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FOREWORD

I began the process of writing the history of the USRA/TYC organization by collecting, organizing and collating the archival material that was found in the USRA/TYC National Office, Ukraine Voice Archives in Winnipeg where I have searched for material on two occasions and I was able to collect original USRA/TYC material that was relevant to our history project, St. Andrew's College Library, Edmonton USRA/TYC Branch archives, the library of the late Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Michael and Dobrodijka Stephania Yurkiwsky, the files of the late Eugene Yereniuk, from the archives of Yarko Skrypnyk and from the archives of the late Rt. Rev. Mitred Archpriest Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk and Dobrodijka Nadia Kryschuk. To date the National Executive has over 80 three-ring binders, many file folders and over 50 publications that make reference to the USRA/TYC national organization. A lot of the history that was compiled initially came from USRL/CYC National Bulletins and the Ukrainian Voice newspaper, whereas later information was compiled from USRA/TYC Minutes, USRL/CYC Convention Programs, USRA/TYC Convention Booklets, USRA/TYC Presidents' reports and from the USRA/TYC National Newsletters.

Once the History Project is completed, the USRA/TYC archives will be donated to the University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections in Winnipeg. This decision was finalized by the delegates at the August 23, 2013 Biennial Convention in Saskatoon. The archives need to be housed in a proper facility to ensure that the materials are safe and that other historians and future generations will have the opportunity to study this one aspect of Ukrainian Canadiana – the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox Men's Group (USRA/TYC).

I would like to thank my wife, Orasia Yereniuk, for helping me proofread and edit the text of this book, and my son, Michael Yereniuk, for the layout and publishing assistance. I would also like to thank each person who has been a member of USRA/TYC over the past 75 years for being part of this important organization.

- Emil Yereniuk
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INTRODUCTION

The history of this organization is tied very closely to the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (USRL/CYC). USRL/CYC was formed in 1927 at the Eleventh National Convention in Saskatoon (23-25 December 1927). National conventions were very popular for Ukrainians in Canada and resulted in a number of very significant events in Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox history:

- 1910 – Ukrainian Voice was created
- 1916 – Petro Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon was established
- 1918 – Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada was organized
- 1927 – Ukrainian Self-Reliance League was created

At the 11th National Convention delegates decided to form a central organization (USRL/CYC) that would unify the following national and local Orthodox organizations in Canada:

1. Petro Mohyla Ukrainian Institute in Saskatoon
2. Mykhailo Hrushevsky Ukrainian Institute in Edmonton (now called St. John's Institute)
3. Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (UWAC)
4. Ukrainian Community Centres (SUND)
5. Ukrainian Students' Association
6. Ukrainian Canadian Youth Association (CYMK)

The following individuals were the founders of USRL/CYC:

1. Wasyl Swystun (the first National President)
2. Jaroslaw W. Arsenych
3. T. Humeniuk
4. Peter H. Woycenko
5. Rev. Fr. Semen Sawchuk
6. Rev. Fr. Wasyl Kudryk
7. Wasyl Batytsky
8. W. Burianyk
9. Joseph Bohonos
10. Myroslaw Stechishin
11. Michael Stechishin
12. Julian Stechishin
13. Peter Lazarowich

Myroslaw Stechishin defined the USRL in the following way:

*“The USRL is the concentration and consummation of our entire organizational and national life in Canada. This is the body which binds together our Institutes, our People’s Homes, united in the Union of Ukrainian Community Centers, our womanhood under the name of Ukrainian Women’s Association of Canada (S.U.K.) and our youth, the Canadian-Ukrainian Youth Association (S.U.M.K.)”*¹

The basic principles of USRL/CYC are:

1. self-reliance of the individual, the organization, and the nation
2. the independence of thought and action
3. independence in politics, in economics and in religion

The ideology of USRL/CYC is based on the principles of Self-Respect, Self-Help and Self-Reliance. (1992 National USRL/CYC Executive)

The purpose of USRL/CYC was:

1. to unify all worthwhile national elements on the basis of self-respect (самопошана), initiative (самодіяльність), and independence (самостійність) in the individual and in the community, and in the national life in Canada and Ukraine;
2. to provide honest, intelligent and responsible leadership for the Ukrainian people in Canada generally in Canadian and Ukrainian matters;
3. to render moral and material support for the people in Ukraine in their struggle for liberation;
4. to support, develop and cultivate cultural appreciation of the Ukrainian people in Canada in order to enrich the intellectual life and the Canadian culture in general; and
5. to fight communism, fascism, and anti-democratic activities and in general all those manifestations which are harmful in community and political life in Canada².

USRL/CYC became the leading Ukrainian-Canadian organization in Canada at this time. The USRL was also a founding member of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), the World Congress of Free Ukrainians and also supported the Council of the Ukrainian National Republic in Exile.

When the USRL/CYC was organized in 1927, there was no official men’s group mentioned in the structural plan. The men were involved in organizing CYC and they felt that there was no need to have a separate men’s organization.

When the National Bylaws were drawn up in 1927 Clause 3.1 referred to Membership:

“Членами Союзу Українців Самостійників можуть бути українські товариства або поодинокі особи української народности.”

1 Source: Союз Українців Самостійників в Канаді і Об’єднання Українського Народу, Мирон Стечишин, Вінніпег, Канада, 1933; USRL/CYC in Canada, M. Stechishin, Winnipeg, Canada, 1933, page 7

2 Source: Soyooz Ukrayintsv Samostiynikov i Ukrayinska Vezvolna Sprava, P.I. Lazarovich, Винніпег, Канада, 1951; The Ukrainian Self-Reliance League and the Issue of the Liberation of Ukraine, P. I. Lazarowich, Winnipeg, Canada, 1951, p.3

“Members of USRL/CYC can be Ukrainian Organizations or individuals of Ukrainian ancestry.”

This provision allowed individual men's organizations to be formed in the early years. In the May 1933 edition of the CYC Bulletin, published by the USRL/CYC (Канцелярія Екзекутиви Союзу Українців Самостійників), the following CYC branches were mentioned:

1. Alberta: Edmonton, Bellis, Vilna, Radway, Willingdon and Calgary
2. Saskatchewan: Saskatoon, Hafford, Krydor, Danbury, Yorkton and Prince Albert
3. Manitoba: Winnipeg, Vita, Dauphin and Zorya
4. Ontario: Toronto, West Fort William, Fort William, Hamilton, and Port Colburn
5. Quebec: Montreal
6. USA: Chicago

This indicates that the men did form branches under the CYC banner rather than the TYC banner.

Paul Hleck presented a paper entitled “What's in a Name?” in which he states that after searching through his collection of material he was able to learn that USRA/TYC was organized at the National Convention in Saskatoon on 28 December 1938³.

Finally, the first National USRA/TYC Executive was formed at the USRL/CYC Conference in Edmonton July 13-15, 1950⁴.

USRA/TYC is a National Ukrainian Orthodox Men's organization that espouses the same principles and ideology that the umbrella organization presented and accepted in 1927. These principles and ideologies were incorporated in the USRA/TYC National, Provincial and Local Branch Bylaws.

3 Source: TYC National Executive Circular #2 April 1978

4 Source: Обіжник Централі СУС, Вінніпег, ч.7- серпень 1950; USRL/CYC Bulletin, No. 7- August 1950

CHAPTER ONE

Early History

Part One: December 28, 1938

In December 1938 and early in 1939 there were three major locations in Canada that were designated for the National USRL/CYC Convention:

- Winnipeg – 24-26 December 1938
- Saskatoon – 28-29 December 1938
- Edmonton – 31 December 1938 and 1-2 January 1939

One of the main topics for the Edmonton portion of the convention was acceptance of the newly-revised National USRL/CYC Bylaws. *“Одного з важливих організаційних справ буде ПРИНЯТТЯ ПОПРАВЛЕНОГО СТАТУТУ, над котрим комісія працювала через довгий час.”*¹

This was very important because on 28 December 1938 the delegates approved the revised National USRL/CYC Bylaws and officially the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (Товариство Українців Самостійників - ТУС) was born.

In the 1938 USRL/CYC Bylaws under the Membership section, Clause “a”, the following is stated: “До Союзу Українців Самостійників належать такі союзні організації: Союз Українських Народних Домів – СУНД; Товариство Українців Самостійників - ТУС; Союз Українок Канади - СУК; Союз Української Молоді Канади - СУМК; Інститут ім. П. Могили в Саскатуні та Інститут ім. М. Грушевського в Едмонтоні.” USRL/CYC membership includes the following organizations: SUND, USRA/TYC, CYK, CYMK, and Institutes of P. Mohyla in Saskatoon and M. Hrushevsky in Edmonton. This is the earliest documented reference of the USRA/TYC organization in Canada.

1 Source: Ukrainian Voice, 21 December 1938

Wasył Batytsky (В. Батицький) in his book, What is the USRL/CYC and its Organizations? states the following:

“The Tovarystvo Ukrayintsv Samostiynykyv and its individual members are members directly of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League” (page 11)

He then proceeds to write the following,

“Now here are the main principles of the USRL/CYC affiliates:

Let’s look first at the Association of Ukrainian Homes Another part of the USRL is the Ukrainian Women’s Association of Canada ... The third branch – is a glorious one (.....) the Ukrainian Canadian Youth Association..... These branches are the most important parts of USRL/CYC because in them are united, and should be united, all the strata of our community.” (Pages 11-14)

In the book he discusses the Institutes that work in harmony with USRL/CYC principles and the Ukrainian Voice, the soul of USRL/CYC. Even after the USRA/TYC was formed in 1938, the men’s group did not get the recognition afforded other organizations in the USRL/CYC family².

In the 3 May 1939 edition of Ukrainian Voice the article, “New Bylaws of USRL/CYC” – “Новий Статут Союзу Українців Самостійників”, clearly states one of the important changes to the Bylaws is the addition of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (USRA/TYC) as a member organization of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada.

Other points in the article about the newly-formed USRA/TYC organization:

- USRA/TYC is as equal in status as SUND, UWAC and CYMK. All USRA/TYC Branches come under the national leadership and executive of SUND. All USRA/TYC branches and all SUND branches are equal in status but they have one National Executive. The National SUND Executive speaks and represents the interests of all USRA/TYC Branches on the National USRL/CYC National Executive. One of the main reasons for this was the fact that SUND had its own Charter and it was incorporated in the Dominion of Canada.
- USRA/TYC branches should be formed where there are Ukrainians in Canada and if there are CYMK and UWAC branches in a location, a USRA/TYC branch should be established, unless there is an existing SUND branch in that locale. Since USRA/TYC and SUND had the same goals and objectives, there was no reason to organize a USRA/TYC branch in those locations.

² Source: Що є Союз Українців Самостійників та Його Союзні Організації?, В. Батицький, Накладом СРС з друкарні Українського Голосу, Вінніпег, Канада 1942; What is USRL/CYC and Its USRL/CYC Organizations?, W. Batytsky, Ukrainian Voice Printers, Winnipeg, Canada, 1942

- All USRL/CYC branches that had been organized in all parts of Canada and that were directly responsible to the USRL/CYC National Executive were to be liquidated and transformed into USRA/TYC branches, except in those locations that also had a SUND branch. In those locations all USRL/CYC branches would be liquidated and their members would be encouraged to join the SUND branch.
- There weren't any differences between USRA/TYC and SUND branches. All USRA/TYC branches would accept the same obligations as all SUND branches. The obligations were:
 - to unite all Ukrainians into the independent, very beneficial self-reliant organization as a blend of Ukrainian Canadian nationality;
 - to stand on guard for a moral and religious life;
 - to be concerned with the educational aspect of the Ukrainian whole in Canada;
 - to retain the principles of uniqueness and individuality of our nation;
 - to promote knowledge and self-awareness among Ukrainian Canadians;
 - to promote physical activity for the health of the individual;
 - to promote the close relationships among the Ukrainian masses in Canada;
 - to seize every opportunity to expand self-reliant ideology among all Ukrainians;
 - to create self-respecting and self-reliant Ukrainians in Canada;
 - to track community life of Ukrainians in Ukraine so that the general citizenry of Canada can be informed of the struggles for nationhood among our brothers in Ukraine;
 - to assist members in helping and supporting USRL/CYC; and
 - to create discipline in our community so that it will serve not only USRL/CYC but also the USRA/TYC community could be a model in domestic, social or civic affairs.
- The work of USRL/CYC and its affiliate organizations is in general important and worthwhile. It is national in scope but not politically motivated like other organizations in Canada.
- The goal was to have a USRA/TYC branch in every city, town or village in Canada that had a Ukrainian population.

The USRL/CYC branches that existed at this time did become USRA/TYC branches. There is no archival evidence as to how many branches completed this change. Edmonton did make the transformation and their Minutes clearly indicate that they did become a USRA/TYC branch.

All USRA/TYC branches were directly responsible to the SUND National Executive, and since the SUND National Executive represented the USRA/TYC interests on the National USRL/CYC Executive, the President of SUND became the USRA/TYC National President as well.

SUND/СУНД Presidents

Term	President
1939	P. Wasylyshyn
1940	H. Slipchenko
1941	H. Slipchenko
1942	W. Batytsky
1943	W. Batytsky
1944	I. Semeniuk
1945	P. Krypiakievych
1946	S. Mysak
1947	H. Bodnarchuk
1948	No documented information has been found
1949/50	H. Bodnarchuk

All of the USRL/CYC and SUND Bulletins from 1939 to 1949 made reference to newly-elected USRL/CYC, SUND, CYK and CYMK National and Provincial Executives. There is never a mention of a USRA/TYC National Executive during those years. USRA/TYC was mentioned as an organization in the National USRL/CYC Bylaws, but all correspondence and representation at the USRL/CYC national level was from the SUND National Executive.

The following are the earliest references to USRA/TYC:

On page 3 in the May/June 1939 edition of the USRL/CYC National Newsletter a point was made that all members of SUND and USRA/TYC need to assist the summer CYMK Conventions because in due time these young people would be adults and potential members of USRA/TYC.

