



18th CWCA/ACCR Annual General Meeting
June 18, 2025, 11:30am-1:30pm (EDT)
Conducted via video conference

Agenda

1. **Call**
2. **Territorial acknowledgement and Call to Order** (Prescott-Brown) (5 min)
3. **Adoption of the Agenda of the 18th Annual General Meeting** of the Canadian Writing Centres Association / association canadienne des centres de rédaction (Prescott-Brown)
 - a. Attendance document ([link](#))
 - b. Mover Sarah King
 - c. Second: Kyle Beres
 - d. Voting: all in favour (100% 24/24)
 - e. Quorum = 19
4. **Adoption of the Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting** of the Canadian Writing Centres Association / association canadienne des centres de rédaction (Prescott-Brown) ([link](#))
5. Mover: Mark
6. Seconder: Hunter Hastings
In favour 20/23
Abstain 2/23
Opposed 1/23
4. **President's Report** ([report](#)) (Prescott-Brown) (10 min)
5. **Treasurer's Report** ([report](#)) (Blaauw-Hara) (10 min)
 - a. Review of the 2024-25 fiscal year-end statements
6. **CWCR/RCCR Blog Editors' Report** ([report](#)) (Hotson) (5 min)
See New Business for discussion of the CWCR/RCCR Blog
7. **Regional Affiliates' Reports** (n/a)
 - a. British Columbia Writing Centres Association (BCWCA) ([report](#))
 - b. Alberta Writing Centres Association (AWCA) ([report](#))

8. **Elections** ([link](#) to bylaws; [link](#) to nominees' biographies) (Prescott-Brown) (30 min):
all voting is anonymous.

- a. Vice-President
Christin Wright-Taylor (acclaimed)
- b. Treasurer: Sarah Van Sloten (acclaimed)
- c. Secretary: Cara Violini (acclaimed)
- d. Digital Media Chair: Sarah Gibbons (acclaimed)
- e. Membership Chair: Amanda M. Marshall (acclaimed)
- f. Francophone representative: Rim Fathallah (acclaimed)
- g. Members-at-large (2): Liam Monaghan and Kyle Beres (acclaimed)
- h. Student Member-at-large (1): Gillian Saunders (acclaimed)

Mover Sarah King

Seconder Laura Little

Vote: all in favour 29/29

Motion carries

9. **Precarity and Writing Support Programming Position Statement** ([link](#))
(Prescott-Brown) (15 min)

- a. Update on "living document"
- b. Process for updating/revising Statement

New Business

10. **CWCR/RCCR Blog** (Prescott-Brown, Hotson) (20 min)

- a. Responding to precarity and capacity: graduate student stipend and call for co-editors

Julia Lane, Jenna Goddard

Cara Violini, Maria O'Connor, Gillian Saunders, Nadine Fladd, Joan Garbutt, Vanessa Nino, Ozlem Atar

11. **Open forum for members** (Prescott-Brown and Wright-Taylor) (20 min)

Members are encouraged to join the "CWCA/ACCR Futures" session following the roundtable to continue discussion.

Dawn An (9:54): wonders about situation with international students in Canada.

Marci Prescott-Brown: institutions have had their allocations reduced. A number of international students have been admitted, but not getting the full numbers. Others can chime in with what's happening at their institutions

Liam Monaghan: it varies widely by province.

Laura Little: I hear you, we only had 4 incoming intl students in Winter, down from over 100 previous (small uni). As a result my ELL budget is scaled back so I'm at almost no ELL support.

CWCA Conference: Anonymous post: I am wondering if CWCA ever had an Indigenous representative?

Good question. The Board has never had an official Indigenous rep role.

Marci Prescott-Brown: will bring this to board/future agenda. Is there anyone else who wants to share thoughts/comments?

Julia Lane: I recall at the last AGM we chatted about an Indigenous Languages Rep, but we also talked about the challenge based on how many languages, AND how many Indigenous folks get asked (additional labour). However, I feel like this is something to consider.

Clare Bermingham: there were some conversations facilitated by Mark and Stevie about representation on the board. I want to make sure we bring those previous conversations back in for some context.

Mark Blauuw-Hara (10:00). We had talked about some advocacy groups, but I don't remember a conversation about board representation. It's a good conversation to have; I don't think we would be doing anything negative to re-start these conversations.

Christin Wright-Taylor: The role could be named: Equity and Belonging Coordinator / Chair of Inclusion and Community Empowerment /Voices of Equity Representative (someone asked a question about linguistic justice statement)

Marci Prescott-Brown: we have an Antiracism Statement

Dawn An: is the Antiracism statement a living document/updated?

Marci Prescott-Brown: yes; it's a living document.

This can be discussed further by the Board, but there has been a lot of work suggesting that Indigenization/decolonization efforts should not be conflated with EDI efforts. So I wonder if maybe there are two roles being suggested here: one with the kinds of titles you are suggesting and another that is the Chair of Indigenization/Decolonization/Reconciliation — or something to that effect.

12. **Adjournment** (Prescott-Brown)

Mover: Amanda Marshall

Seconder: Liam Monaghan

Vote: all in favour (22/22)

Meeting adjourns at 1:07pm

Next AGM, 2026

Location, TBA

CWCA/ACCR 18th AGM Meeting Procedures

- Speakers' list: raise hand and use chat
- Agenda items: for information or decision
- Motions:
 - Need a mover and seconder
 - Discussion
 - can be amended (either in a friendly way or a formal way)
 - Vote by anonymous poll

- Elections
 - Anonymous voting via poll if more than one nominee
 - If only one candidate, nominee is acclaimed
- Need information or anything else for access?
 - Raise hand
 - Ask in chat to everyone
 - Direct message the engagement facilitator (Christin Wright-Taylor) privately