

## YOUTH RAZOM



SUSK 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

## **CONGRESS PROGRAM**



## SUSK NATIONAL CONGRESS, 2022

Time	Event	Location	Details
Thursday, May 12, 2022			
1:00 pm	Hotel Check-in	Matrix Hotel	Check-in to rooms at the Matrix Hotel
1:00 pm	SUSK Registration	Matrix Hotel	Registration of delegates for the 'Youth Razom' 2022 SUSK National Congressl
5:00 pm	Introduction	<i>Matrix Hotel</i> Amber Room A	Introductions, land acknowledgement, overview of virtual congress, where to find various content (executive reports; proposed amendments to constitution, bylaws, and procedures; etc.), how you can get involved in SUSK
5:10 pm	Presidium Begins	и и	Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes, Roll Call
5:40 pm	Election of Congress Presidium	ш ш	Congress Chairperson, Congress Vice- Chairperson, Congress Secretaries, Constitutional Committee Chairperson, Nominations Committee Chairperson, Verifications Committee Chairperson, Resolutions Committee Chairperson, Public Accountant Appointment.
6:00 pm	Motion to open elections Adjourn Presidium	и и	Motion to open elections at 2:30 pm on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Adjourn presidium until 10:00 am on Sunday, May 15, 2022
6:15 pm	USO Reports	и и	Ukrainian Canadian Students Organizations' (USOs) present an overview of their USO and their clubs activity during the 2021-22 academic year.
7:30 pm	Dinner		Recommended dinner list provided
9:30 pm	SUSK Social	Downtown Edmonton	Theme: Blue and Yellow!



Friday, May 13, 2022			
8:00 am	Complimentary Breakfast	The Loft	Provided by the Matrix Hotel
9:00 am	Opening Ceremonies	University of Alberta Cascade Room	Introduction and remarks from dignitataries, land acknoledgement, and welcoming of all delegates and observers
9:15 am	Contemporary Politics in Ukraine Speakers: Alexandra Chyczij, Marta Dyczok, and Serhy Yekelchyk	и и	The goal for this panel is to discuss present-day contemporary politics in Ukraine, historical and present-day Russian imperialism, colonial, and terrorist violence, and the relationship between community and government in order to provide our youth with the necessary history, context, and adequate next steps they may take in order to be fully informed.
10:15 am	Break	и и	Complimentary coffee & tea A look at the <i>Student</i> Publication magazines over the years
10:30 am	Artists, Tradition, and History: The Importance of Cultural Heritage in Creative Practices Speakers: Lianna Makuch, Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn, & Theodora Harasymiw	и и	The goal for this session is to highlight the practices artists engage in order to discuss the importance of cultural and creative expressions and traditions, resistance, and collective healing. The discussion will focus on how the artists' creative processes, research, and/or work are linked and informed by their Ukrainian heritage and will incorporate discussions of how Ukrainian settlers in Canada have and continue to share their traditions with Indigenous Peoples.
12:15 pm	Lunch Break	и и	To be provided
1:00 pm	Volunteerism & Growth in the Ukrainian Canadian Community Speakers: Adrian Warchola, Cassian Soltykevych, Danya Wasylyk, & Raissa Dzulynsky	и и	The goal for this panel is to highlight the wonderful volunteer work you have all engaged, and continue to engage in, and share those experiences with our youth in order to provide them with information and guidance on the multitude of ways they may continue to participate in our thriving diaspora community.
2:30 pm	Break		
2:45 pm	Intergenerational Trauma & War: An Emotional and Mental Support Session Speakers: Cheryl Kalinowski & Sasha Simcisin	и и	The goal is to make sure students have a space to discuss and understand the importance of recognizing the intergenerational trauma most of us hold and the present-day vicarious trauma and heartache we are experiencing. It is important to recognize the unity and resilience of our culture and community with the awareness of the weight and heaviness that is present alongside the strength.
4:00 pm	Evening Break		Recommended dinner list provided
7:00 pm	'SUSK Razom' Alumni Night	Room at The Top <i>University of AB</i>	An evening to connect with SUSK alumni, announcement of the recipients of the SUSK Volunteer Award, silent auction, and more! <i>Guest performances by:</i> Viter Ukrainian Dancers & Dunai Ukrainian Dancers.

10:00 pm	SUSK Evening Activites	Cabin Pub + Party	Theme: Vyshyvanyj Vechir!
Saturday, May 14, 2022			
7:30 am	Complimentary Breakfast	The Loft	Provided by the Matrix Hotel
8:30 am	SUSK Excursion: Guides: Jars Balan &, The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village		Visit to the world's largest sausage (Mundare), the Vegreville Pysanka, and the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village
12:30 pm	Lunch	Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village	Provided by Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society
2:00 pm	SUSK Executive Elections	<i>University of AB</i> Orion Room	Speeches by all 2022-23 SUSK Board applicants Voting for SUSK 2022-23 SUSK Board of Directors
3:00 pm	Enemy Aliens and WWI Ukrainian Internment in Canada Speaker: Dr. Kassandra Luciuk	ш ш	Professor and historian Dr. Kassandra Luciuk will be discussing WWI Ukrainian Internment in Canada and discussing her graphic history book <i>Enemy Alien:</i> <i>A True Story of Life Behind Barbed Wire</i> . Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about Luciuk's research and process in choosing a graphic format, while learning about the extent of WWI Ukrainian Internment.
3:45 pm	Walk over to SUSK Commemoration/ Vigil for Ukraine		Walking from the University of Alberta to The Ukrainian Centennial Pioneer Monument
4:00 pm	SUSK Commemoration/ Vigil for Ukraine	The Ukrainian Centennial Pioneer Monument	This commemoration/vigil will be hosted at The Ukrainian Centennial Pioneer Monument (Alberta Legislator), with guest speakers.
5:00 pm	Evening Break		Recommended dinner list provided
7:40 pm	Shuttle to Zabava	<i>Matrix Hotel</i> Lobby	Shuttle to drive delegates from the Matrix Hotel to the Ukrainain Youth Unity Complex
8:00 pm	SUSK & USS Benefit Zabava	Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex	Announcement of the newly elected SUSK 2022-23 Board of Directors. Benefit Zabava profits dedicated to Humanitarian efforts for Ukraine, with Edmonton's own band, Zabava U Koli.
1:30 am	End of Benefit Zabava and Shuttle back to Matrix Hotel	UYUC Lobby	Shuttle to drive delegates from UYUC to the Matrix Hotel
2:00 am	After Party	Matrix Hotel	After party for SUSK Delegates