In the July 1939 issue of the USRL/CYC National Bulletin the following addressed the formation of the USRA/TYC organization in Canada:

- Point 6 – The National Bylaws of USRL/CYC have been amended and are being sent to all the members and they must be studied. Local branches need to keep in mind the intention in forming the USRA/TYC organization.
- Point 8 – all SUND and USRA/TYC branches need to make every effort to recruit (притягнути) all potential good individuals to the organizations.
- Point 15 – All USRA/TYC members need to remember that membership fees to the national organization are \$1.00. These fees need to be paid on time.

The September 1940 issue of the USRL/CYC National Bulletin clearly made reference to the official names of the organizations: “І так: Відділ Товариства Українців Самостійників називається: *Ukrainian Self-Reliance Local*, Відділ СУНД повинно називатися: *Ukrainian Community Centre*, Відділ СУМК: *Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association Local...*”

Part Two: 1939

The Edmonton USRA/TYC Branch provided the information that confirmed the establishment of the National USRA/TYC organization. This is only one example of the transformation from USRL/CYC branch to USRA/TYC branch.

In the archives of the USRA/TYC Edmonton Branch are minutes of meetings going back to 1 October 1935. The book is entitled, “СУС, Протоколи ЕДМОНТОНСЬКОГО відділу Союзу Українців Самостійників” – “USRL/CYC, Minutes Edmonton Branch Ukrainian Self-Reliance League”.

The Edmonton Branch was a USRL/CYC branch until the December 1938 USRL/CYC Convention changed the status of USRL/CYC branches to USRA/TYC branches in the USRL/CYC family .

The Minutes of the USRL/CYC Edmonton Branch, 31 October 1938, indicate that there were 10 members present at the meeting, that Mr. Lukianchuk was the chair (President), that a letter was read about the upcoming winter conventions in Winnipeg and Saskatoon, that a decision was made to hold the winter convention in Edmonton on December 31, 1938 and January 1-2, 1939, as well as a few other items. This was a meeting of a USRL/CYC branch. There was no mention of USRA/TYC.

The next sets of Minutes, 5 February 1939, indicate that this was a meeting of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association in Edmonton. The Minutes include the following information about the formation of the USRA/TYC organization:

- Mr. Lazarowych discussed the aim of the meeting.
- At the USRL/CYC Convention in Saskatoon a decision was made to reform and reorganize USRL/CYC branches into USRA/TYC branches.
- A charter was developed that was registered with the State Secretary in December 1938.
- USRL/CYC branches never made an effort to obtain new members and the branch in Edmonton never exceeded 30 to 35 members.
- The aim of this association will be to unite the largest possible number of individuals as members who agree with the USRA/TYC ideology.
- In cities where there is a People's Home (SUND), its members will become USRA/TYC members and where there is no People's Home the aim will be to organize a USRA/TYC branch.
- In Edmonton there was no People's Home so the effort was being made to organize the association.

- The Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association should not only continue the work of the Edmonton USRL/CYC branch but should also attract as many new members that agree with the association's ideology.
- The main aim of the association would be to build a People's Home in the city of Edmonton and that this would be a centre for Ukrainian life.
- Membership fees would be \$1.00 annually.
- The charter also applies to all parts of Canada.
- Mr. Wasylyshyn and Mr. Yanda moved that the USRL/CYC branch continue to carry out its work under the new charter of the USRA/TYC. Mr. Lazarowych amended Mr. Wasylyshyn's motion – namely, for a branch of USRA/TYC to be established in Edmonton. The motion was unanimous – 9 in favour and 0 opposed.
- At that same meeting 30 individuals signed up and became members of the association.

The members elected an executive for 1939

Chair	Mr. Gayowsky
Deputy Chair	Mr. Wasył Moisei
Recording Secretary	Mr. P.A. Paush
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Verchomin
Treasurer	N. Demko
Librarian	Mr. Stashyn
Property Manager	Mr. Panchuk
Press Representative	Mr. Chumer

A motion was made by Mr. Lukianchuk and Dr. Verchomin that the name of the association would be *Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association* and this was accepted by all but one member.

- Mr. Gayowsky thanked all that had elected him and asked for member cooperation so that the work of the association would be successful.

Based on this information from the Edmonton Branch Archives it is assumed that many USRL/CYC Branches across Canada followed the same route. The Edmonton USRL/CYC Branch may have been formed at the onset of USRL/CYC. To date there is no evidence to acknowledge this. In any case, the Edmonton USRA/TYC Branch continues to exist and the members are planning their 75th anniversary in 2014.

Part Three: The 1940's

The late 1930's and the 1940's were a period of growth and development for the USRL/CYC family organizations, including USRA/TYC. There are no minutes or records that indicate what USRA/TYC was involved in, but in the USRL/CYC

National Newsletters a lot of information was written about activities within these Ukrainian organizations. In general the following were key things that the USRA/TYC branches undertook during the 1940's:

- Formation of new branches – In 1940 there were 65 SUND branches. During that year 5 new branches were organized, including USRA/TYC branches. Each branch also assisted nearby cities/towns in establishing branches. In 1947 two new branches were organized: Tolstoy, Manitoba and West Fort William, Ontario. In 1948 Willingdon, Alberta formed a branch.
- Searching for new members – This was always a focus for any branch.
- Political action – A delegation went to Ottawa, July 7 to 10, 1939, and a memorandum was presented to Prime Minister Mackenzie King and other government officials. Because of the dark clouds in Europe and Ukraine's strategic location, the National USRL/CYC Executive felt that it was important to send a delegation to Ottawa and present the government a memorandum re the wishes of the Ukrainian people in Canada and to confirm the position of Ukrainians in Canada as citizens so that when war arrived there would be no misunderstanding with respect to Ukrainian citizenship. The delegation that represented all Ukrainians in Canada included V. Burianyk (USRL/CYC), Theodor Humeniuk (UGOCC), Rev. Fr. Olenchyk (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church) and Rev. Fr. Gegeychuk (Brotherhood of Ukrainian Catholics - BYK). The memorandum was prepared by V. Burianyk and was signed by Rev. Fr. Dr. Kushnir (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Canada), Rev. Fr. S. V. Sawchuk (Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada), Peter Lazarowich (President of USRL/CYC) and Mr. Melnychuk (President of Brotherhood of Ukrainian Catholics -BYK). Canadian officials showed a deep understanding and interest in Ukrainian matters and were sympathetic to the view which was presented in the memorandum. The USRL/CYC Executive also published the following in the English press and in the Ukrainian Voice:

"In view of the outbreak of war between Great Britain and Germany and in consequence of His Majesty the King's solemn appeal to all His loyal subjects to stand ready to make every and if necessary, the supreme sacrifice, in defense and vindication of all those principles and ideals which are vital to and which symbolize not only the British Commonwealth of Nations but free, human civilization as a whole, we desire to make the following statement:

We are not authorized and therefore do not propose to speak on behalf of all Canadian citizens of Ukrainian descent. But on behalf of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League, we are happy to be able to assure everyone that those many thousands of Canadian citizens of Ukrainian descent who are members of or are in sympathy with the League and its affiliate organizations in Canada, - viz. Union of Ukrainian Community Centres, Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association (SUMK), with branches throughout the Dominion of Canada, all those have never, at any time wavered in their loyalty to the British Crown or to Canada and in their faith in democratic institutions and that, therefore, all of whom without

hesitation respond to the earnest appeal of their King and their Government and will faithfully serve and defend the vital interests of Canada and the British Empire side by side with other citizens by all means at their disposal and in every manner which may be demanded of them.”³

- Spearheading the formation of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in 1940 – The formation of the UCC/KYK was completed with the support of Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada and its component organizations, the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Canada, and many other Catholic organizations. USRL/CYC and the member organizations were involved and attended the three Triennial Congresses that were held in the 40's. (1943, 1946 and 1949)
- Encouraging all branches to assist Canada in the war effort in whatever way they could –As a result, our young men and women enlisted in the military in the fight against Germany during WWII.
- Conferences were a highlight for all branches – Members attended provincial and national conferences on an annual basis. In the west provincial conferences were held in Edmonton, Saskatoon and Winnipeg. Eastern provincial conferences were held in Toronto and Montreal. Attendance was stressed because the future of the organizations depended on the discussions that took place and direction was provided by the provincial and national leadership. Topics at national conferences included: world political events, international conferences, understanding the position held in the democratic world towards communism, Ukraine as a nation and its position at the present time, current obligations toward Ukraine, etc.
- Supporting the formation of St. Andrew's College (opened in 1946) – The USRL/CYC and its family organizations helped to raise money for the building of the Girls' Residence by the College. The USRL/CYC National Office was moved to the college in 1946.
- Supporting the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church in Canada – USRL/CYC members attended the Sobors and at the 9th Sobor in Saskatoon, discussions took place re cooperation between the USRL/CYC and the UGOCC. (Today the organization continues to work with the church and a Permanent Joint Standing Committee accepted by both USRL/CYC and the church exists.)
- Ukrainian immigration to Canada from Europe after WWII – In 1946 USRL/CYC began discussions on how the organization could assist Ukrainians immigrating to Canada. The Canadian government agreed that Canadians could sponsor Ukrainian immigrants. Action was taken and members began to assist Ukrainian immigration. USRL/CYC encouraged USRA/TYC Branches to form committees that would welcome, greet and assist new Ukrainians in Canada. The National USRL/CYC Executive also encouraged members from UWAC and from CYMK to be active in these committees.

3 Source: Союз Українців Самостійників в Канаді, Обіжник для Товариства Українців Самостійників і Народних Домів, Едмонтон, Альберта, вересень 1939 р.; USRL/CYC, Bulletin for Ukrainian self-Reliance Association and National Homes, Edmonton, Alberta, September 1939

- Supporting the Ukrainian Summer School Program at Mohyla and St. Andrew's College – In 1947 USRA/TYC branches encouraged young men and women to attend these courses.
- Work in the community was a strong focus for all USRA/TYC branches – The National USRL/CYC Executive stressed that if the following points were followed, branches would have a lot of success: formalize expectations for members, have monthly meetings, share ideas and thoughts with all members, and make recommendations about projects.
- USRL/CYC National Bylaws – At the National USRL/CYC Conference in August of 1949, it was recommended that the Bylaws needed to be reviewed and a Bylaw Committee was created by the National USRL/CYC Executive. The committee members were: V. Sarchuk, I. H. Syrnyk, Mrs. Kohuska, N. Bodnarchuk, and P. Krypiakevych. The committee needed to review the Bylaws, make additions or deletions and give the member organizations more independence. The revised Bylaws were to be presented at the 1950 National USRL/CYC Conference.

This time period was a transition time for the USRA/TYC branches across Canada. Branches were either transformed from USRL/CYC branches or newly-created USRA/TYC branches came into existence. There is limited information of when USRA/TYC branches were formed. This would likely be found in the local USRA/TYC branch archival records. The men had achieved equal status with all the other USRL/CYC family organizations and they were active in most of the Ukrainian communities across Canada along with the Ukrainian Women's Association, Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association and the Union of Ukrainian Community Centres.

Membership dues were 75 cents in 1947 and membership fees went directly to the National USRL/CYC Executive.

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Winnipeg Branch	established: 1950



William I. Sarchuk
First National USRA/TYC President
1950 to 1952

CHAPTER TWO

The New Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association National Executive

Part One: 27th USRL/CYC Convention Edmonton, 1950

The first National USRA/TYC Executive was formed at the 13-15 July 1950 USRL/CYC Convention in Edmonton. The article in the newsletter states the following:

“НОВА ЦЕНТРАЛЯ ТОВАРИСТВА УРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ”

Товариство Українців Самостійників /TYC/ входить до складу СУС нарівні з Союзом Українок Канади /СУК/, Союзом Української Молоді Канади /СУМК/, та Союзом Українських Народних Домів /СУНД/.

“NEW UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE”

Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association /TYC/ enters into the USRL/CYC on an equal status with Ukrainian Women's Association /UWAC, Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association /CYMK, and Union of Ukrainian Community Centres /SUND.

На основі нового статуту покликано до життя нову Централю TYC у такому складі (On the basis of the new USRL/CYC Bylaws the following is the USRA/TYC National Executive)¹:

1 Source: USRL/CYC National Newsletter, August 1950

Голова(President)	В. Сарчук	W. Sarchuk
Перший заст. Голови(1 st Vice President)	П. Ковтун	P. Kovtyn
Другий заст. Голови (2 nd Vice President)	В. Таский	V. Tasky
Секретар (Secretary)	О. Гай-Головко	O. Hay-Holovko
Касієр (Treasurer)	А. Крипякевич	A. Krypiakevych
Референт організації (Reporter)	І. Юрків	I. Yurkiw
Референт молоді (Youth Advisor)	Г. Соломон	H. Solomon

The new executive was based in Winnipeg and the first National USRA/TYC President was Wasyl Sarchuk. At the USRL/CYC Convention, the USRA/TYC Constitution (Bylaws) was approved and the USRL/CYC Bylaws were amended properly to include USRA/TYC as a member organization in the CYC family.

USRA/TYC branches now had a clear direction from the National USRL/CYC Executive. The branches needed to meet at least once per month. The branches needed to organize a Ukrainian School in their community, pay their budget quota to the National Executive, offer evening presentations and readings, and so forth. The National CYC/TYC Newsletter needed to be read at the meetings. Branches needed to keep in contact with the women's and youth organizations (UWAC and CYMK). Branches needed to write a monthly report to the National Executive at least once per month. Lastly, each branch needed to encourage its members to purchase a subscription to Ukrainian Voice and purchase the latest editions of newly-published Ukrainian books for the branch library.

The resolutions at the 1950 USRL/CYC Convention dealt with many matters. The following approved resolutions give an idea about the kind of concerns that the membership had at that time:

- The Convention accepts UCC/KYK as the representative body that speaks about Ukrainian issues on behalf of all Ukrainians in Canada.
- The Convention greets all new Ukrainian immigrants and calls on them to join existing Ukrainian organizations in Canada.
- The Convention cautions all Ukrainians to be aware of the influence and impact of communism and to fight them with democratic methods.
- The Convention acknowledges the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church in Canada and its leadership for its positive work in the religious and cultural life in Canada.

