XXVII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians

Minutes of Proceedings

Friday October 28, 2022

10:00 am Plenary Panel "Impact of the war on human rights in Ukraine"

Moderated by The Honorable Raynell Andreychuk

Online panel: Honorable Bob Rae and Oleksandra Matviichuk

11:00 – 12:00 Plenary Session 1

Election of the Presidium of the XXVII Congress

Chair: Eugene Czolij, Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions of Canada (CUCUC).

Vice chairs: Myroslava Pidhirny, League of Ukrainian Canadians and Marysa Fosty, Ukrainian Canadian Students Union (SUSK).

Motion: Moved by Bohdan Kolos (Plast Canada) and seconded by Oksana Kuzyshyn (League of Ukrainian Canadian Women) to elect the aforementioned to the Presidium.

Motion carried.

Election of the secretaries.

English: Nazariy Chychkevych

Ukrainian: Olesia Chychkevych

Motion: Moved by Bohdan Kolos (Plast Canada) and seconded by Oksana Kuzyshyn (League of Ukrainian Canadian Women).

Motion carried.

Election of the Verification Committee:

Motion: Moved by Victor Hetmanczuk (Canada Ukraine Foundation) and seconded by Petro Povolinskiy (Saskatchewan Provincial Council) to elect the following to the Verification Committee:

Cassian Soltykevych

Hania Bryl-Klymenko

Marijka Chabluk

Motion carried.

Adoption of the Rules of Order

Motion: Moved by Natalia Jatskevych (British Columbia Provincial Council) and seconded, that the rules of Order on page 15 of the XXVII Congress Program with minor amendment be adopted.

Motion carried.

Adoption of the Program

Motion: Moved by Lida Migus (Alberta Provincial Council) and seconded by Jaroslav Broda (UCC Edmonton), that the Program on page 21 be adopted.

Motion carried.

Election of Resolutions Committee

Christine Czolij – Chair (UCC Ottawa)

Members:

Sofia Kachor

Myroslav Petriv

Yurii Broda

Ruslan Tracz

Dania Pankiw

Ivan Lypovyk

Motion: Motion moved by Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz (League of Ukrainian Canadian Women) and seconded by Iryna Shyroka (UCC British Columbia).

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of XXV Congress

Motion: Moved by Michael Shwec (UCC Quebec) and seconded by Iryna Newton (UCC Niagara) and adopted with minor amendment.

Motion carried.

First Report of Verification Committee

The Chair of the Verification Committee Cassian Soltykevych reported that as of 11:50 am, there were 220 delegates. In accordance with the UCC by-laws a quorum was in the place that required a minimum of 100 registered delegates for the Triennial Congress to proceed.

Motion: Moved and seconded.

Motion carried.

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Motion: Moved by Michael Shwec (UCC Quebec) and seconded by Ivan Moskalyk.

Motion carried.

Report of Nominations Committee

Olya Grod ga an appreciation to the committee members and presents the accepted the positions for the Congress for the next three years:

Alexandra Chyczij President – Ukrainian Canadian Bar Association

Hania Szyptur Vice President East – Plast

Natalie Jatskevych Vice President West – UCC BC Provincial Council

Cassian Soltykevych Secretary – Ukrainian Canadian Business and Professional Association

Alanna Mysak Treasurer – UCC Quebec Provincial Council

Nominees for the Audit Committee of UCC National

Eugene Cholkan – Chair, CPA, CA

Oksana Kuzyshyn – League of Ukrainian Canadian Women

Bohdan Figol – Ukrainian Canadian Research & Documentation Centre

Gloria Sametz-Chewchuk – Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada

Holly Paluck – Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada

Alternates:

Liliya Panteliuk-Sokha – UCC Alberta Provincial Council

Lidia Slobodzian – UCC British Provincial Council

President's report: Alexandra Chyczij

Three most important pillars of the Work of the UCC:

1. Celebrating and Advancing our Ukrainian Canadian Identity
2. Growing our community
3. **Supporting Ukraine** – which is the most crucial aspect and top priority matter right now for the UCC since war started.

