

Minutes

Of the

44th Lemko Association convention

held Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 3:00pm in the Conference Room of the Carpathian Institute of Inter-Ed, Inc

184 Old County Road

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1. Vice President and Acting President Paul J. Best opened the meeting at 3:00pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. There was a moment of silence in memory of three members of the Lemko Association who passed away since the 43rd convention in 2005
 - a. Lawrence (Larry) Garrahan-Buranich
 - b. Victoria Merena Windish
 - c. Alexander HerenchakAnd "viechnaya pamiat" was chanted
4. Discussion then ensued:
 - a. The current general situation of the Association
 - b. The financial situation
 - c. The Lemko Association's organ, Karpataska Rus'
 - d. Archives and artifacts
5. The election of officers now took place, election tellers Robert Klancko and Orestes Mihaly announced the following:

There are 68 paid-up members of the Association for 2010 and 62 ballots had been submitted all of which were valid, yielding the following results:

President-----	Paul J Best-----	60 votes
Vice President-----	Walter Maksimovich-----	58 votes
Secretary-----	Mary Barker-----	59 votes
Treasurer-----	John Madzik-----	58 votes

Revisions to the Association By-Laws-----62 votes
6. Financial Report-

If all the current (2010) dues checks clear there will be \$703 in the treasury, which includes a number of donations.

Note: the changes in the by-laws hopefully have obviated the problem which arose with the sudden death of the treasurer, Victoria Windish in August 2009, i.e. the president and the treasurer jointly and/or separately will be signatories on all Lemko Association accounts.
7. There next followed a general discussion of all aspects of the Lemko Association activities.
8. The Convention was closed at 4:00pm and was followed by a late luncheon of grilled food prepared by Mrs. Best and daughter Roselle.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Barker

Mary Barker, Secretary, The Lemko Association



Constitution and by-laws of the Lemko Association [Lemko Soyuz]

Revised May 2010

- I. Purpose of the Association is to unite immigrants from the Lemko Region of the Carpathian Rus' area of Central Europe, and their descendents wherever they may live, for the purpose of preserving their history, culture, customs and traditions.
- II. Membership is open to all persons who have an interest in the Lemko homeland, its inhabitants and the Lemko diaspora.
- III. Dues for each voting member shall be \$10.00 per year or such other amount as the Executive Committee may from time to time decide.
- IV. Executive Committee is to be elected by dues paying members by direct mail ballot every two (2) years. An member may present him/herself as a candidate to a specific office on the nomination of five (5) voting members. The Executive Committee shall consist of the four elected officers of the Association. Executive officers may co-opt any member into the executive committee in case of a vacancy, until the next regular election. The Executive Committee member shall consist of the President (chief Executive Officer) of the Association, The Vice President (who takes place of the President in his/her absence, failure to act, illness, incapacitation or resignation, Secretary (who keeps the official records of the organization) and the Treasurer (who receives and disburses funds and places deposits as designated by the Executive Committee). The Treasurer and the President shall have authority to jointly or severally be signatories on all accounts which shall be designated as property of the "Lemko Association".
- V. Office of the Association shall be at such location as the Executive Committee may from time to time designate
- VI. Membership Meetings shall take place every two (2) years in the Spring, on a date designated by the Executive Committee. The biennial meeting may take place in a designated meeting place, by means of a telephonic conference, by e-mail or via the U.S. Postal Service or other electronic means or by a combination of means as indicated by the Executive Committee.
- VII. Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition, shall determine the order at all meetings.
- VIII. Cooperation with other like-minded organizations in the interest of the Lemko people is to be encouraged.
- IX. Dissolution. Should the Lemko Association be terminated for any reason whatever property left over shall transferred to some non-profit, tax-exempt organization with an interest in the Carpathian Rus' Region, its inhabitants and their descendents. No individual may acquire any Lemko Association property