During the 1950 Convention in Edmonton the following presentations were topics of discussion:

- The role of Ukrainians in Canada and Canadian life
- Ukrainian Schools
- Ukraine
- USRL/CYC ideology

- Canadian citizenship
- Influence of USRL/CYC in Eastern Canada

One of the projects that USRA/TYC supported was providing financial and moral support for the Ukrainian Educational Council in Canada. The purpose of the Council was to make sure that every city/town had a Ukrainian School, provided language training and cultural awareness for teachers and prepared textbooks for students.

In August 1951 the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada held an Extraordinary Sobor. As a result, the USRL/CYC Convention was delayed until the following year.

USRA/TYC began its first year of operation in July 1950 and focused on the formation of new TYC branches. New branches were established in Manitoba: Oakburn, Sandy Lake, Rosburn and Menzie; Saskatchewan: Canora (1951) and Aron (1951). USRA/TYC Provincial Executives were also formed and members attended provincial Conventions. The main topic of discussion was Ukrainian Schools. In general USRA/TYC branches held their annual general meeting in December and January. All of the executives prepared for the AGM by making sure there was an agenda, prepared reports and made sure that all members were aware of the meeting date. At the AGM members listened to all reports, made plans for the following year and elected a new executive. Once the meeting was over, the secretary needed to complete a questionnaire and send the information to the National Executive. The last thing that was always stressed was the payments of the required budget amount to the National Executive.

Part Two: 28th Jubilee USRL/CYC Convention Winnipeg, 1952

The next National USRA/TYC Executive was elected at the Jubilee USRL/CYC Convention in Winnipeg on 4-7 July 1952. This coincided with the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Ukrainians in Canada.

Paul Tkachuk was elected USRA/TYC National President, a position he held until 1956. The executive was based in Saskatoon as were the National Executives for USRL/CYC, SUND and CYMK. The women had their executive in Winnipeg at that time. One of the resolutions in 1952 dealt with the location of National Executives. It was decided that the National Executives did not have to be located in the same city as the National Executive of USRL/CYC.

The presentations at the 1952 Jubilee Convention dealt with the following topics:

- Our position in Canada
- Ukrainian Canadian women
- Institute of Petro Mohyla and the USRL/CYC
- Ukraine situation
- The task ahead for our youth

Accommodations for the convention were at the Bessborough Hotel, with a room cost of \$6.50 for one person and \$9.50 for two people; the rooms had tubs. Other hotels that were used were the King George and the Empire. All had similar rates but some rooms were less expensive because there weren't any tubs.

The work of the National USRA/TYC Executive involved many aspects at the provincial and national levels. The membership was active in spreading the work of the CYC family, growth, engaging the youth and developing concrete practical tasks for the branches. Ukrainian national holidays were promoted and in each branch the following holidays were celebrated: October – Literary Works (Свято Книжки), January – Ukrainian Independence, March – Taras Shevchenko, and May – Mother's Day.

USRA/TYC branches were being formed and promoted. In one of the USRL/CYC newsletters, Saskatoon TYC was given credit for organizing an evening of presentations on various topics after Vespers. This was a good example for other branches to follow. On November 15, 1953 the Prince Albert Branch was organized. Other branches that were mentioned at this time were Saskatoon (1954), Yorkton (1954), Hamilton and Niagara Falls.

Part Three: 29th USRL/CYC Convention Saskatoon, 1954

The Biennial USRL/CYC Convention was held on 3-5 July 1954 in Saskatoon. Members were notified about the convention and encouraged to attend for the following reasons:

- Conventions are held once every two years.
- There is a need to discuss important organizational issues and cultural questions as a group.
- Issues can only be resolved when everyone is together.

At this time, USRA/TYC was responsible for organizing cultural public program in the cities. It was recommended that TYC:

- hold monthly meetings;
- invite all other member organizations; and
- discuss the activities being organized, Ukrainian Schools, how to assist the youth, and how to increase the membership in the branch.

When there weren't any USRA/TYC or SUND branches in a community, existing branches were encouraged to organize a branch membership. The spread of USRL/CYC ideology was paramount at that time. USRA/TYC was a strong vehicle for this.

The 18 October 1954 USRA/TYC Minutes specify that the National Executive discussed, agreed and recommended that each USRA/TYC branch keep the following in mind:

- USRA/TYC branches should have meetings with neighboring branches.
- Each USRA/TYC branch should look for members who had books, magazines

- and museum pieces so that the central library could be enhanced.
- Each USRA/TYC branch should support and mentor CYMK members.
- Each USRA/TYC branch should increase membership in their branch.
- Each USRA/TYC branch should collect the required membership fees for the National Executives.

CYMK at this time was working on its National Bylaws and the National USRA/TYC Executive recommended W. Burianyk to be on the Bylaw Committee.

In 1955 it was decided that anyone could be a USRA/TYC member even if there wasn't a branch in their locale. As a USRA/TYC member an individual would have all the rights provided that he paid his membership dues. In turn this member would also receive a member's card and the National Newsletter.

The following were suggested USRA/TYC branch projects:

- to organize a Ukrainian School and assist with the Sunday School at the parish;
- to organize church and secular choirs in the community;
- to assist with the summer camps;
- to give out scholarships to students that graduate from high school;
- to organize banquets for members and the community at large;
- to organize debates between the branches; and
- to organize evenings for reading of Ukrainian newspapers and literature.

Part Four: 30th USRL/CYC Convention Winnipeg, 1956

The National Biennial USRL/CYC Convention was held in Winnipeg on 1-3 July 1956. At this convention, D. Stratyчук was elected President of USRA/TYC for a two-year term. This Convention decided to unite the USRA/TYC and SUND executives as one; as a result the National USRA/TYC President was also responsible for the SUND branches. This resolution was approved at this convention.

The executive was located in Saskatoon. Membership fees to National USRL/CYC were \$10.00 per member. USRL/CYC Bylaws were also amended and for the first time the First Vice-President needed to be the President of USRA/TYC and the Second Vice-President needed to be a representative from UWAC.

Other very formal resolutions that were presented and accepted by the Convention in 1956 included the following:

- an appeal to the Canadian Government for their support for an independent Ukraine and Canadian influence in pursuit of the ideas of an independent Ukraine in a democratic world within the United Nations and in the British Commonwealth;
- a huge thanks to the pioneer teachers on the 50th anniversary of their work in Canada;
- congratulations and best wishes in the future to CYMK in celebrating its

- 25th anniversary;
- thanking the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada for taking on the responsibility/coordination of the Ukrainian School Committee;
- seven members should constitute the CYC Foundation Committee for the purpose of writing a charter and finalizing the goals and objectives of the Foundation;
- the Executive of National USRA/TYC would take on the responsibility of coordinating the affairs of SUND; and
- USRL/CYC would investigate the idea of uniting USRA/TYC and SUND into one organization.

Under the leadership of Stratyчук the following USRA/TYC branch tasks were approved:

- Take care of the youth in their community.
- Assist CYMK.
- Make sure that the children attend Ukrainian and Sunday Schools.
- Have a meeting with all CYC organizations in the community once every three months.
- Organize a coordinating body made up of all CYC organization representatives.
- Be active in church affairs.

The general feeling was that if USRA/TYC took on these responsibilities the Ukrainian community would experience success.

USRA/TYC branches were encouraged to hold AGMs so that the year's work could be reviewed, a plan established and approved for the following year, and a new executive elected. A full report also needed to be sent to the National USRA/TYC Executive. This sharing of information was very important.

The USRA/TYC branches continued to be very active in their communities. They continued to meet at annual provincial conventions to discuss matters of importance at the provincial level and meet with National Executives from CYC and TYC. (Provincial Conventions: Toronto – 6/7 October 1956; Saskatoon – 2-4 November 1956; Edmonton – 8-11 November 1956; Winnipeg – 16-18 November 1956)

USRA/TYC Branches

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Vancouver Branch	established 14 July 1944
Grimsby Branch	established 19 December 1948
Hamilton Branch	established 4 February 1949
Montreal Branch	established as a CYC branch in 1931 and became a TYC branch (date unknown)
Winnipeg Branch	established 1950
Oakburn Branch	established 11 January 1952
Sandy Lake Branch	(date unknown)
Menzie Branch	(date unknown)
Canora Branch	established 1951
Prince Albert Branch	established 15 November 1953
Oshawa Branch	established 1955
Saskatoon Branch	established 1954
Yorkton Branch	established 29 August 1954
Niagara Falls	(date unknown)



Peter Lazarowich
National USRA/TYC President
1958 to 1963

CHAPTER THREE

1958 to 1963

Peter Lazarowich, Edmonton

Peter Lazarowich was an influential individual in the USRL/CYC family organization and one of the founders of USRL/CYC in 1927. From 1936 to 1940 Peter Lazarowich was the President of USRL/CYC National Executive.

He was a lawyer by profession having graduated in 1931. He was the President of the Lawyers' Association of Alberta from 1947 to 1948 and in 1948 he became Queens Council.

Peter Lazarowich was a tireless worker and took on many responsibilities. In his church community he was a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John in Edmonton, legal representative for his cathedral and a member of the UGOC of Canada Consistory Board from 1954 to 1970, choir conductor and a cathedral delegate at all the Ordinary and Extra-Ordinary Sobors of the UGOC of Canada. In his Ukrainian-Canadian community he was President of Edmonton UCC/KYK, a member of the Order of St. Andrew and St. John's Institute and a founding member of the Ukrainian Professional Businessmen's Club of Edmonton.

As a result of all his contribution to the Ukrainian community he received the following recognition:

- Honorary member of St. John's Cathedral
- Shevchenko medal from UCC/KYK National
- Honorary Certificate from the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada
- Honorary Certificate from the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada
- Honorary member of the Ukrainian Professional Businessmen's Club of Edmonton.

Part One: 1958 – 1960

31st USRL/CYC Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Edmonton, 1958

The National USRL/CYC Convention was held in Edmonton from July 3 to 6, 1958. At this convention the USRL/CYC family organizations celebrated the 30th anniversary of USRL/CYC in Canada.

At the 1958 USRA/TYC Biennial Convention the delegates elected Peter Lazarowich as their National President. The organization was very pleased to have a distinguished, honored and well-respected leader as its President.

Peter Lazarowich spoke at the Provincial USRL/CYC Convention in Edmonton on November 15, 1958. In his speech he discussed the organizational structure of USRL/CYC and the role of USRA/TYC within the USRL/CYC family. This speech was published in Ukrainian by USRL/CYC in 1959 (Edmonton) and in English by USRL/CYC in 1965 (Toronto).

Lazarowich writes that there were few members and few USRA/TYC branches in Canada. There were two reasons for this:

1. Rather than focusing on increasing membership and founding new locals, the organization has taken a more active role in assisting other USRL/CYC family organizations to grow and prosper – CYMK in particular, the Institutes, building summer camps for the youth, summer school courses for the youth and Ukrainian courses at St. Andrew's College.
2. If USRA/TYC membership and branches were to come to view themselves as promoters rather than helpers, they would not know what work, goals, projects should be undertaken to enhance cultural national life in Canada and with the Canadian culture in general.

Lazarowich was concerned about USRA/TYC growth. As the National USRA/TYC President he felt that an explanation was required on projects that each branch could undertake based on the USRL/CYC ideology of that time. He suggested the following projects to the membership at the Provincial Convention in Edmonton:

1. Organize Ukrainian and Sunday Schools in the community and parish.
2. Create and organize CYMK local for the older youth.
3. Organize parishes of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada where none exist in a community.
4. Find suitable candidates for the Ministry of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church among young boys of high school age.
5. Provide financial support for the Institutes and students enrolled in summer school programs.
6. Support the summer camps that are under the jurisdiction of the UGOCC.
7. Support and encourage the study of the Ukrainian language in the public school system.

8. Encourage members to subscribe to the official organ of the church (Visnyk) and the organization (Ukrainian Voice).
9. Be of constant support for USRL/CYC.
10. Encourage members to attend conventions and deliberations of the organization.

Lazarowich provided leadership that was both positive and encouraging. He felt that he had not exhausted all those things that could be done for this organization. He noted that *“the main thing is that every one of us find the opportunity to do something for the organization. Those opportunities are many.”*

In the National USRA/TYC Newsletter the membership was informed about activities and concerns that the National Executive expressed. Two main concerns were:

- Lack of membership/branch fees being sent to the National USRA/TYC Executive
- Branches were not focused on attracting new members nor were the Provincial USRA/TYC Executives establishing new branches.

The recruitment of new members and creation of new branches was a focus from the previous convention and Lazarowich was concerned about this lack of focus. Typically, Provincial USRA/TYC Executives would hold area conventions so that they could attract new members and create new branches. This was not being done.

Lazarowich also reminded all that the individual member's obligation was to pay his membership dues to the branch and the branches' obligation was to send in the fees to the Provincial Executive. The Provincial Executive also needed to prepare resolutions for the next USRL/CYC Convention, to ensure that the resolutions were positive in nature and showed positive actions, and to prepare a written report of activities in the past two years for the national convention.

By 31 December 1959 there were 407 paid USRA/TYC members and there were 20 National Homes with 536 members. The annual membership fee was \$8.00 per person.

In the April 1960 USRA/TYC Newsletter, Lazarowich outlined a series of tasks that needed to be completed at the branch level.

1. Each branch had to have an AGM in December, January or February.
2. Each branch needed to have a membership drive and possibly help to establish a new branch.
3. Each Provincial Executive needed to organize a local convention.
4. Each branch needed to select an organizer that would go out into the province and try to establish new branches.
5. Each branch needed to collect membership fees and send them to the National Executive.
6. Each branch executive needed to read the National USRA/TYC Newsletters to its members.

32nd USRL/CYC Convention
USRA/TYC Biennial Convention
Toronto, 1960

The next USRL/CYC Convention took place in Toronto, July 7 to 10, 1960. One of the speakers at the Saturday, July 9th session, Kost Telychko spoke about “Our Tasks” (Наші Завдання). Kost Telychko was National USRL/CYC General Secretary. Although he spoke to the USRL/CYC delegates, his presentation dealt with the obligatory tasks for all USRL/CYC family members and that included the USRA/TYC membership and branches. His presentation on “Our Tasks” was the voice of opinion for most Ukrainian Canadians in the USRL/CYC family.

The presentation was published in 1961 by the USRL/CYC National Executive in Edmonton, Alberta.

