



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 1, 2023
To: OUTSaskatoon Members
From: Melody Wood, Board Chair
RE: Annual General Meeting & Member Consultation

Hello everyone,

After a highly challenging few months, the Board of Directors is finally ready to come together with you to report on the 2022-23 fiscal years. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23 2023 at Broadway Theatre at 715 Broadway Ave in Saskatoon. In conjunction with the AGM, we will also host a members' consultation session that starts at 5:00 pm and goes until 6:15 pm. The AGM will start at 6:30 pm.

Supper will be provided for those attending both the members' consultation and AGM. To assist OUTSaskatoon in preparing for the sessions, please register at: www.outsaskatoon.ca/agm2023. Registering is particularly important for those wanting supper as we need to know of any dietary restrictions and the numbers for ordering food.

In preparation for the AGM, it is the Board of Directors' legal responsibility to provide the members with the Audited Financial Statements (AFS) for the fiscal year being reported upon 21 days in advance of the meeting. The AFS for the fiscal period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, as prepared by Jensen Stromberg Chartered Professional Accountants, are available on the website for your review at: www.outsaskatoon.ca/agm2023.

OUTSaskatoon has had a very challenging year and the year's AFS reflect that challenge. To assist you in reviewing the statements we have prepared an accompanying document to help you. This document which is found at: www.outsaskatoon.ca/agm2023 provides additional information that should assist members in understanding the AFS. The AFS will also give the membership a better understanding of the crisis the organization faced toward the end of the 2022-23 fiscal years.

The 2021-22 AGM minutes are on the website for your review www.outsaskatoon.ca/agm2023. The minutes require approval at this year's meeting. Additional Important Information:

Member consultation - This session will be an opportunity to informally chat about the work of OUTSaskatoon, with an emphasis on how the organization serves its members and the community going forward. The discussions will be in small groups of 8 to 10 people to ensure everyone gets a chance to be heard. Our Interim Executive Director/Organizational Consultant, Rose Gilks, will facilitate the session.

Participation in person - There were a number of challenges in supporting members attending virtually by Zoom at the special members' meeting held in April so we are going to ask that those wanting to participate on August 23rd join us in person. If you need assistance to get to the meeting, please let us know via the registration form.

Membership fees - If you know of someone that wants to become an OUTSaskatoon member but cannot afford the membership fee please drop us an email explaining the situation and we will look for sponsors to cover those membership fees. If cost is a barrier, please contact us.

Board elections - The members will have the opportunity to elect up to eight (8) new board members at the AGM. A Nominations Committee of seven (7) individuals that is composed of 4 community members and 3 board members reviewed 24 applications for the board of directors. A very heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who willingly stepped forward to allow their name to be considered for the board.

This Members' Consultation & AGM will be a new start for OUTSaskatoon as it comes to terms with the challenges and successes of its history. As a board, we had to make some difficult and painful, but necessary decisions - decisions that we accept responsibility for, and decisions that we have learned from. The new course of action that we are commencing to chart will be more cautious and watchful of our resources. But, as always, we will be bold in our efforts to uplift 2SLGBTQ+ people by leading, serving, and supporting in a dynamic community.

Thank you,



Melody Wood
Board Chair

Documents listed below can be found on the website. There will also be ads on social media that direct people to the website:

Website: www.outsaskatoon.ca/agm2023

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/outsaskatoon/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/outsaskatoon>

1. 2023 AGM Agenda
2. 2022 AGM Minutes
3. 2022-23 Backgrounder Document for the Audited Financial Statement
4. 2022-23 Audited Financial Statements
5. 2023 Meeting Registration Form