

## PGAA Report for GAMA Executive-2023-01-05

Since our last GAMA Executive meeting, 2022-12-08, I have met with Cindy Lutz, our web administrator on 2022-12-13 and again on 2022-12-20 to review a lot of issues we were having with the website, particularly the Calendar plug-in. These seem to be resolved and I have got the Calendar populated out until 2023-06 (date for Golf Tournament TBD), plus been able to post a number of new news items. I am also trying to set up a meeting with Cindy to train new GAMA members to use the website (calendar, news items, posting minutes and attachments, dealing with our database and mail chimp) as needed. We should discuss who this involves at the 2023-01-05 meeting.

As mentioned in my CCA report, I also attended the 2022-12-21 Calgary Regional Trades and Labour Action Committee meeting, on behalf of CCA, GAMA, and PGAA. This is an interesting little group who are working to find employment for many marginalized groups. I just sat in on this one, but will present on our trade, and some of our challenges, to the next meeting (date TBD). It is really unfortunate, that after a lot of work being done on the ACA's Trade Pathways Work Experience Pilot Program, that the economy tanked and the program never really got off the ground. Hopefully we can keep this pilot alive until the market rebounds and take advantage of the work done to ready new industry participants.

As of the writing of this report, I am awaiting the names for the 13+ participants in the SAIT First Year Glazier intake, so that we can get cheques cut for the \$500.00 first year grant trial program, designed to help the transition to EI, in the first year, where it typically takes longer to receive funds. We will deliver these to the SAIT students next Monday (2023-01-09) when their classes start.

Lastly, we as the PGAA are still seeking more volunteers to round out our committee and allow us to start to meet our list of priorities.

Attachments: 2023-01 ACA Report

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