Here is a general synopsis of the presentation:

- Since the first immigrants arrived in Canada in 1891 we have made great gains in Canadian society (life) as well as in Ukrainian religious and cultural community. How did this happen?
 - We were able to take advantage of our independence and freedom in Canada.
 - We were able to work together on many issues.
 - We did not forsake our cultural traditions but were able to retain and enhance our traditions under foreign conditions.
- There was talk from people that the Ukrainian culture was not necessary because it is old and not required in Canada. Telychko emphasized that this was the wrong attitude.
- USRL/CYC needs to continue playing a role in the life of Ukrainians in Canada. There are critics of the USRL/CYC organization and they say that USRL/CYC has served its need and purpose and that it should be changed or repurposed as a club or brotherhood in our church parishes. Telychko went on to say that in the USRL/CYC National Bylaws USRL/CYC is an organization that unites all Ukrainians Orthodox institutions under one banner to lead lives of self-respect, self-help and self-reliance (самопошана, самодіяльність і самостійність).
- Review and or revision of the following is required:
 - organizational and USRL/CYC Bylaws;
 - responsibilities for financing and providing support for National USRL/CYC;
 - publication of newsletters for all USRL/CYC organizations;
 - ideology; and
 - practical projects
- Telychko went on to say that in order to do all of this, we will have to work together (співпраця).
- Greater emphasis needs to be placed on cultural/education work in the community. There is a lack of teachers for Ukrainian language and music learning, drama/actors, writers to the Ukrainian and English press, youth

workers, leaders in our organizations, lack of candidates for priesthood and the lack of the younger generation in our older organizations. Telychko felt that the focus on these is imperative because without the leadership, teachers and more involvement there would be a lack of growth in the cultural/educational life of Ukrainians in Canada.

- The younger generation does not support the USRL/CYC family organizations. Telychko stated that the younger generation (individuals) who are passive to our organizations need to be encouraged to become active members.
- We will need to work with our youth. This has always been important to us in the past. The youth is our foundation for the future. We will need to use some of our best teachers and all our financial resources to make sure that they have a strong foundation. Telychko felt that if we lose our youth we could lose a lot, even everything.
- The Ukrainian language is very important. We cannot afford to lose the language. At the moment two provinces have language curricula that can be used in public schools. Telychko was quite adamant that we need to continue teaching our children the Ukrainian language. He felt that we need to teach Ukrainian where there is a strong Ukrainian presence in the community. Finally, he felt that the teaching of the Ukrainian language should be one of the goals in all of our organizations and that all of our children should be bilingual.
- We need to continue fighting communism at all costs.
- We need to continue fighting for Ukrainian independence and support the Ukrainian Government in Exile.
- We need to morally and financially support the USRL/CYC National Executive.

Kost Telychko's conclusion was quite interesting. He stated the following:

"We, Ukrainians in Canada, should believe absolutely that for us will come a time when we will be greeting the President from Kiev from a free and democratic Ukraine. I always remember that the Lord calls all of us to work together for the good and progress of our nation Canada and at the same time to complete the historic mission for our people in Ukraine."

If we were to evaluate the work of USRL/CYC, USRA/TYC, UWAC, CYMK and other institutions, Kost Telychko's points are always being addressed by these organizations. Ukraine is a free nation and the USRL/CYC organizations now assist Ukraine in many other ways. Other than that, USRA/TYC is focused on working and supporting both Ukrainian and Canadian communities, supporting USRL/CYC and UCC/KYK both morally and financially, reviewing our organization's structure and Bylaws, focusing on developing cultural programs and development of youth and adult leaders, focusing on our youth in general and organizing and developing Ukrainian language schools.

Peter Lazarowich was elected for a second term as National President of USRA/TYC.

Part Two: 1960 – 1963

From 1960 to 1963 the focus remained on the following: attracting new members, creating new branches and reporting to the National Executive about branch and provincial activities.

In December 1960 Andrew Melnychuk was accepted by National USRL/CYC as one of the organizers of new branches and responsible for keeping contact with established branches of USRA/TYC and CYMK. He started working within Alberta by visiting established branches. Other provinces were to be visited because organizational work was needed everywhere. The National USRL/CYC Executive felt that two organizers were required -- one for Eastern Canada and one for Western Canada. In the end finances were the greatest obstacle and this project did not go beyond Alberta.

In March of 1961, Lazarowich informed the membership that new branches had been organized in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario. Many new members had joined the branches, AGMs had been held and that the USRA/TYC National Executive had received annual branch reports. He was very pleased about this turn of events, but he also stressed that this needed to continue. The success of the organization at the local, provincial and national levels depended on following the direction of conventions and the requirements that had been established at the national level.

In the April 1961 USRA/TYC Newsletter the following were outlined as branch tasks:

1. AGMs needed to be called;
2. obligatory payment of annual dues;
3. increase in branch membership;
4. branch reports needed to be sent to the National Executive;
5. send information about branch activities and special event to the Ukrainian Voice;
6. order the new USRL/CYC Bylaws; and
7. take an active role and attend all USRL/CYC, USRA/TYC, and Ukrainian community functions.

In 1961 the following suggestions were made for all USRL/CYC organizations:

- Special meetings should be called where the USRL/CYC ideology, structure and practical tasks could be discussed. A review of the USRL/CYC organization's Bylaws should also be undertaken to make sure that everyone could understand organizational goals and responsibilities. In 1958 Peter Lazarowich presented his suggested projects to the USRA/TYC membership at the Provincial Convention in Edmonton. He suggested that these should also be reviewed at the branch level.
- The other concern and one of extreme importance was to enhance cultural and educational knowledge among the membership. In particular, there was a great concern that many were losing the Ukrainian language and in

those homes where Ukrainian was not spoken the children would lose out on learning the language. The focus was to make sure that Ukrainian language classes were encouraged and that children had the opportunity to learn.

In 1962, there was a lot of fundraising in the Ukrainian community at large. USRL/CYC wanted to make sure that the Orthodox organizations focused in on raising funds for the following:

- St. Andrew's College Building Fund
- Institutes – St. John's, Petro Mohyla and St. Vladimir
- Cathedrals
- USRL/CYC
- Local needs
- Branch needs

Other fundraising concerns should be put on hold until the above projects were completed. These were the primary projects for which the members needed to raise funds. Members were also informed about these needs at the local, provincial and national levels.

In 1962 a page was reserved in the Ukrainian Voice for USRL/CYC and its component organizations to send in articles about their organization, events and information. This was a very positive addition for the USRL/CYC family organizations. Many people read the newspaper and it could be a draw for new members or for the establishment of new branches.

In the March 1961 and September 1962 Newsletters Lazarowich was very concerned that branches were ignoring and not informing the younger generation about USRA/TYC. Young men were not invited to meetings and as a result were not joining the branches. He felt that recruitment of young men would be more successful by approaching them individually, having socials, discussing the historic significance and impact of USRL/CYC in the lives of Ukrainian Canadians and the community.

Peter Lazarowich provided able leadership as the National USRA/TYC President. He had a constant flow of newsletters to his branches and shared his concerns and successes with the membership. Many of the concerns he had at that time are still concerns today.

The 1963 USRL/CYC Newsletter encouraged all members to prepare for the Convention in Winnipeg. The convention was set for June 29/30 and July 1/2, 1963 in Winnipeg. Originally the convention should have been held in 1962 but there were so many other conventions that it was decided to postpone the USRL/CYC Convention to 1963. (Many members would have had difficulty attending all of the conventions.)

33rd USRL/CYC Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Winnipeg, 1963

The 1963 convention was a huge success. It was one of the best attended conventions to date. Over 500 delegates and guests were registered. CYMKivtsi made up 150 of that total. It was also noted that there were many young adults attending the USRA/TYC and UWAC/CYK sessions.

Two very important resolutions were approved at this convention:

1. The USRL/SUS Foundation was established.
2. The established annual fees from the member organizations were cancelled. A committee of all the national presidents of member organizations was created to establish a new financial plan for the USRL/CYC National Executive. The decisions made by this committee would be binding on the member organizations.

The 1963 Convention also addressed the lack of young adults in USRA/TYC and UWAC/CYK. It was decided that USRA/TYC National was going to be given the task of including the Young Adults (for men and women) as a member organization within the National Bylaws. This inclusion and subsequent bylaw changes would need to be presented at the 1965 Convention for ratification.

At the National USRA/TYC session in 1963 Dr. Paul Kit was elected as National President. The USRL/CYC National Executive went to Hamilton (President T. Humeniuk), UWAC/CYK National Executive went to Edmonton (President A. Tokarek), and the CYMK National Executive went to Hamilton (President B. Radish).

NEW USRA/TYC BRANCHES

Regina Branch	established November 9, 1958
Ottawa Branch	established November 16, 1960



Dr. Paul Kit
National USRA/TYC President
1963 to 1967

CHAPTER FOUR

Eastern Canada: 1963 to 1969

The National Executive was in Toronto. This was also the first time that the National Executive was in Eastern Canada. The national office was in St. Vladimir Institute (651 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Ontario).

Part One: 1963 – 1965 **Dr. Paul Kit, Toronto**

The focus for the National Executive was on growth – increase memberships in branches and increase the number of branches throughout Canada. At the Winnipeg Convention a decision was made to have mixed USRA/TYC Branches. This was a project that the new executive needed to investigate. This was a positive move for USRA/TYC branches. The National Executive decided the following:

- If there was a city or location that did not have UWAC/CYK or a USRA/TYC Branch, then a mixed gender USRA/TYC Branch could be established.
- Where there was a city or location that had a UWAC/CYK branch or a USRA/TYC branch, it would need the approval of the older branches if a mixed USRA/TYC branch was formed. At this time there many young adults that did not belong to either organization and both organizations had tried to form young UWAC/CYK branches and young USRA/TYC branches. This concept did not have any success. The men and women did not join either organization. The idea of a mixed gender USRA/TYC branch had more prospects. At the USRL/CYC Convention in 1963 the National Executive agreed to change the National Bylaws to reflect this change. In the USRA/TYC archival records there is evidence that this concept was not formalized. In the archives the USRA/TYC National Executive did propose amendments in 1965 but this was one change that was not included in the proposed amendments.¹

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Between 1960 and 1973 there weren't any amendments to the National USRA/TYC Bylaws

The National Executive had the following plan in mind for their term in office:

- increase membership, especially with young members that were sons of USRA/TYC fathers;
- meet with young men in the communities and encourage them to join;
- encourage the branches to have interesting meetings;
- encourage the branches to keep working in their communities;
- encourage the branches to hold an AGM and complete a branch report for the National Executive;
- ensure that membership fees are paid;
- have the membership attend all conventions – local, provincial and national; and
- ensure that the branches support the Provincial and National Executives of USRA/TYC and USRL/CYC.

The National USRA/TYC Executive instituted a trophy that would go to the Provincial USRA/TYC Executive that had the greatest number of new members in the province.

USRA/TYC membership fee at this time was \$8.00 per member.

At the USRL/CYC Convention in 1963 a resolution was accepted and the SUS Foundation became a reality. Dr. Paul Kit was one of the directors when the Foundation was being organized. By November 1963, \$21,000 had been raised for the Foundation. In the USRA/TYC Newsletters the National President encouraged USRA/TYC branches and individual members to donate to this very worthwhile Foundation. The SUS Foundation received its Charter on May 11, 1965.

In the September 1964 USRA/TYC Newsletter the following items were stressed:

- members were encouraged to support the Ukrainian National Committee in Exile;
- talks had begun about opening a national USRA/TYC administrative office;
- CYMK was one of this organization's responsibilities;
- AGMs were very important and a branch report needed to be submitted to the National Executive; and
- branches needed to be involved in Independence Day Celebrations (January), Lesia Ukrainka Day (February), Taras Shevchenko Day (March) and Simon Petlura and Ivan Franko Day (May).

On July 5, 1965 St. Andrew's College was officially opened and all members were called to attend the opening. This was another project that was encouraged by the National Executive.

Dr. Paul Kit was a very active National President. He held meetings, wrote the national newsletter, prepared suggestions for branch activities and made many visitations to branches during his first term in office. During his first term in office member branches received the first bilingual newsletters and this was a very positive step in the organization.²

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Dr. Paul Kit's 1965 Biennial Report is included in the appendix.

**34th USRL/CYC Convention
USRA/TYC Biennial Convention
Toronto, 1965**

The next USRL/CYC Convention took place in Toronto, July 9 to 11, 1965. Dr. Paul Kit was elected for a second term.

**Part Two: 1965 – 1967
Dr. Paul Kit, Toronto**

In the fall of 1965 the USRA/TYC executive secretary, Bodnarchuk, made plans to visit the eastern Canadian USRA/TYC branches. In the following year Bodnarchuk visited Western Canada in October and November. The idea was to make contact, review branch activity and present the work of the National USRA/TYC Executive.

The membership fee for each branch member in 1965 was \$10.00. (\$8.00 to National USRA/TYC, \$1.00 to Provincial USRA/TYC and \$1.00 stayed with the branch.)

The following events were recommended for each branch:

- Armistice Day commemoration;
- an annual meeting of the branch in December;
- membership fees needed to be collected and sent to National;
- caroling needed to be organized;
- circulars needed to be read to all branch members;
- regional meetings needed to be arranged with the 2 or 3 locals nearest each other;
- collection of funds for the SUS Foundation and the History of Ukrainian Canadian Publication Fund; and
- Taras Shevchenko commemoration in March.

During this term the National Executive and the branches began making plans to celebrate the following milestones:

- 75th Anniversary of Ukrainians in Canada (1966)
- 70th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada (1967)
- 110th Anniversary of the birth of Ivan Franko
- 100th Anniversary of the birth of Mykhaylo Hrushevsky
- 100th Anniversary celebration of the Canadian Centenary
- 40th Anniversary of USRL/CYC (1967)

In 1966 the National Executive began working on a national emblem.

The SUS Foundation Charter and Bylaws were ready for print. It was hoped that each USRA/TYC branch would form a committee of 3 to 5 individuals for the purpose of collecting funds for the Foundation.

In 1965 the Saskatoon USRA/TYC branch under the guidance of P. Kulba and all other organizations in Saskatchewan banded together and began working to raise money for the Petro Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon.