Sunday, May 15	5, 2022		
9:00 am	Complimentary Breakfast	The Loft	Provided by the Matrix Hotel
10:00 am	Calling the 2022 National SUSK Congress to order Presidium resumes	<i>Matrix Hotel</i> Amber Room A	Presentation on proposed changes by Constitutional Committee. Presentation on proposed resolutions by the resolutions Committee.
10:30/10:45 am	Break	и и	Provided by the Matrix Hotel
10:40 am	USO Development 101 Speaker: Stephanie Nedoshytko USO Development 102 Speaker: Danya Wasylyk	и и	Learn how to write a constitution, how to run and sustain your USO, and more. Learn the next steps of growing and maintaining members in your USO, along with how to plan larger events, etc
11:45 am	Adjournment of the 2022 National SUSK Congress	и и	
12:00 pm	First Meeting of the SUSK Board of Directors for 2022-2023	и и	
1:00 pm	Hotel Check-out	<i>Matrix Hotel</i> Lobby	Check-out of rooms at the Matrix Hotel
2:00 pm	Shuttle to Edmonton Airport		Transportation provided by SUSK back to Edmonton Airport

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#### PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

May 12–15, 2022

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2022 National Congress hosted by the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK).



Over the course of the next four days, you will gather with peers from across the country to discuss issues relevant to you as post-secondary students

of Ukrainian descent. Canada is home to one of the world's largest Ukrainian diasporas and Ukrainian Canadians have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to our country in all fields of endeavor. I am certain that you will find this year's program both insightful and enriching and that you will come away with valuable insight into the ways in which you can work together to ensure the continued dynamism and vitality of the Ukrainian Canadian community.

I would like to thank members of SUSK for encouraging youth of Ukrainian descent to explore and celebrate their cultural heritage and to become leaders in their communities. Canada is truly a multicultural nation, made stronger and more resilient by our diversity. I would also like to commend the organizers for their hard work in putting together a rewarding program for everyone involved.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable gathering.

Sincerely,

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The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada



## MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to Edmonton for the 2022 Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK) National Congress.

Alberta owes a great deal to the contributions of its Ukrainian Canadian community, and we are proud of the Ukrainian culture and traditions that continue to thrive in our province. The horror of recent events has highlighted the strength and resilience of those ties, as Albertans of all backgrounds work together to support the people of Ukraine and provide help to those who have been driven from their homes.

I know these issues are top of mind for you as future leaders, and I hope you find renewed purpose as you gather to learn from each other, develop relationships, and explore new ways to advocate for a vibrant, independent Ukraine. I hope, too, that you will have the opportunity to explore Alberta's rich Ukrainian heritage and the beauty of our capital region during your stay.

Thank you to all those who have worked hard to organize this event. Best wishes for an inspiring congress, and for continued success

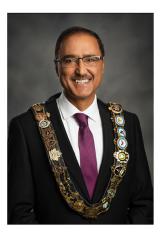
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in your studies.





## Message from His Worship Mayor Amarjeet Sohi



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, welcome to the 2022 National SUSK Congress.

Since the late 1800s, Ukrainian settlers have contributed to the vibrancy and prosperity of Edmonton. Today, about one in every five Albertans can claim some Ukrainian ancestry, making us one of the largest Ukrainian communities outside of Ukraine. They are integral to our community's success in all areas – from business to the arts to public service.

This conference is so important because local students play an important role in raising awareness and advocating for Ukraine's freedom. I'm incredibly proud to see our future leaders come together for this urgent cause. We stand in solidarity with you during this difficult time.

I thank the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union for bringing students together for these important discussions and for recognizing groups who are bettering the Ukrainian community. My thanks as well to the many students and sponsors who help make this conference a success each year.

Have a productive and inspiring gathering!

A. Sohi

Amarjeet Sohi MAYOR, CITY OF EDMONTON





Конґрес Українців Канади

**UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS** 

#### Congrès des Ukrainiens-Canadiens

Dear SUSK delegates!

#### Greetings to the 2022 Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union National Congress

On behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) I am pleased to extend greetings to the delegates attending the 2022 SUSK National Congress – Youth Razom.



On February 24, 2022, Ukrainians and the world awoke to a devastating new reality - an all-out Russian assault on Ukraine, a Russian terror-bombing campaign of Ukrainian cities - targeting and murdering civilians – and an humanitarian crisis for which the world was almost entirely unprepared.

Across the country, the Ukrainian Canadian community is stepping up in support of Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. The UCC and our community is grateful for the leading role in these efforts our students – represented admirably by SUSK – have taken on. We thank you for the many initiatives, fundraisers, demonstrations and efforts in informing Canadians and your fellow students about the situation in Ukraine.

