

Proposed Agenda

Sign-In

Call to Order and confirmation of quorum

Confirmation of Agenda

President's Report

Introduction of the Board elections

Financial Report

Election of Auditors

Discussion of advocacy and education goals

Election results

Adjournment

President's Report

This has been another year of expansion for SAAA. We held events in 5 towns this year: Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Fort MacMurray, and Medicine Hat. We've also been hosting more events, especially in-person ones since this has been our first year "post-pandemic".

We've also been experimenting, as a board, with different ways to schedule events. We had started with planning events on a quarterly basis alongside our board meetings but found that a dwindling events list was a bad look to newcomers. We are now trying to do more regular events such as a discussion night on the same evening every other month, as well as a monthly event planning system to keep a steady supply of new events. This will hopefully even out the load across the year instead of making board members plan a bunch of events several months out and help the members get more regular information while still knowing what to expect a month or two out.

A challenge for the board as SAAA expands is that we will likely not have board members in every community that we hold events. Up till now the events committee has been the board but a priority for me in the upcoming year is to create an events committee that can handle planning and scheduling on an ongoing basis.

We are also continuing our shift more from a social organization to an advocacy group. This has included more discussion nights to talk about issues affecting our community, public talks to educate the broader community, attending pride events, and producing educational resources like our new brochure (Thanks to Jad and Danica for that).

To better inform our advocacy we are preparing 2 surveys, this is being led by Bailey. One of our membership to learn about demographics, the community's needs, events and resources that would be popular, and how best to communicate with the membership. The second survey will be targeted for a-specs across Canada and will be focused on social, housing, employment, and medical discrimination, as well as demographics. We want to do this because while there is some research on these topics there isn't much on Canadians and it is often difficult to transfer queer statistics from the US and UK where the bulk of this research (in English) is from. This data will inform our advocacy priorities but it will also allow us to talk with authority on these topics since we can present statistics and testimony.

We're also fundraising to do all of this. We're supported by you, the community. This can include cash donations but we are also considering merch, particularly keychains and lanyards since the pin/button market is over-saturated. We've already talked to some artists in our community and commercial producers.

Board Candidates

The Board runs SAAA and are elected every year. Candidates were able to self-nominate and submit an optional statement. Nominations from the floor are also allowed but must be seconded by another member.

Candidates for President Incumbent: Rowan Wiebe
Rowan Wiebe (ney/nem/nier)

Candidates for Vice-President Incumbent: Sparrow Cryer
None

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer Incumbent: Bailey Gorman

Chelsey Shorten (she/her)

Sasha Bauer (she/they)

Hello everyone! After five-ish years popping in and out of SAAA events, I finally hit that sweet spot of time & energy and wanted to put my name forward for the Board. I've been very grateful for this group's constancy and welcoming space – my own queer journey took me all over the map until I fully embraced being asexual in my mid-20s, and I deeply value having the opportunity to meet folks from all generations and share our experiences. I hope to use my skills to help expand our reach and continue raising awareness about the ace/aro community for those who need it! I'm based in Calgary and have prior experience on condo boards and doing event & volunteer coordination for other community groups. In case we haven't met before, here is a list of things I am excited about in no particular order that you're welcome to use as conversation fodder: creative writing, deathcare, military history, cephalopods, urban hiking, cross-stitch, cheese, process-relational philosophy, Rocky Horror, and IKEA.

Candidates for Director (3) positions Incumbents: Chris Conroy and Morgan Redmond

Bailey Gorman (she/they)

Chris Conroy (he/him)

Evan Kayne (he/him)

I've been part of the Society of Asexuals and Aromantics of Alberta for over 2 years now. I've participated in coffee meet ups, outdoor picnics, and helped represent the Society along with others in the group in the 2022 Calgary Pride Parade. On their Discord server I've been actively engaged, suggesting events or ideas to the membership. I've been a writer, I'm working in Calgary's growing tech industry, I've ADHD, I'm 2 Spirit status First Nations, and many other labels. What I hope to do is at the very least in my own small way, make the world a better place. Therefore, I'm putting my name forward to be nominated for a Director at Large. I would like to see this group continue and thrive because I find the Society is a safe, inclusive, open, and friendly environment in a world where too many are too quick to judge someone on their differences.

Sasha Bauer (she/they)

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Financial Statement

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I, Cory McDonald, confirm that I have audited the financial statement for the Society of Asexuals and Aromantics of Alberta for the year ending December 31, 2022.

Signature 

Date: May 5th, 2023

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Signature _____

Date: _____

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Signature Chelsey Shorten

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