In July 1966 the National Executive began making plans for the General Convention in 1967. The National Executives of both the USRL/CYC and USRA/TYC understood that members needed to know about the organizational structure of both and that this would help everyone understand the purpose and tasks that each had. Preservation of the organizations was a key motivator for this initiative. The annual budget of USRL/CYC needed to be reviewed. The idea of a fixed budget was required.

All USRA/TYC branches were informed that they must send in their proposed convention resolution to the National Executive by March 1967.

Dr. Paul Kit served two terms as our National President. He took his responsibilities very seriously, sent out USRA/TYC newsletters on a regular basis, had regular meetings with his executive, attended many regional and provincial conferences, represented our interests at the national level and kept in contact with all the branches.³

35th USRL/CYC Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Toronto, 1967

There were 475 delegates and guests at the 1967 Convention.

There were a number of approved hotels for the convention. The Royal York Hotel was one of the approved hotels. Room charges were \$12.00 to \$14.50 per day for a single occupancy room and \$17.00 to \$23.00 per day for double occupancy room.

The topics for discussion at the 1967 Convention included:

- increasing activity in component organizations (new members and new branches);
- publishing needs for component organizations;
- USRA/TYC participation in CYMK development;
- practical ways to learn Ukrainian at home and school; and
- mixed gender USRA/TYC branches (an on-going discussion from the early 60's).

There were five main resolutions presented at the 1967 Convention:

1. The USRL/CYC budget was set at \$5,000 -- \$1,500 each from USRA/TYC and UWAC/CYK and \$500 each from CYMK/UOY and the three Institutes.
2. Each USRL/CYC organization's primary obligation is to support CYMK, financially and otherwise.
3. Each component organization shall convene its own separate National Convention every two years in all even years and USRL/CYC shall convene its National Convention every two years in every odd year.
4. The USRA/TYC National Executive is empowered to establish locals or branches in which young people of both genders could belong.
5. The National Convention recommends to the Consistory of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada that USRL/CYC and its component organizations become the official lay organization of the church.

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Dr. Paul Kit's 1967 Biennial Report is included in the Appendix.

The following resolutions were approved at the Convention in 1967:

1. The USRL/CYC budget was set at \$5,000 but each organization would only be responsible for 10% and that the other 40% would need to come from general collections at all USRL/CYC organizations (banquets, concerts, special events, etc.).
2. Because in some areas it is impossible to create separate USRA/TYC or UWAC/CYC branches, it was agreed that USRA/TYC would establish new branches with mixed gender membership.
3. Moral and financial assistance for our three institutes.
4. All member organizations will assist CYMK in the following ways:
 - a. USRL/CYC to establish a commission to investigate all cultural, educational, and organizational problems and ways to resolve them;
 - b. hire an individual to write a CYMK program;
 - c. use the same office space as CYC, TYC and UWAC; and
 - d. raise money so to fulfill the above three points
5. Accept donations from members for the SUS Foundation and use the funds generated for all good causes as decided by the Foundation Directors.

Part Three: 1967 – 1969

Isadore Oleskiw and Andrij Oryshchak, Toronto

Isadore Oleskiw was elected President of the USRA/TYC National Executive in 1967. After May 1968 Andrij Oryshchak took over the Presidency after Isadore Oleskiw resigned for health reasons. The USRA/TYC National Executive remained in Toronto.

In the first USRA/TYC newsletter, Oleskiw wrote to all the member branches and stated that their next tasks would be based on the resolutions that were passed at the 1967 General Convention.

- need to increase the organizational fund;
- need to work together in each area with CYMK, UWAC, etc.;
- need to make a plan to engage new members in branches, especially new immigrants;
- need to make sure that more Ukrainian Voice subscriptions are sold;
- need to assist CYMK both morally and financially;
- need to stand by and work with the UGOC of Canada;
- respect the Ukrainian language and use it at home, school, organizations, banquets, and weddings; and
- use the most up-to-date methodology to teach Ukrainian in our schools.

Each branch would need to make a plan so that the resolutions could be fulfilled. All branch reports would need to include how the resolutions were fulfilled.

In 1967 USRA/TYC Yorkton was revitalized.

In 1969 USRA/TYC had many branches and a huge membership across Canada.

PROVINCE	CITY	MEMBERSHIP
British Columbia	Vancouver	16
Alberta	Edmonton	106
	Edmonton District	6
	Calgary	21
	Vegreville	17
	Myrnam	10
	Willingdon	6
	Thorhild	4
	Peno	3
	Smokey Lake	7
	Two Hills	1
	Westlock	6
Saskatchewan	Canora	6
	North Battleford	7
	Prince Albert	15
	Regina	23
	Saskatoon	35
	Yorkton	10
	At Large	14
Manitoba	Dauphin	18
	Winnipeg	47
	Flin Flon	10
	At Large	10
Eastern Canada	Hamilton	50
	Toronto	31
	Longbranch	39
	Montreal	27
	Niagara Falls	11
	Oshawa	10
	Ottawa	17
	Windsor	52
TOTAL	29 Branches	636 Members

**36th USRL/CYC Convention
USRA/TYC Biennial Convention
Edmonton, 1969**

In 1969 the USRL/CYC General Convention was held in Edmonton August 21 to 24, 1969.

Some of the major proposed resolutions were:

1. CYMK
 - a. Support financially or otherwise at the national, provincial or local levels the Canadian Ukrainian Youth association (CYMK) and that a program coordinator be hired to travel throughout Canada to revitalize the local chapters.
 - b. A CYMK fund shall be established and each component organization will pay \$2,500.00 annually to this fund.
 - c. USRL/CYC enters into discussions with the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada in order to obtain from the church a firm commitment and agreement to support CYMK.
2. Budget -- The USRL/CYC annual budget will be fixed at \$20,000 -- UWAC and USRA/TYC to cover 15% of the budget (totals 30%); each USRL/CYC Provincial Executive to cover 10% (totals 50%); and CYMK, St. John's Institute, Mohyla Institute and St. Vladimir's Institute to each cover 5% of the budget (20%).
3. Mixed gender organization -- USRL/CYC authorized to establish an organization in which both sexes could be members and create locals/branches across Canada.
4. Canadian government -- Urge the Canadian Government to protect the rights of those Canadians who are neither French nor English and that the new Canadian Bill of Rights should guarantee the rights of all Canadians to retain the culture, traditions, customs and languages of their forefathers.
5. SUS Foundation -- All component member organizations of USRL/CYC shall become members of the SUS Foundation (Charter was obtained on May 11, 1965) and shall contribute a minimum of \$200 to the Capital Fund.

All of these proposed resolutions would affect the USRA/TYC National Executive and the branches across Canada. The organization worked closely with all component and affiliate USRL/CYC organizations.

Metro Kereluke was elected National President of USRA/TYC. The National Executive was moved to Regina.

NEW USRA/TYC BRANCHES

Windsor Branch	established: October 17, 1965
Long Branch (St. Demetrius)	established: February 8, 1968



Metro Kereluke

National USRA/TYC President

1969 to 1973

CHAPTER FIVE

1969 to 1973

Metro Kereluke, Regina

Metro Kereluke was the National USRA/TYC President for two terms: 1969 to 1971 and 1971 to 1973. During his time in office there was a lot of inward thinking about the organization at both the USRA and USRL levels.

Part One: 1969 – 1971

In November 1969 Yars Lozowchuk presented a paper entitled “The Changing Nature of Ethnic Group Life in Canada and Its Implication to Ethnic Organizations: with Special Reference to the Ukrainian Self- Reliance League”. In his presentation Yars stated that, “TYC and CYC have lost prestige, influence, membership and have failed to adjust to the changes that have taken place in Canadian Society.” Furthermore, he stated that the organizations exist for the sake of existing and that both CYC and TYC do not appeal to the younger generation. CYC is facing a crisis! In the end Yars stated that there were two directions that CYC could take:

1. to become a specialized Ukrainian interest group organization, and
2. to become an exclusive church-oriented organization

He felt that there was a need to analyze the present state of the community/ organizations in Canada, to develop a plan of action, to address the many problems in our community, including youth, because there was no ideological plan in CYMK. A list of 30 potential leaders and a location had to be established for this conference.

At its 31 December 1969 meeting the USRL/CYC National Executive established a committee to investigate and report back on this one specific issue or question of the present state of USRL/CYC. Yars Lozowchuk was selected to chair the committee.

There had been many changes in the Ukrainian Canadian community at that time:

- a movement from rural to urban community;
- assimilation through marriage which resulted in loss of language/culture;
- the domination of Communism and Russian Imperialism in Ukrainian life in Ukraine; and
- the English attitude towards other cultures in Canada.

Membership and morale in the USRL/CYC family organizations was low. USRL/CYC continued to have the same plan that they had had for the past 30 years. Change was difficult.

Conference objective: Give members in the USRL/CYC family that are worried about the community the opportunity to discuss, along with other professional individuals, the problems and the work that is ahead for the organization so that goals could be established and attained. The result would lead to a better understanding of the conditions and situation that existed in the organization. As a result, members in the community would have a better perspective in resolving the problem and could plan a program to revitalize the organization. The conference was set for February 5-7, 1971 in Saskatoon. The main presenters were Yars Lozowchuk – The Future of the Ukrainian Ethnic Group in Canada, William Hawrelak – Financial Situation in Our Organizations and Orest Zastavny – Our Responsibility to Ukraine.

At the June 26, 1970 meeting of the National Executive one of the main points of discussion was the lack of payment of membership fees and the lack of annual branch reports. There was also discussion about revitalizing the Dauphin Branch and Melville becoming a new branch in 1970.

Martin Zip, National USRL/CYC Executive Secretary, assisted the National USRA/TYC Executive during this term (1969-1971). He was able to complete the following for the organization:

1. a master list of all USRA/TYC members
2. the preparation of financial statements
3. a list of National Halls
4. the creation and mailing of USRA/TYC membership cards
5. the publication of USRA/TYC Bulletins on gestetner and their mailing
6. the preparation and mailing of membership and annual meeting report forms

This was a responsibility that the National USRL/CYC had given Martin Zip because there was a need to be in closer communication with USRA/TYC. Martin Zip also attended all of the USRA/TYC National Executive meetings.

Total membership in USRA/TYC between September 1969 and October 1970 was 497.

British Columbia/Alberta	151
Saskatchewan	138
Manitoba	84
Eastern Canada	124

Part Two: 1971 – 1973

37th USRL/CYC Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Saskatoon, 1971

In 1971 the General Convention was held in Saskatoon (July 1-4, 1971). There were 645 registered delegates at this convention: USRA/TYC-132 delegates, UWAC/CYK-181 delegates, CYMK-332 delegates.

Metro Kereluke was elected for a second term and on his executive were two members of the clergy, Rev. Fr. Oleg Krawchenko and Rev. Fr. O. Moroz. This was the first time that priests from the UGOCC were elected members of the National USRA/TYC Executive.

Branches were asked to review all the decisions that were made at the USRA/TYC sessions so that all members would be aware of the tasks ahead. The direction given to all branches from the national office included:

1. continue to seek new members for the branches
2. collect all membership fees and send them to the national office
3. send a complete list of members and the executive members to National Executive
4. send in a branch report on branch activities at least once per year
5. hold meetings at least nine times per year and an AGM in December

During his second term as National President, Metro Kereluke was very active. From July 8, 1971 to August 27, 1973, the National Executive met 47 times (minutes have been archived), the executive members traveled across the country and visited many different branches, some branches were revitalized and others were organized, provincial and national conferences/meetings were attended and communication with all was through newsletters and correspondence. Kereluke was concerned that a lack of communication was one of the problems that the organization had and, as a result, he made sure that all the Minutes of the National Executive were sent to the Branches, Provincial Executives and CYC, UWAC and CYMK National Executives.

During Metro Kereluke's second term in office two main issues were addressed and presented to the USRA/TYC membership: the revision of the National USRA/TYC Bylaws and the preparation and publication of an article on TYC that would explain and clarify any questions about the national organization.

The National USRA/TYC Bylaws were amended at the 1973 USRL/CYC General Convention. The committee members were Metro Kereluke, Rev. Fr. Oleg Krawchenko and Paul Hleck. The amendments were sent to all the branches, reviewed and edited a number of times. The process was fair and positive¹.

The publication about TYC was a labour of love and it coincided with the amending of the National Bylaws. The publication was called, "ЩО TO Є TYC?" – "WHAT IS USRA/TYC?"². Metro Kereluke and Rev. Fr. O. Krawchenko worked on this publication and they did receive a lot of input from their executive members. There is common as well as different information in each text but in general the following topics were covered:

1. What is TYC?
2. How did TYC originate?
3. What is the structure of TYC?
4. When and how is a Dominion TYC Executive elected?
5. What are the Provincial TYC Executive's responsibilities?
6. Goal and tasks of TYC
7. How does TYC complete its tasks and responsibilities?
8. What attitude does TYC take towards the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church?
9. What attitude does TYC take towards its Institutes – St. John, Mohyla and St. Vladimir
10. Membership
11. Member responsibilities
12. Membership fees
13. Why do members enroll in TYC?
14. Desirable traits and characteristics in leaders and executive members
15. Conferences
16. TYC Constitution
17. New branches and new members
18. Ukrainian summer camps

This was distributed to all USRA/TYC Branches and members in Canada.

The Newsletter was also very important to the National Executive and Rev. Fr. Oleg Krawchenko took on the task of editing and preparing the newsletter for printing.

In 1973 two branches were renewed: North Battleford and Prince Albert. This was completed with the help of Saskatchewan Provincial USRA/TYC.

¹ The 1973 edition of the National USRA/TYC Bylaws can be found in the USRA/TYC archives

² This publication is in the appendix (Ukrainian and English text) and it makes for a very interesting discussion about the organization.

In March 1973 the National Executive was informed that USRA/TYC Hamilton had made a donation of \$20,000 to the St. Vladimir Institute in Toronto and that they had pledged another \$5,000.

The final meeting of his National Executive took place on August 27, 1973 and he decided that he would not stand for reelection. Rev. Fr. O. Krawchenko was being transferred to another parish and his tenure would not be renewed.