SUSK is a key member organization of the UCC, and it has been inspiring to see the innovative campaigns undertaken by SUSK in this past year and SUSK's work with assisting Ukrainian students in Canada and Ukraine.

The UCC looks forward to continuing to work with you as future leaders of our community. I wish all attending a productive and memorable Congress.

Слава Україні! Героям Слава!

Yours truly, UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS

Alexandra Chyczij National President

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Дорогі делегати конгресу СУСК!

Від імені Альбертської Провінційної Ради Конгресу Українців Канади вітаю всіх вас на 2022 Національному Конгресі СУСК «Молодь разом».

On behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2022 SUSK National Congress "Youth PA3OM" !

For 69 years, SUSK has been connecting students from every corner of the country, strengthening the Ukrainian community, and uniting Ukrainian youth. Wishing you a productive and memorable weekend as more than 50 student leaders from across Canada gather and make important decisions about the current and future of Canadian student community life. May you find creative and welcoming ways to support, connect and help unit our students who are arriving and affected by the Russian War on Ukraine.

Слава Україні! Героям Слава! Glory to Ukraine! Glory to Our Heroes

Orysia Boychuk President

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Welcome to the 2022 National SUSK Congress!

On behalf of the 2021-2022 SUSK National Board of Directors, I would like to welcome all delegates, observers, speakers, guests, alumni, and sponsors to Edmonton, Alberta. As we come together in person for the first time in two years, we will all be uniting in the city where the first wave of Ukrainians immigrated to Canada in 1891. Edmonton has a deep and rich Ukrainian community and we will be given time to explore and reconnect with our ancestral history at this year's Congress. Our theme "Youth Razom" is centered around the importance of joining together.



We will spend time at Congress focusing our discussions and events on the role the Ukrainian diaspora plays in supporting Ukraine and advocating for its sovereignty, robust history, and vibrant culture. We are excited to welcome everyone back in person for the first time since the start of the pandemic!

#### A Year in Review

This term went by quickly! Our Board was elected in August and spent a short 8 months working together. Although short, this was an impactful year. With the new role of Inclusion and Diversity Officer added to the SUSK Board of Directors, our advocacy committee was busier than ever. Not only did we focus on issues that pertain to Ukraine, but SUSK's advocacy committee took the lead in raising awareness on various ethnocultural groups. For the first time in SUSK history, a credit card was created to allow for all expenses to be tracked through one account. Each board member dedicated countless hours to promoting Ukrainian culture, language and various initiatives that served as opportunities for students across the country to unite based on their passion for Ukrainian culture.

#### **USO Growth & Communication**

SUSK values its member USO's and works hard each year to ensure that we remain connected and provide a strong support network as well as numerous opportunities for USOs to remain the active student body on their respective campuses. We have continued to organize National Networking meetings where USO's are given the opportunity to collaborate with their ideas and initiatives. Additionally, SUSK held its first Club Fair this fall, where high school students were given the opportunity to learn about the Ukrainian club on campus upon enrolling at the institution. The goal of this initiative is for students to be aware of the USO on their campus upon entering post-secondary.

Improving communication with USO's is something that SUSK works on annually, and I am pleased to say that this year we have developed this through social media campaigns, various initiatives such as the USO Spotlight series, collaboration in the Student publication



and more. I am excited to watch SUSK continue to grow in the coming months and years. This year, Humber College, Wilfrid Laurier University, University of British Columbia, Concordia University, and the University of Calgary were established as new or revived USO members with SUSK. I am very excited to see the formation of new USO's and the excellent work they are doing on campus. You have each been able to create a community for Ukrainian students on campus this year. Welcome to all of those who are attending Congress this year for the first time!

#### Conclusion

I want to congratulate my fellow executives for a successful year. Each of you played a vital role in bringing together our Ukrainian community in Canada through your innovative, and dedicated contributions. Your commitment to advocating for Ukrainian culture and language amazed me. Larisa, Kira, Anika, Sofia, Maiia, Larysa, Sofiya, Maya, Alexandra, Dasha, Marysa, Michaela, and Aleksa - it was a pleasure working with each one of you, thank you for your devotion to SUSK and the Ukrainian Canadian community. Whether you are planning to remain on the SUSK Board of Directors or not, remember to stay in touch. The changes you have instilled in our community will last a lifetime, and is something to be proud of.

A special thank you to Danya Wasylyk, SUSK National Coordinator, and Roman Grod, SUSK Past President, for your endless support. Danya, you are always one step ahead of me when it comes to achieving our goals. As the National Coordinator, you have supported each of our board members in implementing our ideas, and have allowed SUSK to reach great heights at an accelerated pace. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Roman, your mentorship has allowed for the transition of leadership to be as smooth as possible. You are always willing to provide advice and have continued dedicating countless hours to SUSK for a 5th year in a row. I am very grateful for the valuable advice you consistently offer.

To our donors and alumni, thank you for your support. Your contributions allow for SUSK to continue being a highly effective organization that educates, advocates, and unites Ukrainian students across the country.

Lastly, I want to thank all of our guests who are attending as speakers or observers. We are honored to welcome you to our annual Congress and are excited to gain some insight from you.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable time at the 2022 SUSK National Congress!

Danya Pankiw SUSK President, 2021-2022

## NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Dear SUSK delegates!

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all of you for your ongoing initiatives, dedication, resilience, and support for each other during this dark time in our community. It goes without saying that your voices have been instrumental in effecting change at the highest levels of your post-secondary institutions and provincial governments for adequate resources and support for International Ukrainian Students and Ukrainian-Canadian students.



