

AWI NEWS & NOTES

August 28, 2020

There is some very important information about the upcoming Provincial Convention in this newsletter. If you are the Branch member receiving this information on behalf of your Branch, please pass it on to ALL your members, regardless of whether you are having a meeting or not. Please pass all information you receive on to your members as this is the only way we have of communicating with some of them. Thank you.

➤ Upcoming events:

○ AWI Provincial Convention	Wednesday, September 23, 2020
○ AWI Provincial Silent Auction	Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Friday, Sept. 25
○ Home & Country deadline	October 1, 2020

Planning is underway for the 2020 Annual General Meeting. A newsletter was sent out on August 19th with information about how and when it will take place. Here is a recap of that information:

- The meeting will take place on Google Meets starting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23.
- You may use any device that has internet access to take part in this meeting.
- The link to the registration form was included in the email with the newsletter on August 19th. The link will also be included with this newsletter. The electronic registration form is attached to this email, along with News & Notes.
- You can register online, by email or snail mail. If you need assistance with registering please call Bernadette at the Provincial Office.
- Documents related to this meeting will be sent out over the next couple of weeks.
- The Cash Raffle will be drawn during the AGM. Please get your unsold tickets, ticket stubs and money into the Provincial Office by September 16th.

Now for some new information:

❖ President Elect Diane Dammann is planning an online Silent Auction to go along with the AGM:

"With a bit of luck, we will have a silent auction via Facebook. Please take a picture of your donation and a brief description. The name of the donor and the location of the item, e.g. Argyle Branch at, Alliance Alberta. Bidding will take place from Tuesday Sept 22 to 4 pm Friday Sept. 25. To bid put your bid amount in the comment section."

So, if you have an item you would like included in the Silent Auction take a picture of it and email it to Bernadette at the Provincial Office. The photos will go on the AWI Facebook page

and bidding will take place there. Shipping or delivery arrangements will be made between the donor of the item and the winner of the item.

That is what we know right now. More information will be sent out as we receive it. If you have any questions about the Silent Auction, please call or email Diane.

❖ The following is from Linda Toews, District 5 Director and Resolutions Chair:

REVISED RULES OF DEBATE 2020

In order to deal with the Resolutions that everyone has worked on so diligently, we have devised a method to discuss them at the Virtual AGM.

1. Resolutions will be sent out to everyone, with the following information:
 - resolution
 - resolution background
 - paragraph from mover (200 words or less)
 - paragraph from seconder (100 words or less)
2. Anyone else who wishes to speak to a resolution will need to provide a paragraph (100 words or less) which will then be sent to all delegates. The paragraph must be provided to the Resolutions Chair by Sept. 7 to give time to compile it all.
3. There will be a limit of 3 speakers for and 3 speakers against each resolution, including the written ones. This is in addition to the mover and seconder.
4. We would appreciate keeping amendments to a minimum because of the format this year. However, if someone feels an amendment is necessary, the mover and seconder of the amendment need to provide a paragraph each (100 words or less), by Sept. 7, which will also be sent out to everyone. If there is more than one amendment, they will be numbered in the order they are received by the Resolutions Chair.
5. Any additional paragraphs will be forwarded to all AGM registrants after registration closes.
6. If there is anyone who would still like to speak to the resolution after all the information has been sent out, ***it needs to be new information***. Please advise the Resolutions Chair that you would like to speak and the new information. If the information is new, you will be allotted up to 1 minute to speak live at the AGM.
7. After any live speakers, the resolution mover will present her final thoughts live at the AGM, and the vote for or against will then be taken.

8. The vote for each resolution will be conducted using Survey Monkey. Delegates will be sent a link by email to connect for the vote.
9. The Resolutions Chair will announce the results of the vote.

Please send all paragraphs and other communications regarding resolutions to the Resolutions Chair, Linda Toews, at lindat4awi@gmail.com or phone 403-224-2881.

- ❖ If you have any questions at all about the AGM, please call Bernadette or me and we will gladly help you. We want to make this extraordinary event a success!
- Reminder: The post office box in Westerose is closed. Please use the Killam address for ALL correspondence.

Please look after yourselves and your families, look out for your friends and neighbours, and stay safe.

Cathleen Thurston
AWI President

“Yesterday’s adaptations are today’s routines.”

— Ronald A. Heifetz