Metro Kereluke took his obligations and leadership very seriously. He wanted the organization to succeed.

38th USRL/CYC Convention
USRA/TYC Biennial Convention
Winnipeg, 1973

In 1973 the General Convention was held in Winnipeg (August 29-32 and September 1-2, 1973). The Convention topic was "Broadening and Strengthening of Our Organizations".

Dr. Leo Faryna of Edmonton was elected National President. The national office moved to Edmonton where it remained for twelve years.



Dr. Leo Faryna
National USRA/TYC President
1973 to 1975

CHAPTER SIX

Introduction

This was a very interesting time period in USRA/TYC history. Seven different presidents took office and provided leadership for the USRA/TYC Branches across Canada.

1. 1973 to 1975 – Dr. Leo Faryna
2. 1975 to 1977 – Andrew Melnychuk
3. 1977 to 1979 – Otto Jereniuk
4. 1979 to 1981 – Otto Jereniuk/Richard Samoil
5. 1981 to 1983 – Yaroslav Skrypnyk
6. 1983 to 1985 – Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk

Dr. Leo Faryna, Andrew Melnychuk, Otto Jereniuk and Yaroslav Skrypnyk were also elected as USRL/CYC National Presidents when their terms were completed as USRA/TYC Presidents. During this same time period the office of the National USRA/TYC Executive was at St. John's Institute in Edmonton and the Executive Secretary was Anne Danelovich. Anne Danelovich was engaged to do all the typing, processing and filing for the National Executive. She also worked at the Institute and combined the two responsibilities. From 1973 to 1978 Stephania Paush was the Corresponding Secretary for the National Executive. All of these individuals were active leaders in the Edmonton community.

1973 – 1975

Dr. Leo Faryna, Edmonton

The newly-elected executive of USRA/TYC did not receive all the materials from the Kereluke administration until December 7, 1973. The USRL/CYC organizations continued to have annual provincial conventions that were a huge highlight for the members.

The first USRA/TYC Newsletter was sent to all members in April 1974. In the newsletter the following items were stressed:

- Each Branch is required to report membership and make sure that dues are sent to the national office.
- Each Branch is required to enroll new members.
- Provincial Executives are encouraged to visit Branches.
- Annual reports are needed for the National Executive and the Branch needs to hold an Annual General Meeting.

The National Executive began to organize a systematic membership list.

The new executive held regular meetings. Many decisions were made by the USRA/TYC National Executive:

- All Branches were encouraged to raise capital for the SUS Foundation.
- Discussion on enrolling new members centered on sending out individuals to rural areas, advertising in the UGOC newspaper and having St. Andrew's College prepare information on the organization. This was a constant discussion during most of the executive meetings.
- 1974 Membership in Canada:

Eastern Canada	224
Manitoba	97
Saskatchewan	221
Alberta	153
British Columbia	19

Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk was the USRA/TYC representative on the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC/KYK) National Executive.

- One copy of the National USRA/TYC Bylaws was to be sent to each Branch and if more was required the Branch would be charged fifty cents. Membership cards for all paid members were prepared.
- The 1975 USRL/CYC General Convention was discussed and the National Executive began preparations. USRL/CYC General Convention was to be held on August 20 to 24 in Edmonton.
- SUND had only two branches (Vancouver and Windsor) by 1975 and the National Executive did not know what to do.
- There were many other Orthodox men's organizations in Edmonton (Trident Club, St. John's Fraternal, St. Andrew's Men's and St. Michael's Men) and they were not part of USRA/TYC. In the end the National Executive felt that these organizations should become member organizations of USRL/CYC.

An interesting resolution was made and passed at the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada Sobor in 1975. The Sobor resolution, "The UGOC of Canada recognizes USRL/CYC and its component organizations USRA/TYC, UWAC/CYK, CYMK and its affiliate organizations, the Institutes, as lay organizations of the UGOC of Canada and calls all the clergy and laity faithful to support USRL/CYC and its component and affiliate organizations."

USRL/CYC Provincial Convention Winnipeg, 1974

At the Provincial Convention of USRL/CYC in Manitoba, November 9, 1974, Very Rev. Fr. Frank Kernetsky spoke to the USRA/TYC delegates. The theme of the Convention was, “БЕЗ МИНУЛОМУ НЕ МОЖЕ БУТИ МАЙБУТНЬОГО” (Without the Past There Cannot Be a Future). Very Rev. Frank Kernetsky presented a very honest and open statement to the USRL/TYC delegates. He stated the following:

“The USRL/CYC family organizations have three very important guiding principles: self-reliance, self-help and self-respect (самопошана, самодіяльність і самостійність). Every TYC member must never allow anyone to speak untruths about our organization. Today we are experiencing certain difficulties (невний перелом). We all need to wake up and work toward a successful organizational strength. Today we have few members. We need to find young men who will awaken the organization and engage other young men. We lost many young men when they moved to the cities from the rural areas, began using more English in their homes, were embarrassed to be Ukrainian, forsook the Ukrainian culture and as a result many were assimilated. Because of TV, sports and other external influences many do not understand the cultural background and their Orthodox church. There is a lack of cooperation between the church and our organizations. The UGOC of Canada, Bishops and the parish leadership should be worried about the fate of our people.”

“Треба сказати, що громадський сектор, без співпраці з Церквою, які Церква без співпраці громадянства, не може існувати, а тим більше розвиватися.”

“The community without the cooperation of the church and the church without the cooperation of the community cannot exist and furthermore will not develop or grow.”

“In every organization the members need to be soldiers and honest and giving workers. All members have obligations. We will need to raise our children with these characteristics. We cannot have members that are not involved.”

“What does the future hold for us? To retain our religious and cultural life we must:

coordinate our work with the member organizations, TYC CYK, CYMK, Institutes, and we should have one centre;

- 1. set up a permanent office in Winnipeg so that we can have close ties with the Ukrainian Voice (newspaper), Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) and the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada (UGOCC);*

2. *have an administrator who knows our ideology, structure and needs. Moving the office from one city to another has its negative effects;*
3. *The President can live outside of the centre. There will be a permanent administrator and secretary. Too often the President needs to take the time to get informed and this will not be the case with a permanent home office.*
4. *bring centres without a Branch into the organization;*
5. *encourage every TYC member to be an active member of the UGOC of Canada;*
6. *enlist missionary workers; and*
7. *not form new organizations. We need to support USRL/CYC and its member organizations.”*

Finally, Rev. Kernetsky stated the following:

“Не критикуймо, а будуймо!”

“Let’s not criticize, let’s build”¹

The USRA/TYC National Executive was very concerned about the state of the organization in Canada. Members were getting older and few young men were joining. There was a lot of external influence on individuals such as TV, sports (football and hockey) and work. Many Ukrainians did not speak their mother tongue. People in general were not going to church on a regular basis and the church was not the center of their lives. (This was a problem for all cultural groups in Canada.) Rev. Fr. Kernetsky wanted to emphasize that the organization (USRA/TYC) and the church are important to us and that there needs to be cooperation which will result in success for both.

39th USRL/CYC Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Edmonton, 1975

At the 1975 USRA/TYC General Convention Andrew Melnychuk was elected as the next President and Dr. Leo Faryna was elected as the National USRL/CYC Secretary. Both individuals worked tirelessly for the USRA/TYC organization and for the Ukrainian Orthodox community at large.

1 Ukrainian Voice, Winnipeg, Man., Wednesday, December 4, 1974, page eight



Andrew Melnychuk
National USRA/TYC President
1975 to 1977

CHAPTER SEVEN

1975 to 1977

Andrew Melnychuk, Edmonton

Andrew Melnychuk was a strong, well-respected leader within the Ukrainian Orthodox community in Edmonton. When he took over as National President of USRA/TYC, he was as concerned for the organization as had been previous presidents.

In the first Newsletter, September/October 1975, Andrew Melnychuk made it clear that the new executive would work on behalf of all USRA/TYC members and that he wanted to rectify the apathy within the ranks. He believed that with cooperation a lot could be accomplished.

In his second Newsletter, November/December 1975 he was very concerned about the lack of response from the branches. The branches did not respond to letters or requests. As a result, Andrew Melnychuk prepared a booklet for all the USRA/TYC membership that outlined the aims and objectives of USRA/TYC and a list of all the potential members. He also suggested a program that all branches could use within their branch.

The focus for the 1975 to 1977 National Executive included:

1. the SUS Foundation
2. the proposed UWAC/CYK museum in Saskatoon
3. the improvement of communication
4. membership drives
5. members' handbook
6. the reactivation of USRL/CYC page in the Ukrainian Voice
7. assistance to CYMK

Andrew Melnychuk's executive had about 20 meetings during this time period. Andrew Melnychuk attended Provincial USRA/TYC Conventions in Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton as well as the USRL/CYC Convention in Saskatoon.

This executive had three main projects:

1. a SUS Foundation fundraising drive that ended in October 1976
2. a movement to have St. Andrew's College institute a curriculum for Sunday School teachers and cantors
3. Canada-wide membership drives from November 1976 to January 1977. There were very few young members in the branches. Many young men and USRA/TYC members in general did not understand the makeup of USRL/CYC and its affiliate organizations and also their aims and goals. To this extent he also prepared a members' handbook where everything was explained.

Andrew Melnychuk also mentioned in his newsletters and letters that in the last two years he saw few branches being organized. At this time (1976) there were 29 USRA/TYC branches in Canada.

Eastern Canada	Thunder Bay
	Windsor
	Hamilton
	Grimsby
	Niagara Falls
	Toronto
	Montreal
	Long Branch
	Oshawa
Saskatchewan	Ottawa
	Regina
	Wakaw
	Saskatoon
	Yorkton
	Canora
Alberta	Prince Albert
	Edmonton
	Calgary
	Willingdon/Andrew
	Vegreville
	Edmonton District
	Myrnam
	Smokey Lake
	Westlock
	Pino
Manitoba	Thorhild
	Winnipeg
	Dauphin
British Columbia	Flin Flon
	Vancouver

Andrew Melnychuk was very upset with the problems facing both the USRA/TYC and USRL/CYC. He analyzed the problem and came up with the following reasons:

1. We are not working together. The church leaders are ignoring the lay leaders and making their own decisions, following a different path. If our goals are parallel then we need to work together.
2. We need to have all the priests as members of USRA/TYC.
3. We lack permanent organizers (постійні організатори) who can go across Canada and gather the flock that has drifted away from our organization and from the church.
4. We need to have USRA/TYC Branches in every location where we have a church and a UWAC/CYK Branch.
5. The secular world is drawing us away from joining our USRL/CYC organizations. As a result we are materially wealthy but have lost our organizational and church focus.

40th USRL/CYC Convention
USRA/TYC Biennial Convention
Saskatoon, 1977

The General Convention of USRL/CYC took place in Saskatoon on August 17 to 21, 1977. CYC celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the Convention. The theme of the Convention was:

“На здобутках минулого, будуймо світле майбутнє.”

“On the Achievement of the Past Let Us Build a Bright Future.”

At the Convention the USRA/TYC delegates elected Otto Jereniuk as the next President. Andrew Melnychuk took on a role as Past President and Dr. Leo Faryna became the USRL/CYC National President.



Otto Jereniuk
National USRA/TYC President
1977 to 1980

CHAPTER EIGHT

1977 to 1981

Part One: 1977 – 12 November 1980

Otto Jereniuk, Edmonton

The first Newsletter from this Executive came out in December 1977. The following information was shared with the USRA/TYC Branches and membership:

1. All branch meetings need to be held regularly and there needs to be a plan for lectures, plays and concerts. Cooperation with other CYC affiliate organizations was required in these extra endeavours.
2. Branches need to be more involved in Canadian political and national matters.
3. The UWAC Museum in Saskatoon needs assistance in raising funds for their new museum building.
4. All must endeavour to comply with the resolutions that were accepted at the USRL/CYC General Convention.

In the second Newsletter, April 1978, the following items were presented for consideration by all branches:

1. All members need to subscribe to Ukrainian Voice.
2. Membership dues and branch reports need to be sent to the national office.
3. USRA/TYC will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 1978. The National Executive wants each branch and provincial executive to commemorate this historic event.
4. SUS Foundation requires donations for the capital fund.
5. Youth needs to be drawn into the USRL/CYC family organizations. The children need to be taught about Ukrainian organizational life in Canada.

National USRA/TYC Presidents' Conference Edmonton, 1978

At the National USRA/TYC Presidents' Conference in Edmonton (May 20-22, 1978) the main topic of discussion was the creation of a National USRA/TYC Program. Eight broad goals were presented to the delegates who were then tasked to agree on concrete activities that could be put into action at the Branch, Provincial and National Executive levels. The following were the broad goals:

1. to foster, promote, maintain and perpetuate in the national life of Canada the finest spiritual elements, cultural elements and traditions of the Ukrainian people;
2. to develop and maintain in its members profound pride, love and respect for their Ukrainian heritage and to promote their instruction in history and geography of Ukraine and its literature, music, arts, and crafts, traditions and customs as distinctive attributes of their identity;
3. to establish, maintain and finance libraries, museums, institutions of learning; sponsor educational programs and disseminate Ukrainian literature;
4. to assist and contribute to the continued growth and expansion of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada;
5. to promote within the Ukrainian community in Canada an attitude of excellence in Canadian citizenship; to cultivate among its members a deep and abiding understanding of, and respect for, parliamentary institutions and the rule of law, and the obligations to respect the rights of others as is inherent in present practice in Canada;
6. to encourage its members to take an active interest in the community in which they live and to provide leadership in correcting wrongs and social injustices, combating social, political and religious prejudices and intolerances;
7. to encourage its members, by precept and example, to lead lives based on the principle of self-respect, self-reliance and resourcefulness, and to guide their lives by the highest moral and ethical standards; and
8. to afford to its members the usual privileges, advantages, conveniences and accommodations of the association and to promote good fellowship and brotherhood amongst its members.

The results of this very dynamic topic, specifically the concrete actions that can be taken by the USRA/TYC branches and membership can be found in the index under the title, NATIONAL TUS PROGRAM.