This year has been life changing to say the least.

Since the first invasion of Ukraine in 2014, war and continuing to fight for one's sovereignty is something that is far too familiar to Ukrainians and those who have also faced this adversity. What has been inspiring and uplifting, is the communal bond to Ukraine that has grown stronger and louder over the past few months. This bond will never be broken.

As this is SUSKs first in-person event (and congress) post lockdown COVID-19, I hope all of you will gain something from this experience. We are grateful for your attendance, support, trust, and are looking forward to meeting all of you over the course of this weekend.

I'd like to pass on my compliments, congratulations and appreciation to the outgoing SUSK Board of Directors for an extraordinary year. They have once again shown their resilience and commitment to SUSK and its member organizations, while persevering and striving to improve and move forward.

A special Thank You to Danya Pankiw, for your support and guidance to myself and the board. To the Board of Directors, Thank You for your tremendous hard work and dedication. An additional Thank You to those who have been influential and instrumental in SUSK's advocacy committee, social media presence, and all-around point people during this year.

Thank you to the Ukrainian Students' Society at the University of Alberta for your advice, assistance, and mentorship in planning the 'Youth Razom' 2022 SUSK National Congress.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer, and all the best in the upcoming academic year.

Слава Україні! Героям Слава!

Danya Wasylyk SUSK National Coordinator 2021-2022

## FINANCIAL REPORT

THE UKRAINIAN CANADIAN STUDENTS' UNION (SUSK) STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING IN DECEMBER 2021

#### **REVENUES:**

Grants Shevchenko Foundation PartipACTION Canada Summer Jobs USO Membership Fees Interest on Endowment Fund (Note 1) Koliada Campaign Sweat with SUSK ticket sales Other	\$511 \$11,805 \$3,421.86 \$1,446.83 \$2,458
Total	\$42,719.69
National SUSK Congress	
Delegate Fees (Note 2)	\$525
Sponsorships	\$2,750
Total SUSK Congress Total Revenue	\$3,275
Total Revenue	\$45,994.69

#### **EXPENSES:**

#### General

General	
Administration	+
Quickbooks	
Bank Fees	
Adobe Subscription	
Canva Subscription	
Survey Monkey	
Zoom	
Other Subscriptions/ Administration Fees	\$639.96
Advertising/Promotional	\$150
National Coordinator Salary	\$20,000
Summer Students (3)	\$15,591.41
UCC Membership Dues	
Project Grant (Note 2)	
Total General	\$40,139.24
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National SUSK Congress (Note 3)	470 <i>(</i>
Hopin	\$306
Election Buddy	
Volunteer Awards	\$237.07
Translation fees	
French Translation for Reports	\$479.40
Ukrainian Translation for Reports (\$.14 per word, 3,582 words)	
Swag/Mailing (Waterbottles)	
Total National SUSK Congress	\$3,776.68
Special Projects	
SUSK Connect	
Platform Development Work	\$2,260
Endowment Fund	<i><b>4</b>2)200</i>
Donor Renention and Collection (including subscription to Little Green Light database software)	\$990 35
Koliada Campaign	
Sweat with SUSK	
Hike with SUSK	
Book Club	
Club Fair	
Total Special Projects	\$6,376.92
Total Expense	\$50,292.84
Net Earnings/Loss	\$(4.298.15)
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Note 1: This interest was not received until 2022 due to delays with creation of applicaiton form Note 2: Only used if USOs apply for the Grant Note 3: This was an online congress so revenues and expenses were significantly lower

## **2022 PROJECTED BUDGET**

#### **REVENUES:**

Grants (Note 1)	
Shevchenko Foundation Strava Canada Summer Jobs	\$15,000
Strava	\$1,000
Canada Summer Jobs	\$14,400
SUSK Designated Fund (Endowment Fund)	
Interest on Endowment Fund	\$11,000
USO Membership Fees	\$500
Koliada Campaign	\$2,500
USO Membership Fees Koliada Campaign Giving Tuesday	\$1,600
Total	\$51,000
National SUSK Congress	
Participation Sponsorships (Note 2)	\$7,620
Sponsorships (Note 2)	
	\$20,620
Total Revenue	\$71,620

#### **EXPENSES:**

#### General

Administration	
Quickbooks	\$450
Bank Fees	
Zoom	
Other Subscriptions/ Administration Fees	
Alumni Night (Fall 2021)	
National Coordinator Salary	
Summer Students (3)	
UCC Membership Dues	
Project Grant (Note 3)	
	\$45,510
National SUSK Congress (Note 4)	+ )
Venues	¢z 210
Transporation	
Food	
Gifts, Delegate swag, Awards	
Speaker Accomodations Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village tour	\$023.00 ¢zoz 75
Zabava Band	
Zabava Band	\$1,000 \$1,260
National Coordinator Dees	
Printing & Advertisting.	
Miscellaneous	
	\$18,922
5	\$10,72Z
Special Projects	
SUSK Connect	¢1.000
Platform Development Work	\$1,000
SUSK Designated Fund	¢1.000
Donor Renention and Collection	
Koliada Campaign	
Sweat with SUSK	
Book Club	
High School Guidebook	
	\$7,500
Total Expense	\$71,932
Net Earnings/Loss	\$(312)

Note 1: Grants are to be determined (aside from the Shevchenko Foundation), funding may vary

Note 2: Sponsors are to be determined Note 3: Only used if USOs apply for the Grant Note 4: Rough estimate of congress expenses