- UCC priority is supporting Ukraine's defence against Russia's invasion.
- Rallies, demonstrations, public calls for support from coast to coast
- Calls to Action, Policy Recommendations to Government

Five Key UCC Policy recommendations to federal government and Parliament:

- Provision of weapons to Ukraine
- Economic and humanitarian assistance
- Designate Russia a state supporter of terrorism
- Expel all Russian diplomats.
- Implement full trade embargo on Russia.

UCC Advocacy – Results

- April 27 House of Commons Resolution recognizing Russia is committing acts of genocide against the Ukrainian people.

Canada has provided:

- $320 million in humanitarian assistance
- $620 million in bilateral loans to Ukraine.
- $1.4 billion in loans through the International Monetary Fund.
- $35 million in development funding.
- $39.7 million in Peace and Stabilization Operations Funding.
- $626 million in military aid including lethal weapons.
- Renewed Operation UNIFIER in UK as part of multilateral training mission
- Canada and allies - sanctions on Russian entities and individuals

Celebrating and Advancing our Ukrainian Canadian Identity through Vyshyvanka Day

Commemorative Events and Campaigns:

- Holodomor Commemoration, Awareness and Education
- Crimean Tatar Genocide Recognition and Commemoration
- Commemoration of Canada's First National Internment Operations
- Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month

Community Response to Covid-19

UCC's multipronged approach:

- Education
- Webinars and workshops for individuals and organizations
- Supporting our Seniors and vulnerable members of our communities.
- Staying connected and informed.
- Advocating for our community and our organizations.
- Supporting vulnerable children in Ukraine.

Growing our community

Community Engagement Survey 2021

Ukrainian Canadian Identity and Values:

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:00 Plenary Panel 2:

Canada and Ukraine: Working Together to Build Euro-Atlantic Security

Moderator: Jill Sinclair

Panelist: Hon. Anita Anand, Minister of Defense

- Economic stability of Ukraine can begin after they will be taking to the account more open policies of the EU borders and be more engaged in the trade process, investing and supply and demand process, Ukraine is not only an object but a subject in the world economy.
- Allies aid is closely monitored to ensure that Ukraine receive all of this help.
- Training 33000 of the Ukrainian troops by Canadian Government, for example in England Canadian help to train Ukrainian soldiers for the battle with sappers that are trained by Canadian military in Poland.
- 100 000 Ukrainian newcomers came to Canada in the last few months of the war.

Minister Reznikov, Ukraine's Minister of Defense, presented a video message to the Congress with a huge thanks and appreciation to the Ukrainian Canadian society.

Lithuanian Ambassador Darius Skusevicius

- Lithuania always was, is and will be the support for the Ukrainian people.
- Lithuanians are with Ukrainian people; they stand side by side with Ukraine on all levels.
- Fatigue that came to the West can't be an excuse and it won't stop war.
- Lithuanians support Ukraine all over the world especially in Canada and all "Baltic family" support and help Ukraine as its truest friends in this bloodshed war towards freedom and to victory.

Fireside Chat with Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and Roman Waschuk, former Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine

- Canada Ukraine Bonds
- Direct support to Ukraine from people of Canada
- How do you get money directly to the Ukraine as a challenge?
- Bonds will be available for the retail investors (credits unions etc.)
- Bonds will be clear way to support Ukraine, transparency and accountability that are intact with those bonds.

14:00-15:00 Plenary Session 1 Continued:

Report of the Finance Committee presented by Alanna Mysak - Treasurer

- New auditors and new audit chair – resulted in improved financial statement presentation.
- Strong financial position in 2022, net assets increased from $143K in 2019 to 248K in 2022.
- Revenues in 2019 were $153K and in 2022 are $368K.
- Note UCC financial statements are net of $286K expenses charged to UCC Charitable and Education Trust, as per service agreement.

Report of Audit Committee – accepted.

Chair of the Audit Committee reported that the Audit Committee reviewed all financial statements and documents from UCC and recommends that the Congress pass the motion to accept the audited financial statement.