When the third Newsletter was sent out in December 1978, the focus was on upcoming Provincial Conventions, membership dues, Ukrainian language and CYMK. The Provincial Conventions were held in the fall of 1978:

- Eastern Canada: Toronto, October 6-9
- British Columbia: Vancouver, October 6-8

- Alberta: Edmonton, October 27-29
- Saskatchewan: Yorkton, November 3-5
- Manitoba: Winnipeg, November 10-12

USRA/TYC Provincial Conference Toronto 1978

Otto Jereniuk attended the Provincial Conference in Eastern Canada (Toronto). He was the main speaker. In his address he spoke about the following:

- There is a lack of organizational discipline and communication in USRA/TYC. Newsletters are not read and letters are not answered. As a result there is a lack of constructive progress in organizational work.
- There is concern for the lack of interest in the radio and TV broadcasts of Ukrainian programs. Individuals are more apt to watch sports. This could lead to the cancellation of these Ukrainian programs.
- Ukraine is under communist rule.
- There are over 600,000 Canadians of Ukrainian ancestry.
- Current youth needs to know and understand the history of immigration to Canada, their successes and in turn they must feel that they are equal to all Canadians. The youth of today must be taught this history.
- There are Ukrainians in Canada that do not speak Ukrainian at home and in some USRL/CYC organizations. The Ukrainian language needs to be spoken at home, in churches, and in organizations.
- If the Ukrainian language is lost, so too will be the Ukrainian Canadian identity (ethnicity). A lost language cannot be resurrected.
- Spiritual strength is of vital importance.
- In December 1977 the SUS Foundation had \$206,628 in their capital fund. The fundraising campaign must be continued. The goal remains \$1,000,000. There is a long way to go.
- USRA/TYC was officially formed on December 28, 1938 and celebrations of this important 40th Anniversary must be held throughout Canada.

Otto Jereniuk, like all of the previous USRA/TYC Presidents, provided leadership and took pride in his TYC organization. He wanted the organization to grow and succeed within the Ukrainian Orthodox community.

In 1979 USRA/TYC had fewer branches but a larger membership across Canada than they had in 1969.

PROVINCE	CITY	MEMBERSHIP
British Columbia	Vancouver	28
	Kelowna	7
Alberta	Edmonton	113
	Edmonton District	46
	Calgary	33

Saskatchewan	Canora	35
	Cutworth/Wakaw	16
	Regina	43
	Saskatoon	63
	Yorkton	25
Manitoba	Dauphin	32
	Winnipeg	56
	Flin Flon	13
Eastern Canada	Hamilton	63
	Grimsby	18
	Toronto	39
	Montreal	30
	Thunder Bay	16
	Niagara Falls	10
	Oshawa	17
	Ottawa	23
	Windsor	52
TOTALS	22 Branches	778 Members

41st USRL/CYC Convention
USRA/TYC Biennial Convention
Hamilton, 1979

The USRL/CYC General Convention was held in Hamilton, August 1-5 1979. At the Convention Otto Jereniuk was re-elected as the USRA/TYC National President and Dr. Leo Faryna was elected as USRL/CYC National President. Richard Samoil was elected as Vice President and he had to play a key role during this term.

Part Two: 12 November 1980 – 1981
Richard Samoil, Edmonton

During this period (1979 to 1981) in USRA/TYC history there were some sad unforeseen circumstances that befell the organization. Dr. Leo Faryna, President of USRA/TYC (1973 to 1975) and the President of USRL/CYC passed away in November 1980. Otto Jereniuk, who not only was President of USRA/TYC but also First Vice-President of USRL/CYC, took over as National USRL/CYC President and Richard Samoil took on the position of President of National USRA/TYC. As well, on the National USRA/TYC Executive Vasyl Krawetz, the Corresponding Secretary passed



Richard Samoil
National USRA/TYC President
1980 to 1981

away on April 9, 1980 and Rev. Fr. O. Chomiak, the Recording Secretary, passed away on September 9, 1980. In the archives of USRA/TYC no one took over the position of Corresponding Secretary and Andrew Melnychuk took over as Recording Secretary. Within the span of eight months three leaders in the Edmonton and National USRA/TYC communities passed away leaving a huge void. Dr. Leo Faryna was a much respected leader. Otto Jereniuk had stated, "No one can replace Dr. Leo!"

Nevertheless, organizational life began shortly after the General Convention. In the January Newsletter the following was stressed:

- Membership fees for 1980 were \$20.00 per member. (\$15 to National, \$3 to Provincial and \$2 to the Branch)
- In March 1980 all Provincial USRA/TYC Presidents and Secretaries would meet in Edmonton with the National USRA/TYC Executive.
- Richard Samoil was chairing the SUS Foundation capital fund drive.
- USRA/TYC Branches needed to assist Provincial Executives in forming USRA/TYC Branches where none exist.
- All 1979 USRA/TYC Resolutions needed to be acted on by each branch. The resolutions dealt with the following:
 - organizational discipline
 - inter-organizational discipline with other USRL/CYC member organizations
 - teaching of the Ukrainian language
 - assisting CYMK in every possible way
 - assisting with the teaching of religion
 - studying the USRA/TYC and USRL/CYC Constitutions

In the May 1980 Newsletter members were reminded to follow through with the resolutions and to dedicate time on cultural/educational programs such as reading Ukrainian newspapers, listening to the Ukrainian radio programs and organizing cultural programs in their communities.

In the November 1980 Newsletter the National Executive reminded all branches to prepare resolutions for the 1981 General Convention and send them to the National Executive in due time. A master list showed all the new USRA/TYC members across Canada. Membership was also informed of the passing of Dr. Leo Faryna and that Richard Samoil was now the USRA/TYC National President.

Richard Samoil prepared all the USRA/TYC branches for the next USRL/CYC General Convention. The Convention was set for August 20-23, 1981 in Edmonton. Member organizations were going to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of CYMK. The General Convention theme was:

"Збереження Української Православної Ідентичности в Канаді!"

"Retention of the Ukrainian Orthodox Identity in Canada!"

USRA/TYC Branches were called upon to have special meetings to discuss this theme and to come to an understanding of the word "assimilation" and how to approach and resolve this issue. Richard Samoil stated that 1981 needed to be the

year of the rebirth of our organizations and the fight against assimilation. It was imperative that the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada, USRL/CYC and its component and affiliate organizations to work together to resolve this issue.

The National Executive had also heard that the following proposals were going to be presented at the USRA/TYC Biennial Meeting in Edmonton:

- acceptance of members from mixed marriages
- English as the official second language of the organization
- official USRA/TYC newsletters to be a part of the Promin publication.

Branches were encouraged to study these issues, prepare their own resolutions and be prepared to discuss them at the convention.

42nd USRL/CYC Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Edmonton, 1981

The resolutions that were accepted at the 1981 General Convention were:

1. National USRA/TYC is to meet with local USRL/CYC and CYMK to ask for aid in forming new USRA/TYC Branches.
2. National USRA/TYC is to meet with the local members of the Consistory to solicit aid in forming new Branches.
3. Provincial USRA/TYC Executives need to communicate with local church parish executives and inform them of the purpose and activities of this organization.
4. Each local USRA/TYC Branch needs to formulate a membership drive.
5. National Executives of USRA/TYC, UWAC/CYK, CYMK are to meet to formulate a procedure to facilitate the transition of CYMK members to local USRA/TYC and UWAC/CYK Branches.
6. National USRL/CYC is to formulate a program that would aid youth in retaining their Ukrainian identity.
7. Each Branch is to use twenty-five percent of its budgets for the purpose of publishing and advancement of the Ukrainian heritage.
8. SUS Foundation is to use part of its budget for the publication of materials.

At the 1981 General Convention in Edmonton Yaroslav Skrypnyk was elected as National USRA/TYC President. Andrew Melnychuk was elected National USRL/CYC President.



Yaroslav Skrypnyk
National USRA/TYC President
1981 to 1983

CHAPTER NINE

1981 to 1983

Yaroslav Skrypnyk, Edmonton

Yaroslav Skrypnyk began his term in office with certain directives that were decided by the delegates at the USRL/CYC General Convention.

In November 1981 the National USRA/TYC Executive sent out its first newsletter. In the newsletter the USRA/TYC Provincial Executives were reminded that all newly-elected executive lists had to be sent to the national office and that a member needed to be appointed for the SUS Foundation fundraising drive. The National Executive was also compiling a master membership list. He also included the resolutions passed at the 1981 Convention.

In a letter dated February 1, 1983 Y. Skrypnyk wrote about Holodomor and issued a reminder to all USRA/TYC Branches that Holodomor needs to be remembered and commemorated in the community and that the world must be informed about this tragedy. He also sent out materials on the topic. As well, he had been working on the National USRA/TYC and the USRL/CYC Bylaws and the changes were being proposed at the 1983 General Convention. It needs to be noted that the National USRA/TYC Bylaws proposed changes to the executive to include all the Provincial USRA/TYC Presidents and Vice Presidents.

In April of 1983 Yaroslav Skrypnyk informed the Provincial and Branch Executives to prepare a report on their activities for the Biennial General Convention. All Branches needed to also prepare written resolutions for discussion. The USRL/CYC General Convention was scheduled for July 27 to 31, 1983 in Saskatoon.

43rd USRL/CYC Convention
USRA/TYC Biennial Convention
Saskatoon, 1983

The theme of the convention was:

“Родина – База Самостійницького Життя!”

“The Family – The Basis for Self-Reliant Life!”

In Yaroslav Skrypnyk's convention report he stated the following:

- There cannot be a successful National USRA/TYC Executive if there are no well-organized Provincial USRA/TYC Executives. In British Columbia all branches will become part of the Alberta Provincial TYC. Eastern Canada includes Ontario and Quebec.
- Membership dues need to be submitted in a timelier manner. Branches need to make sure that members pay their dues.
- New branches have been formed and some branches have increased in number. This is very favorable for the future growth of the organization.
- The SUS Foundation fundraising was chaired by W. Sawchuk on behalf of National USRA/TYC. The campaign was active and successful.
- Today, USRA/TYC is strong, active at the branch level, project-oriented and the membership is enthusiastic.

Yaroslav Skrypnyk was the First Vice President of the USRA/CYC National Executive. In that role he worked on the USRL/CYC Bylaw revisions where he stressed the need to include that this is a lay organization of Orthodox Ukrainians in Canada. He also proposed that the Ukrainian Voice needed to modernize its printing process and this did become a reality.

At the General Convention of USRA/TYC the following resolutions were accepted:

1. USRA/TYC is happy that in ideology within its organization all is going well and is continuing in the path that was ordained when USRA/TYC was officially organized in 1938.
2. USRA/TYC Provincial and other provincial organizations need to form Provincial USRL/CYC Executives.
3. USRA/TYC needs to continue pushing for inclusion of Ukrainian language learning in public education across Canada.
4. USRL/CYC organizations need to take on the role and responsibility of organizing and assisting CYMK.
5. USRA/TYC needs the leadership in the UGOC of Canada to organize in each parish religious education for the youth.
6. USRA/TYC members need to study the bylaws and we need to follow the bylaws.
7. USRA/TYC needs to support our church, St. Andrew's College, the Institutes and the SUS Foundation as well as the effort to have a free Ukraine.

Yaroslav Skrypnyk was a very capable leader who took on responsibilities and completed his obligations. At the 1983 USRL/CYC General Convention, Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk was elected as National USRA/TYC President and Andrew Melnychuk was elected National USRL/CYC President for a second term. Yaroslav Skrypnyk took on the position of Executive Director of USRL/CYC National Executive.



Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk

National USRA/TYC President

1983 to 1985

CHAPTER TEN

1983 to 1985

Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk,
Edmonton

Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk was a very active President. He held over 15 executive meetings during his term in office. At the meetings many items were broached and then shared with the Provincial and Branch Presidents (new branches, membership dues, SUS Foundation, 1000th Anniversary of Orthodoxy, CYMK, Ukrainian language learning, Institutes, Ukrainian Voice, summer camps, USRA/TYC Provincial Conventions, other men's organizations in Canada and the USRSA/TYC Newsletters).

In the fall of 1983 National USRA/TYC news was included in the USRL/CYC Bulletin. Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk reminded all that:

- USRA/TYC delegates at the National Convention want to see a renewed growth in our purpose.
- USRA/TYC needs to assist and work with CYMK.
- The UGOC of Canada was working on the 1000th Anniversary of Orthodoxy and the 50th Anniversary of Holodomor.
- All should support the USRL/CYC family organizations both morally and financially.
- Membership dues for 1983 were \$25.00 per member (\$15.00 to National, \$6.00 to Provincial and \$4.00 to Branch).

USRA/TYC Eastern Canada Provincial Conference Hamilton, 1983

In December 1983, Rev. Meroslaw Kryschuk attended the Eastern Canada Provincial Convention in Hamilton. At the Convention he shared the following with the

delegates:

- We need to be thankful for all that is Ukrainian.
- We have thinned our strength because there are so many Ukrainian organizations.
- Since the Brotherhoods have been organized, we are having trouble in uniting all in the community.
- Our church (UGOC of Canada) has a huge burden – keeping the Ukrainian language.
- We should not be arguing within the CYC family organizations. We need to support each other.
- We need to support St. Andrew's College.
- UWAC should support Junior CYMK and USRA/TYC will support senior CYMK.
- We need help our youth and we need to be less critical towards them.

In the April 1984 Newsletter Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk continued to focus in on the issues that he felt were important within his Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox community. Some other points that he brought up in this newsletter were:

- Each USRA/TYC Branch needs to take on a project that will induce young men in the community to serve in the Ukrainian Orthodox parishes
- He encouraged young men and women to attend universities and stay at the Institutes.
- He encouraged members to support the radio program, "Voice of Ukrainian Orthodoxy".
- He encouraged all to become good citizens by participating in Canadian life.
- USRA/TYC Branches and members need to do charity work in their communities, much like a service club.

In November 1984 the National USRA/TYC Executive called a meeting that was attended by young men in the Edmonton community. These young men were not members of USRA/TYC. Members from the National Executive included Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk, Bohdan Harasymiw and Bohdan Melnychuk. Three questions were asked for their consideration:

1. What does TYC mean and what are its objectives?
2. Why should I join TYC? (or Why not?)
3. What does TYC offer me?

The National Executive must be credited for attempting to dialogue with the young men and then for listening to their responses, both positive and negative.