#### SUSK Designated Fund Balance

March 31, 2021	\$196,596.05
June 30, 2021	\$208,638.05
March 31, 2022	\$222,392.90

# STAKEHOLDER MESSAGE

As the Vice President Finance for the 2021-2022 Executive year, I would like to thank our Executive members for all of their efforts and hard work to help SUSK to engage Ukrainian students across Canada and support Ukraine as a whole. During a time when our peers in Ukraine are facing terrible atrocities and the Russian government attempts to strip Ukrainians of their identity, it is most important for us to continue to function and show our Ukrainian pride. This past year has been different from what we had ever imagined, but we have adjusted our initiatives to strive to support Ukraine, while also continuing to grow our organization and unite Ukrainian Canadian students across the country. The Executive members with which



I had the pleasure of working with this year, showed their strong leadership, dedication and teamwork skills this year and it has been an honour to serve on the Executive board alongside them. This has been my second year on the board, and this year I have thoroughly enjoyed becoming more involved with the general management of the organization. I hope to stay on the board in the coming year so that I can continue to implement new procedures surrounding our finances as well as to get involved in new initiatives.

Our efforts could not have been successful without our generous donors and sponsors. I would like to thank all of those who donated to SUSK this year and in past years, as their support has helped us to continue growing a community for Ukrainian Canadian students across Canada.

In order to remain financially stable as an organization and show fair representation of the SUSK Financial Statements, my recommendations for the incoming Executive are:

1. For SUSK to continue using the new reimbursement policy/setup which helps to keep the VP Finance as well as other board members cognizant of spending

2. To strive to make purchases primarily using the newly implemented SUSK credit card, as this will help to accumulate points which can be used to cover travel expenses for our National Coordinator

3. To put together a guideline for our financial policies and procedures so that future turnover within the organization can be smoother

4. To spend some time planning out the budget for the next year and consider where we might expect to ask for funding from donors/sponsors

5. To continue to grow our Endowment Fund and apply for other funding opportunities, as these will help to maintain our financial stability in future years.

With these recommendations, I believe that SUSK will continue to grow. I'm excited to see what more SUSK can do in the future and hope that I can stay a part of it.

Regards, Kira Dzulynsky SUSK Vice President Finance 2021-2022

## 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



#### President Danya Pankiw

Chemistry | Queen's University Queen's University Ukrainian Students' Association



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### **MANAMANA**



### VP Finance Kira Dzulynsky

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BA in Theatre & Film | University of Winnpeg Winnipeg Ukrainian Students'



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Criminology | University of Ottawa University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club



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MA in Russian & European affairs | University of Toronto University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club



#### Project Director Maya Pankiw

Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering | McMaster University McMaster Ukrainian Students' Association



## Alumni Director

Hons Biology | McMaster University McMaster Ukrainian Students' Association



### Past President

#### **Roman Grod**

Economics and Financial Management | Wilfrid Laurier University Kitchener-Waterloo Ukrainian Association of Students

## **SPEAKERS**



### Alexandra Chyzij

Session: Contemporary Politics in Ukraine

Since 2018 Alexandra Chyczij has served as the President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), the umbrella organization uniting and advocating on behalf of Canada's 1.4 million Ukrainian Canadians.

Alexandra is a lawyer by profession and for over 25 years has led prominent legal associations like The Advocates' Society and the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February 2022, Alexandra has been the Ukrainian community's leading voice in shaping the

diaspora's and Canada's response to the war, advocating for the need to assist Ukraine in defending itself, raising awareness of crimes committed by the Russian Federation in Ukraine, and developing a meaningful resettlement program for displaced Ukrainians fleeing the war.

In March 2022 Alexandra was recognized among the Top 40 Canadian Foreign Policy Influencers. For her efforts, Alexandra has been awarded the distinct privilege of being sanctioned by the Russian Federation.

For many years, Alexandra has advocated for matters affecting the administration of justice, human and civil rights, and the rule of law.

Alexandra is also an Executive member of the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Canadian Bar Association.

From 2015 – 2018 Alexandra served as the co-chair of the Canada-Ukraine Stakeholder Advisory Committee, a forum for consultation between the Government of Canada (Global Affairs Canada) and the Ukrainian Canadian community.



### Serhy Yekelchyk

Session: Contemporary Politics in Ukraine

Born and educated in Ukraine when it was part of the Soviet Union, Serhy Yekelchyk received a Ph.D. from the University of Alberta. He is the author of seven books on modern Ukrainian history, Stalinism, and Russo-Ukrainian relations. His monograph, *Stalin's Citizens: Everyday Politics in the Wake of Total War* (Oxford University Press, 2014) was the recipient of the Best Book Award from the American Association for Ukrainian Studies and its Ukrainian translation in 2019 received a special diploma of the Lviv Book Forum.

Yekelchyk's most recent publication is the second, much expanded edition of his popular book about the Euromaidan Revolution and

the Russian aggression in Ukraine, *Ukraine: What Everyone Needs to Know* (Oxford University Press, 2020). A professor of History and Slavic Studies at the University of Victoria, Yekelchyk is current president of the Canadian Association for Ukrainian Studies.



