from office when;

- 1. Ten Individual Members in good standing of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union call for a Special Executive meeting when there is a written request submitted to the Executive;
- 2. Two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all Executive Members of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union is required for an Executive member to be impeached from office;
- 3. Prior to a vote of impeachment from the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union, the concerned Executive Member may speak on their behalf.

Any Member Organization may be expelled from the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union for the current session for any action that contravenes the concerned Member Organizations constitution, this constitution, or any municipal, provincial, of federal laws, when;

- 1. Ten Individual Members in good standing of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union may call for a Special Executive meeting when there is a written formal request submitted to the Executive;
- 2. The Executive shall submit in writing to all Member Organizations no later that two (2) weeks before the set date of the Special Executive meeting;
  - a. Advising of the intention to expel the concerned member organization;
  - b. The reason(s) to expel the concerned Member Organization from the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;
- 3. Two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all Executive Members of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union is required;
- 4. Prior to a vote of expulsion from the Ukrainians Canadian Students' Union, the concerned Member Organization may speak on their behalf.

# XVI. MEETINGS

Executive meetings will;

- 1. Be called with five (5) days notice to the date of the meeting;
- 2. Have an agenda made available to all Executive Members for each Executive Meeting;
- 3. Be chaired by the President, or the Vice-President, or designate when the President is not available, and;
- 4. Have a minimum of one (1) Executive Meetings per academic month;

Special Executive Meeting will;

- 5. Be called with one (1) day notice to the date of the meeting;
- 6. Have an agenda made available to all Executive Members for each Executive Meeting;
- 7. Be chaired by the President, or the Vice-President, or designate when the President is not available;

# XVII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS

Amendment to the Constitution must be made as follows;

- A written copy of all proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted to the Ukrainian Canadian Student's Union Executive no later than two (2) weeks prior to the convening of a Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Congress or Extraordinary Congress;
- 2. The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Congress or Extraordinary Congress shall consider constitutional amendments that;
  - a. Have been edited for style by the Congress Constitutional Committee;
- 3. Constitutional amendments must be;
  - a. Voted on only at the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Congress, or at an Extraordinary Congress;
- 4. All Individual Members of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union have the right to review proposed amendments;
  - a. The Executive shall submit a written copy of all proposed Constitutional amendment(s) to all Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Member Organizations no later than one (1) week prior to the convening of the Congress;
- 5. The Executive will review any proposed amendments and will vote to recommend or not recommend the amendment to the Congress; and;
  - a. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Delegates present at the Congress or Extraordinary Congress is required to pass an amendment to the constitution.

# XVIII. RULES of ORDER

The governing rules of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Meetings are;

- 1. In the latest edition of Robert's Rule of Order, and;
  - a. Are to be implemented in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent or infringing with the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union Constitution;

#### Amendments;

- Constitution and amendments prepared by Marco Jacuta on the 15th day of January, 2008, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- Amendments prepared by Tamara Mischena & Andrew Wodoslawsky on the 16th day of February, 2009, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Constitution and amendments prepared by The Constitutional Amendments Committee on the 12th day of February, 2010, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

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