Vote of Confidence to Outgoing Board Discussion – accepted.

15:00-15:45 Canada – Ukrainian Foundation Report

by Orest Sklierenko – President and CEO, CUF

After russia's catastrophic invasion of Ukraine that resulted in largest humanitarian crisis in Europe after WW2, Canada-Ukraine Foundation was on the ground in the days after air strikes getting humanitarian aid to some of the hardest hit regions in Ukraine and for over 27 years, CUF's mission to Ukraine remains unwavering:

- Raising Funds
- Delivering aid
- Providing support

Since the invasion began CUF has transformed $22 million of the $45 million already received into life-saving humanitarian aid and need will continue!

16:00-16:15 90th Anniversary of the Holodomor: The resilience of a nation

By Iryna Mycak

Video about Holodomor Remembrance

Key topics:

1. Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC):
- Project of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), University of Alberta
- Promotes the research, study, and understanding of the Holodomor.
- Research and education divisions

2. Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre (UCRDC)
- Collects, catalogues, and preserves material documenting the history, culture and contributions of Ukrainians throughout the world.
- Produces documentaries, educational materials, sponsor lectures, conferences and exhibits.

3. Holodomor Mobile Classroom

- Holodomor National Awareness Tour
- Project of the Canada Ukraine Foundation
- State-of-the-art interactive multimedia environment
- Engage and educate students and general public.

4. Launching the 90th anniversary commemorative year
- Canadian launch event at the CMHR
- Canadian focus:
- Holodomor recognition in all outstanding provinces
- Broaden inclusion of topic in educational curricula
- Expand network of descendants of Holodomor survivors
- Introduce new commemorative and awareness initiatives.

16:15-16:45 Shevchenko Foundation Report: Boris Balan

- National philanthropic Institution founded in 1963 with surplus funds from the Taras Shevchenko monument project in Winnipeg, Manitoba,
- Community leaders had a vision to establish a permanent endowment fund that would support the continued growth and development of the Ukrainian community in Canada.
- A 30K investment in 1963 has grown into an investment portfolio of $54.4M in 2022.
- TSF mission
    1. Strengthen the Ukrainian community in Canada.
    2. Enrich the Canadian experience with the beauty, passion, and diversity of Ukrainian Canadian culture.

How does TSF fulfill this mission?

- Raise funds to build a permanent endowment fund.
- Award grants to organizations, groups and individuals in four pillars:
    1. Arts
    2. Community Development
    3. Heritage
    4. Education
- Sponsor community cultural events and media nationwide
- Support community organizations

Saturday, October 29, 2023

8:30 am - 8:45 am Ukrainian World Congress Report

Paul Grod outlined the support of the Ukrainian World Congress towards Ukrainian defenders in the “Unite with Ukraine” project, where it also focuses on advocacy communications with united and influential communities. As we can see the presence of UWC in Kyiv, Toronto, New York and Brussel shows the global initiative from Ukrainian community around the world. There was also presented a brief summary of all initiatives and help form the UWC from the beginning of the war till now.

9:00 am -10:30 am Workshop Block A

Workshop 1: The Future of Ukrainian Education in Canada

Workshop 2: Our Ukrainian Canadian Culture – Stronger than Ever

Workshop 3: Best Practices for Community Leadership

Workshop 4: Meeting the Needs of Displaced Ukrainians

Workshop 5: Best Practices for Non-Profit Governance

10:45 – 12:15 Workshop Block B

Workshop 6: Developing Community Supports for Displaced Ukrainians

Workshop 7: Excellence in Donor Stewardship: Building Fundraising Capacity

Workshop 8: Disinformation in the Russian War on Ukraine

Workshop 9: The Future of Slavic Studies in the Post-War Context

Workshop 10: Ukrainian Health & Humanitarian Assistance

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-14:45 Panel Session: Building Community Now and into the Future

Michael Shwec (moderator) presented four leaders that are Elina Lialiuk, Orysia Boychuk, Danya Pankiw, Devon Sereda-Goldie to tell the story and share the knowledge in their Ukrainian communities across Canada and how they managed to maintain and build better life for the communities and evolve them into something even bigger with a more visible goal about Ukrainian heritage, especially during those hard times of war, where the unity of Ukrainians made them stronger to prevail and rise above and fight the challenges and help displaced families from Ukraine to find a home here in Canada among Ukrainian brothers and sisters.