#### Marta Dyczok

Session: Contemporary Politics in Ukraine

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Marta}}$  Dyczok is Associate Professor at the Departments of History and Political

Science, Western University, Fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, and Adjunct Professor at the National University of the Kyiv Mohyla Academy. She was a Wilson Fellow (2005-2006) and a Harvard Shklar Fellow (2011). She is author of 6 books, the latest is *Ukraine Calling: A Kaleidoscope* 

from Hromadske Radio 2016-2019 (New York and Hanover: Columbia University Press and ibidem-Verlag 2021); also Ukraine's Euromaidan: Broadcasting through Information Wars with Hromadske Radio (E-IR 2016), Ukraine Twenty Years After Independence: Assessments, Perspectives, Challenges (Aracne editrice 2015), Media, Democracy and Freedom: The Post-Communist Experience (Peter Lang 2009), and The Grand Alliance and Ukrainian Refugees (Palgrave Macmillan 2000). She has also published numerous book chapters and her articles have appeared, among others, Europe-Asia Studies, Demokratizatsiya, and Canadian Slavonic Papers.

Her doctorate is from Oxford University, she researches mass media, memory, migration, and history, and regularly provides media commentary.



### Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn

Session: Artists, Tradition, and History: The Importance of Cultural Heritage in Creative Practices

Larisa views life through the lens of an artist. She completed her BFA in Art & Design from the University of Alberta in 1981 and has enjoyed a successful career as a painter and illustrator for over 30 years. Larisa is well known for her watercolour paintings (e.g. *Flowers of the Bible Collection, Leonard Cohen Dance Me Collection, Celebrating Women collection*), children book illustrations (*Mosquito's Wedding, Vesnivka*, etc. by Kazka Productions), and digital animations (for Cohenignts, Cheremosh, and the Viter Ukrainian Dancers in Edmonton).

They have garnered national and international acclaim. She has taught illustration at the King's University and can often be found in schools as an artist in residence. In 2016 Larisa completed her MA in Ukrainian Folklore.Her focus was on Ukrainian material culture particularly embroidery. Her thesis was inspired by the pioneer artisans who created Ukrainian Canadian embroidered pillows – it led to the creation of Embroidered Memories, a touring exhibit. Larisa is now working towards a PhD in Media and Cultural Studies at the University of Alberta. Her research focus in on Ukrainian Canadian Comics, specifically those created by Winnipeg artist Jacob Maydanyk during the interwar period.



### Theodora Harasymiw

Session: Artists, Tradition, and History: The Importance of Cultural Heritage in Creative Practices

Theodora Harasymiw is a Visual Artist and Art Educator working in Edmonton, Canada. In addition to working in her studio, she has been working as an Artist in Residence since 1997. For the last 10 years Theodora has been working mainly in the medium of mosaic, but was originally trained in painting. Working between the two vastly different mediums has provided different perspectives on how to create. Theodora has worked on several individual and collaborative community arts projects, including commissioned mosaics for Edmonton's St. John's Cultural Centre and several large in-school mosaic and painting installations.



### Lianna Makuch

Session: Artists, Tradition, and History: The Importance of Cultural Heritage in Creative Practices

Lianna Makuch (she/her) is a second-generation Ukrainian Canadian theatre artist living in amiskwaciwâskahikan on Treaty 6 Territory. She is a performer, playwright, emerging director, and a graduate of the BFA Acting Program at the University of Alberta. Lianna is a producer with Punctuate! Theatre and the co-Artistic Producer of Pyretic Productions. She is the playwright and principal performer in Barvinok (Pyretic Productions in association with Punctuate! Theatre),

which has garnered her awards and recognition from across the country and in Ukraine. The show will be touring Alberta in Fall 2022. She is also the 2020 REACH Grant recipient from the Shevchenko Foundation/Ihnatowycz Family Foundation, which is supporting her as she develops this story into a feature length screenplay.

Lianna was the first Canadian artist-in-residence with the IZOLYATSIA Cultural Institute in Kyiv, Ukraine in 2020, where she began the development of Alina. Alina will premiere in Edmonton May 24 -June 5, 2022. www.pyreticproductions.ca



### Dr. Kassandra Luciuk

Session: Enemy Aliens & WWI Ukrainian Internment in Canada

Dr. Kassandra Luciuk is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Dalhousie University. She is the author of several books and articles on the Ukrainian experience in Canada, including "Reinserting Radicalism: Canada's First National Internment Operations, the Ukrainian Left, and the Politics of Redress," in Civilian Internment in Canada: Histories and Legacies. She is also the author of Enemy Alien: A True Story of Life Behind Barbed Wire.

Her work explores how changing notions of Canadian citizenship interacted with ethnic identity during the Cold War. In a broader sense, her research interests include migration/ethnicity, state formation, and nationalism.

Kassandra was also awarded the 2020 Jean-Marie Fecteau Prize by the Canadian Historical Association. Kassandra was a KOBZAR 2022 Book Award Finalist.



### Raissa Dzulynsky

Session: Volunteerism & Growth in the Ukrainian Canadian Community

Raissa is a graduate from the Ivey Business School and Western University with an HBA and BSc, respectively. Currently, she works as an investment banking analyst at TD Securities. Outside of work, she is a weekly PLAST leader, designing meetings to focus on leadership and female empowerment. She was heavily involved in SUSK for four years, learning skills and gaining experiences that shape who she is today. Some of her most memorable experiences

include: designing and executing on a fundraising strategy for SUSK's Endowment Fund, establishing a monthly video series interviewing SUSK alumni, organizing a national program connecting Ukrainian-Canadian students with Ukrainian students completing an internship in Canada through Mitacs, and acting as chair of the SUSK Congress Committee. She is passionate about strengthening the Ukrainian community and is excited for all the opportunities to do so in the future.





#### **Adrian Warchola**

Session: Volunteerism & Growth in the Ukrainian Canadian Community

Adrian Warchola is the Manager of Air Service Development at Edmonton International Airport (EIA) in Alberta, Canada. His work focuses on building Edmonton's air service network by developing relationships with airlines and travel partners here in Canada and around the world. As Canada's fifth-busiest airport by passenger traffic, EIA generates an economic output of over \$3.2 billion for the Edmonton Metro Region.

Over the course of his 8 years at EIA, Adrian has contributed to the introduction of several new airlines and destinations and has been instrumental in the growth of international inbound tourism to Edmonton & Alberta. Adrian has led global partnerships with airlines, tourism and economic development agencies to foster passenger growth and economic activity. He is passionate about global business and brings value by leveraging collaborative partnerships across local and international networks.

Adrian completed his MBA in 2021 and holds an International Business and Marketing degree with a certificate in Leadership. He enjoys volunteering his time and skills with a variety of non-profit organizations including with SKAL International Edmonton, Edmonton Ukrainian Festival Society and others. In his free time, Adrian performs regularly in his own Ukrainian band, Euphoria, which has toured extensively in Canada and Ukraine.



### **Cassian Soltykevych**

Session: Volunteerism & Growth in the Ukrainian Canadian Community

Cassian is the owner of Urban Block Media – a web development company providing web design solutions and marketing consulting services for small and medium businesses across Canada and the United States. Cassian and his team at Urban Block Media have worked with clients across Canada, in San Francisco, New York, Switzerland, and Ukraine. In 2018, Cassian also founded Canadian Webinar Solutions – a webinar and online meeting production and

facilitation company that helps companies and organizations deliver memorable and high quality webinars and online meetings.

Cassian volunteers his time as a member of the Executive Committee of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, as President of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association (UCPBA) of Ottawa, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Ukrainian Canadian Professionals and Business Federation (UCPBF).

Cassian graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelors of Commerce Degree with Honours, specializing in strategic management, and also received a Leadership Certificate from the Alberta School of Business.





### Danya Wasylyk

Session: Volunteerism & Growth in the Ukrainian Canadian Community & USO Development 102

Born and raised in Sydney, Australia, Danya was heavily involved with the small, yet vibrant Ukrainian community. Since then, her passion for Ukraine and it's culture/history has only grown stronger here in Canada.

Danya currently works as the National Coordinator for the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK), and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC).

Since joining the UCC team in 2020, Danya has been involved in several instrumental projects including the National Internment Education Campaign, with her graphics reaching over 3 million interactions; the 2021 Community Engagement survey, final report design & slide deck; and the Stand With Ukraine campaign, launched on Feb 6th 2022.

Danya is a graduate from Toronto Metropolitan University with a bachelors degree in Child & Youth Care.



### Sasha Simcisin

Session: Intergenerational Trauma & War: An Emotional & Mental Support Session

My ancestors emigrated from Ukraine to former Yugoslavia more than 100 years ago and I found myself being ethnic minority during civil war in Bosnia. My journey toward the sanctity of Canada brought me face to face with many individuals in crisis situations and I witnessed what the power and determination of human spirit is capable of. Real life experiences such as these inspired my deep interest in human rights and learning about the hope, resilience, meaning, and post-traumatic growth.

Previous work that I have undertaken includes crisis support in Emergency rooms as well as assisting refugee population in processing their traumatic experiences and helping them deal with the issues that they face upon their arrival to Canada. In addition, I spent some time in Bosnia following the war as a volunteer where I assisted local organizations and professionals in the development, modification, and implementation of appropriate sexual assault and domestic violence programs.



### **Cheryl Kalinowski**

Session: Intergenerational Trauma & War: An Emotional & Mental Support Session

With over 20 years of experience, Cheryl works with individuals, couples and families. She has extensive training in EMDR and trauma work and has worked in a variety of settings including private practice, social service agencies, and rural communities.

She is also trained in meditation, is co-found of the Elder Abuse Intervention Team in Edmonton and has given presentations, workshops, and has facilitated groups on a variety of topics

including communication, grief, self-esteem, elder abuse, topics related to elder-care, and adult children of alcoholics. Counseling services include; self-esteem and personal growth, stress, anxiety, coping strategies, depression, grief and loss, relationship skills, separation and divorce (pre and post adjustment), addictions, abuse, conflict resolution, family life issues, developmental transitions, adolescent and child behaviour, intergenerational issues, eldercare concerns, trauma, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).





## Jars Balan

Session: SUSK Excursion

Jars Balan is the Director of the Kule Ukrainian Canadian Studies Centre at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS). His interest in the history of Ukrainians in Canada dates back to 1974, when he spent a summer hitch-hiking around the prairies on a Canada Council grant visiting all of the original areas of pioneer era Ukrainian settlement. His experiences contributed to his coauthorship of a half-hour musical, Song of Leaving, staged at the Odessa Pavilion during the 1976 Caravan Festival.

Jars was an active member of SUSK for a decade between 1971-

1981, while doing his undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Toronto and the University of Alberta. His volunteer energies were primarily directed toward supporting the dissident movements in Ukraine and Eastern Europe, and to producing Student during its Edmonton years. He has been involved with CIUS almost since its 1976 inception, first as an editor and contract researcher, and since 2000 as the coordinator of the Ukrainian Canadian program. One of his of CIUS projects over the years was to organize the Kalyna Country Ecomuseum to mark the 100th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada in 1991.



### Stephanie Nedoshytko

Session: USO Development 101

Stephanie is a recent graduate of University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from MacEwan University. She is currently articling with the Department of Justice Canada.

Stephanie has been heavily involved with a variety of student organizations in the past. She served as President of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK) as well as the Students' Association of MacEwan University.