15:00-16:30 Report of the Resolutions Committee

Christine Czoli expressed gratitude to the members of the Resolution Committee for their time and all of their inputs on the submissions received. The resolutions were presented for discussion and approval.

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Ann Szyptur put forward a motion to change the program for the Sunday, October 30. Seconded by Ivan Lypovyk (UNF Edmonton)

9:00-10:30 Resolutions

The resolutions were approved by the Congress.

10:30-10:45 Presentation by the Credit Unions of Canada

Michael Mychailyshyn (President of the Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions of Canada) expresses sincere gratitude to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, its member organizations and all delegates for such an engaging Congress.

Report of Verifications Committee (Final)

The Head of the Committee Cassian Soltykevych thanked two members of the Verification Committee: Hania Bryl-Klymenko and Marijka Chabluk. The Verifications Committee met and its report as it falls that there are 272 delegates with the Congress should be extremely proud of and this concludes the Final Report of the Verification Committee which is accepted by the Congress.

Report of Nominating Committee (Final)

Slate of the Board of Directors:

Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce – Zenon Potichnyj

Canada Ukraine Foundation – Orest Sklierenko

Canada Ukraine Immigrant Aid Society – Iryna Korpan

Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions – Eugene Czolij

League of Ukrainian Canadian Women – Oksana Kuzyshyn

League of Ukrainian Canadians – Myroslav Petriv

Plast – Ruslan Tracz

Shevchenko Scientific Society – Dr. Olexander Romanko

Ukrainian Canadian Students Union (SUSK) – Dania Pankiw

Ukrainian Canadian Bar Association – Anna Kuprieieva

Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko – Borys Balan

Ukrainian Canadian Professional & Business Federation – Uliana Tomiuk

Ukrainian Canadian Research & Documentation Center – Bohdan Figol

Ukrainian Canadian Social Services of Canada Headquarters – Olha Grot

Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada – Ihor Klufas

Ukrainian Canadian Women's League of Canada – Marlene Bodnar

Ukrainian National Association – Evhen Osidacz

Ukrainian National Federation of Canada – Dariya Naumova

Ukrainian Orthodox Youth of Canada – Serhii Swinton

Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada – Yaroslav Balan

Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada – Slavka Samich-Shevchuk

Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada – Petrusia Latyshko

Ukrainian Youth Association – Yurii Broda

The provincial councils:

UCC Alberta Provincial Council – Orysia Boychuk

UCC British Columbia Provincial Council – Iryna Shyroka

UCC Manitoba Provincial Council – Joan Lewandosky

UCC Ontario Provincial Council – Taras Bahriy,

UCC Quebec Michael Shvets

UCC Toronto – Petro Schturyn

UCC Saskatchewan Provincial Council – Elena Krueger

Olya Grod made the motion to accept the report of Nominating Committee (Final).
Motion accepted.

10:45-12:00 Plenary Session: Ukraine and the World: Geopolitics and Rebuilding (moderated by Markian Shwec):

Markian Shwec presented the participants of the panel which include The Honourable Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, Canadian Ambassador to Ukraine Larisa Galadza, Ukraine's Ambassador to Canada Yuliya Kovaliv and Former Ambassador Roman Waschuk.

13:00-13:45 Lunch

14:00 Official Closing of the Congress

On behalf of the presidium, Eugene Czolij declared XXVII Triennial Congress officially concluded.

For the Presidium of the XXVII Congress

Chair: Eugene Czolij, Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions of Canada (CUCUC).

Vice chairs: Myroslava Pidhirny, League of Ukrainian Canadians

Marysa Fosty, Ukrainian Canadian Students Union (SUSK).

Nazariy Chychkevych – English language secretary

Olesia Chychkevych – Ukrainian language secretary