She has experience with several levels of government from her time at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and interning with Global Affairs Canada.

She has a breadth of experience with grassroots community building, including starting Ukrainian Student Organizations from the ground up. Stephanie looks back at her time with SUSK fondly from organizing congresses, creating advocacy initiatives, and connecting with student organizations in Ukraine. She is passionate about women and youth in leadership, inclusive community building, and growing a vibrant Ukrainian community.



The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK) acts a motion. A motion concerning a point of order may be according to the following rules of order set out by section made under the following circumstances; 4.4 of the SUSK Procedures:

At the outset of the Congress, The President, or the Vice President, or designate when the President is not available shall chair the election from among Delegates:

a. Presidium, composed of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and two (2) Secretaries;

i. The Presidium is responsible to conduct the Congress proceedings;

#### **RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIR**

1. Conduct sessions of the 2020 Congress in accordance with the adopted program, maintain order and adhere to the Bylaws and Policies

- 2. Facilitate discussion and ensure its viability
- 3. Put all motions to a vote and announce the results
- 4. Explain and decide all questions of order
- 5. Immediately suspend discussion by a delegate when;
  - He/She/They interferes with the proceedings of the Congress or is off topic being discussed;
  - A motion is made on a point of order;
  - An objection to the consideration of a motion is made

6. Dismiss irrelevant or late motions

7. Conduct sessions fairly and impartially

8. The Vice-Chair, who conducts Congress business in Hopin the absence of the Chair, is accorded the same rights as 3. The Chair will cast a secret vote through ElectionBuddy the chair.

#### **RIGHTS OF THE DELEGATE**

1. Express opinions relevant to issues place on the agenda and formulate them into concise conclusions

2. Put forth before the Congress proposals and motions **RESOLUTION** for approval

3. Take part in the Congress Committee's, discuss and present the proposed resolutions of the Committees of approve proposed resolutions at the Committees and the Congress. vote on them during the appropriated times.

4. Have voting privileges as defined by the Ukrainian amalgamate resolutions in order to; Canadian Students' Union Bylaws

#### **GENERAL RULES OF ORDER**

1. Question to members of the outgoing Executive be directed to the Chair

2. During discussion of reports each person may speak only once to summarize his remarks regarding the activities of the outgoing Executive. Comments already made by other persons should not be restated.

3. Each person who proposes an amendment to a motion by adding to, deleting from the question, or rephrasing should be immediately provided to the

4. A motion, once it is moved, seconded and interpreted by the Chair may be withdrawn by the mover only with the consent of the seconder.

5. All points of order should be directed to the Chair by

- Where there is concern about the running of business by the Chair
- When Delegates use improper or derogatory comments
- When a speaker does not speak to the issue or takes excessive time in debate A point of order must be made immediately and stated concisely; A point of order;
- Supersedes all other debate and may interrupt the speaker
- Does not require a seconder
- Must be resolved by the Chair immediately
- May be appealed to the Congress immediately after the ruling of the Chair

6. All procedural matters, which are not addressed by the Rules of Order of the Congress, shall be governed by to Robert's Rules of Order, insofar as they do not contradict the Ukrainian Canadian Student's Union Constitution.

#### VOTING

1. Voting for the SUSK National Board of Directors will be conducted by secret ballot via election software ElectionBuddy

2. Voting for proposed Resolutions will be conducted via

for each position that will only be opened by the Chair of the Verifications Committee and used in the case of a tie 4. Counting of votes cast will be conducted by the Congress **Elections & Verifications Committee** 

1. The Congress Resolutions Committee shall receive and

2. The Resolutions Committee may revise, re-order or

- Ensure consistency in their format;
- Avoid duplication of similar principles or concepts

3. The Congress Resolutions Committee may also review and propose resolutions not covered by the Committees Each resolution must be proposed by the Congress Resolutions Committee for consideration by the Congress 5. Each Delegate has the right to submit a resolution to the Congress Resolutions Committee.

6. The resolutions may be discussed during the appropriate session within a limited time period specified by the Congress Chair.

7. Any amendments to the resolutions arising from the sessions must be agreed to by either the Chair of the Congress Resolutions Committee or his/her designate.



## USO MARKS



Province	USO
Alberta	<ol> <li>Ukrainian Students' Society, University of Alberta</li> <li>MacEwan Ukrainian Students' Club</li> <li>Ukrainian Students' Society, University of Calgary</li> </ol>
British Columbia	<ol> <li>University of Victoria Ukrainian Students' Club</li> <li>UBC Ukrainian Students' Society</li> </ol>
Manitoba	<ol> <li>University of Winnipeg, Ukrainian Students' Association</li> <li>University of Manitoba Ukrainian Students' Association</li> </ol>
Ontario	<ol> <li>Western University Ukrainian Students' Association</li> <li>University of Guelph Ukrainian Students' Club</li> <li>McMaster Ukrainian Students' Association</li> <li>Ukrainian Students' Club, York University</li> <li>Ukrainian Students' Club, University of Toronto</li> <li>Ukrainian Student Union of Barrie, Georgian College</li> <li>Toronto Metropolitan Ukrainian Students' Club</li> <li>Ukrainian Students' Club at Humber &amp; Guelph Humber College</li> <li>Queen's University Ukrainian Students' Association</li> <li>Carleton Ukrainians, Carleton University</li> <li>University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club</li> </ol>
Saskatchewan	19. University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students' Association
Quebec	<ol> <li>Concordia Ukrainian Students' Union</li> <li>McGill Ukrainian Students' Association</li> <li>The University of Montreal's Ukrainian Student Association</li> </ol>



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