The young men had the following suggestions for the National Executive:

- Activities of TYC need to correspond to the needs of the Ukrainian Orthodox community.
- More service-oriented activities are required.
- We want to belong to an organization only if it makes us feel good.
- All Ukrainian Orthodox community organizations need to be pulling in the same direction.
- Written invitations should be issued to prospective new members.

- Everyone's interests in TYC should be met.
- Leadership is a key element in any organization.

In the newsletters that followed Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk continued to focus on many of the same issues and in particular, the SUS Foundation. He felt that the USRA/TYC members could raise the following amounts for the Foundation in 1985:

- British Columbia - \$15,000
- Alberta - \$30,000
- Saskatchewan - \$30,000
- Manitoba - \$30,000
- Ontario - \$30,000
- Quebec - \$15,000

In April 1985 the USRA/TYC National Executive proposed an award for those members who had donated considerable time and energy over the years to the propagation of our ideology. Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk felt that the members should be recognized at the USRA/CYC Convention and that the following criteria should be used for consideration:

1. The nominee has been a member in good standing for a minimum of ten years.
2. The nominee has occupied a position on the executive on at least three occasions.
3. The nominee has paid his dues for the entire period of his membership.

The National Executive was preparing for the General Convention and was requesting that all membership dues be paid, that all resolutions be submitted by May 31, that a list of deceased members was needed, and that branch reports needed to be finalized. T. F. Kucey, President from the Regina Branch, was authorized to form the National Nominating Committee. The following members were included along with T. F. Kucey: Dr. Ed Klopoushak and Orest Pasieka.

44th USRL/CYC Convention

USRA/TYC Biennial Convention

Winnipeg, 1985

The USRA/TYC Agenda was prepared for the Convention. Other than the standard agenda items Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk also included four topics for discussion:

1. Ukrainian Voice and Its Direction - There was a need to identify the problem, map out a plan of action to correct the situation and set up an implementation body directly responsible to CYC.
2. How TYCivtsi understand Ukraine in the 21st Century – What shall we be striving for in the 21st century?
3. Responsible Citizenry through CYMK
4. Effective and Workable Programs for TYC – Does TYC do anything? Does TYC have a program as do other various men's organizations? What interaction ought there to be between men's organizations which result in the greatest benefit to the Ukrainian Orthodox community?

The USRL/CYC General Convention was held in Winnipeg from July 7 to 10, 1985.

In 1985 the UGOC of Canada also was making plans to hold their Sobor (church council meeting) in Winnipeg from August 4th to 6th. This was a busy time for the Ukrainian Orthodox community in Canada.

In Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk's president's report he indicated that he had visited many USRA/TYC Branches (Calgary, Regina, Saskatoon, Hamilton, Windsor, Toronto, Oshawa and Grimsby), that two Branches were organized, that meetings of the National Executive were held where strategies for resolving issues were formed and implemented, that the annual USRA/TYC Presidents' Conference was held and that regular newsletters were prepared for the membership.

Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk was a member of five National USRA/TYC Executives from 1973 to 1983 and from 1983 to 1985 he was the President. He played a very major and active role in the growth of the USRA/TYC organization. He was the first and only priest in the UGOC of Canada to hold the position of President. As the National TYC President his goals were focused on the younger generation and CYMK, on the growth of the SUS Foundation of Canada, on the growth and development of USRA/TYC Branches and members, on St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg, St. John's Institute in Edmonton, Ukrainian Voice newspaper and Ukraine. He believed in the future of USRL/CYC and all the member organizations. In one of his letters to all the USRA/TYC Branches he stated that the future depends on our understanding of issues, our contributions, our problem-solving techniques, our unity, and our cooperation in the completion of goals. He espoused this throughout his active involvement in USRL/CYC. He was a leader in our Ukrainian Orthodox community. He was very respectful to all. For all of this he was given recognition and thanks for his dedication. In 2005 at the USRL/CYC General Convention Fr. Meroslaw was presented with the USRL Award of Excellence. This award is given to individuals for their contributions to CYC and the Ukrainian community in Canada. In 2011 Fr. Meroslaw joined the 80 Year Club in his USRA/TYC Edmonton Branch and received the 50 Year USRA/TYC Pin for continuous Branch service.

At the convention Steve Pillipow from Regina was elected as the National USRA/TYC President. Andrew Melnychuk continued as USRL/CYC National President and Yaroslav Skrypnuk became the USRL/CYC representative on the National Ukrainian Canadian Congress (KYK) Executive. The new headquarters for USRA/TYC would be in Regina.

NEW USRA/TYC BRANCHES

St. Catherine Branch	established: February 6, 1980
Scarborough Branch	established: October 8, 1981
Kelowna Branch	established: December 6, 1981
Surrey/Walley Branch	established: March 31, 1985



Steve Pillipow
National USRA/TYC President
1985 to 1987

CHAPTER ELEVEN

1985 to 1987

Steve Pillipow, Regina

Steve Pillipow was elected President and Stephen Senyk was elected as the Vice President at the USRA/TYC Convention in 1985. Both men played a very important leadership role within the National Executive. The national office returned to Regina.

In the November 1985 USRA/TYC Newsletter Steve Pillipow mentioned three goals for the National Executive:

1. Increase branch membership and the number of branches in Canada.
2. Why and for whom do we have USRA/TYC? – “Нащо, Який і Для Кого TYC?” (The need for an explanation for the existence of USRA/TYC).
3. Involve more clergy in USRA/TYC.

These three goals set this National Executive in motion. Many questions had to be answered before they could meet their goals.

In the December 1986 USRA/TYC Newsletter Steve Pillipow made the following points for the membership:

1. The organization needs to support the church (UGOC of Canada) so that it can increase and flourish for our youth and Ukrainian people.
2. The organization needs to assist and develop:
 - a. Ukrainian language learning
 - b. Ukrainian preschool programs
 - c. Ukrainian schools in the public education sector
 - d. Trilingual approach
3. The organization needs to showcase the arts.
4. Communication between all member organizations needs to be improved and modernized.

5. Consideration needs to be given to the following:
 - a. modernization of the Ukrainian Voice and compulsory membership for all CYC family organizations;
 - b. use the local news media and publicizing activities;
 - c. development of a Ukrainian Sesame Street program;
 - d. publication of the history of Ukrainians in our communities; and
 - e. the need to focus on youth development and, as a result, to gear TYC programs to the specific needs of our youth.

Steve Pillipow and the National Executive did have a sense of direction that was shared with all branches.

Membership fees 1985–1987 were set at \$25.00 (\$16.00 to National, \$6.00 to Provincial and \$4.00 to Branch).

USRA/TYC Presidents' Conference Regina, 1987

The National USRA/TYC Executive called a Presidents' Conference on February 6-8, 1987. At this three-day conference resolutions were passed and shared with all the USRA/TYC branches and membership.

Resolutions from the Presidents' Conference – February 6-8, 1987

1. The National Executive needs to develop a policy that would encourage and foster the development of TYC branches.
2. The National Executive needs to develop a policy whereby the organization receives its direction from grassroots membership.
3. The National Executive needs to review the Constitution for the National and Provincial Executives.
4. There is a need for a handbook relating to organizational operations at the local, provincial and national levels.
5. There is a need to reformulate the organization's language policy to reflect the bilingual nature of the organization.
6. The organization needs to adopt a new name.
7. The USRL/CYC Constitution must be revised to ensure that USRL/CYC operates as an umbrella body and does not usurp the role and function of USRA/TYC.

John Kolasky's Presentation to the Regina Branch February 1987

On Monday, February 9, 1987 John Kolasky, President of British Columbia Provincial Executive USRA/TYC addressed the Regina USRA/TYC Branch. His topic was, "The Ukrainian Self Reliance Association (TYC) and its Future."¹ Both the resolutions and Kolasky's presentation made a huge impact on the direction that the Regina USRA/TYC National Executive undertook for the next five years.

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Highlights of Kolasky's Presentation – February 9, 1987:

In 1937 members of the Ukrainian National Homes and others formed a separate Orthodox men's organization, TYC, the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association. (The official date is December 28, 1938.)

Prior to WWII the Ukrainian Orthodox movement and organizations played a leading role in the Ukrainian community in Canada. They built student residences, promoted education, carried out campaigns that exposed Ukrainian pro-communists and were the foremost defenders in Canada of the oppressed Ukrainian nation.

The role and importance of the Orthodox movement began to decline after WWII. Why?

1. The war itself – many members of the Ukrainian Orthodox community were uprooted.
2. The post-war economic boom provided an opportunity for personal enrichment.
3. Ukrainians in Canada lost the vision, forgot the aims and purposes that were established by the USRL/CYC family organizations.
4. Ukrainians in Canada deviated from their roots.

Kolasky stated that not all was lost. He stressed the need to, *“.....build that bridge of love and understanding and comradeship that will bind us all together and give each of us the strength of all of us.”*

At this same time, Kolasky stated there were technical problems that had to be overcome.

1. Membership is small in number and new blood is required.
2. Funds are lacking and even though the SUS Foundation was created and a goal of raising one million dollars was set, there is only \$500,000 in the capital fund.
3. There is a crisis in the senior generation although some think it's a crisis with the younger generation.
4. Mastery of the Ukrainian language is not widespread. Many do not know the Ukrainian language but communication with the membership in the language that they understand is crucial. Non-speakers need to be drawn into the organization and encouraged to learn Ukrainian.
5. Ukraine is a submerged nation occupied by Russia.
6. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ukraine has been destroyed.

Kolasky also pointed out that these problems can be overcome and that the membership should not be discouraged. He concluded his presentation with the following:

“If we can achieve love, understanding and brotherhood in our ranks we will be filled with a sense of inspiration and strength. We will be able to attract new members, to raise necessary funds and to move easily in solving our problems.”

In 1987 the National USRA/TYC Executive was inspired by the progress that had been made. For the first time the TYC men were thinking in different terms and it looked like progress might be made. There was agreement and support at the presidents' level and a direction was set for the National Executive.

45th USRL/CYC Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Saskatoon, 1987

The USRL/CYC General Convention in Saskatoon, August 16-18, 1987 celebrated two important milestones – the 60th Anniversaries of both USRL/CYC and UWAC/CYK. The theme for the Convention was:

“CYC - Основа Нашої Ідентичності в Канаді!”

“CYC – A Unique Ukrainian Canadian Identity!”

In Steve Pillipow's president's report to the USRA/TYC delegates he stated that USRA/TYC must become the kind of organization at the local level that will satisfy the needs of its membership; this satisfaction would subsequently enhance the provincial and national levels. He believed that the following should be implemented:

- increase membership in the USRA/TYC branches;
- increase the number of USRA/TYC branches across the country; and
- make USRA/TYC a viable, dynamic and effective instrument of the Ukrainian cause in Canada and elsewhere.

His strategy for attaining the above goals included:

- satisfying the needs of the membership'
- making USRA/TYC the kind of organization that people would want to be associated with;
- making USRA/TYC an organizations of “doers”; and
- encouraging action at the branch level.

Steve Pillipow wanted an organization (TYC) that:

- would encourage the participation of 25 to 50 year olds;
- would revise the bylaws to portray the organization as a “doer/service club”; and
- would accept the need to be bilingual (English and Ukrainian).

Finally, Steve Pillipow stated that the National Executive needed to prepare organizational tools such as handbooks, brochures, communication aids and training directives for local, provincial and national levels. To do all of this he proposed that the National Executive:

- appoint a three-man committee to prepare a revised constitution (bylaws) for approval at the next General Convention (1989);
- authorize Yars Lozowchuk to draft and prepare materials for a handbook to be ready for the fall of 1987; and
- appoint John Kolasky to assist the executive in the preparation of brochure materials.

In his closing comment Steve Pillipow stated that “*We truly love this organization and do not want it to disappear with the 20th Century.*”

Steve Pillipow chaired 24 USRA/TYC National Executive meetings, attended seven conferences and gave six major presentations to various organizations. His leadership was effective. He had goals to guide him and he wanted to effect change so that USRA/TYC would be an effective and viable service organization in the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox community.

At the 1987 Saskatoon USRL/CYC General Convention Stephen Senyk was elected National President of USRA/TYC and Yaroslav Skrypyk was elected as National President of USRL/CYC.

NEW USRA/TYC BRANCHES

New Westminster Branch

established February 7, 1986



Stephen Senyk

National USRA/TYC President

1987 to 1991

CHAPTER TWELVE

1987 to 1991

President: Stephen Senyk, Regina

Part One: 1987 – 1989

Stephen Senyk was elected as National USRA/TYC President in 1987 and he served a second term in 1989 as National President of Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association (UOMA), the newly-minted name for USRA/TYC. Steve Pillipow was on the executive as Past President but also as an elected member of the National Executive. This was very important because it provided continuity from the previous executive. When the Convention ended in 1987, Stephen Senyk had been given direction by the delegates. His executive was tasked:

1. to prepare a new Constitution for USRA/TYC; the committee included M.D. Kereluke, Paul Hleck and Ed. Klopoushak;
2. to prepare for the USRA/TYC name change. The name change was tabled in 1987 and the proposal would need to be discussed at the General Convention in 1989;
3. to prepare the Minutes from the 1987 General Convention and send them to all delegates and presidents within six months;
4. to prepare all relevant convention material for the convention delegates and to send this material to all presidents sixty days prior to the convention; and
5. to explore the possibility of forming a Ukrainian Orthodox Charitable Committee for the purpose of extending aid to needy Ukrainians in the Diaspora. The USRA/TYC National Executive would work closely with the UWAC/CYK, CYMK and USRL/CYC National Executives.

Stephen Senyk also served as First Vice President on the USRL/CYC National Executive.

The USRA/TYC National Executive held over 25 executive meetings and many committee meetings during this time period. The Minutes of the 1987 Convention were prepared by September 17th and were sent out to all the delegates and USRA/TYC Presidents. The 1987 Minutes were also translated and an English version was sent to all branches. The National Executive was involved with two USRA/CYC projects: CYC History Project (holding over \$44,000 in donations) and Project \$20,000 which was established to fund CYMK-related projects with donors receiving an income tax receipt.

The Handbook Committee was chaired by Yars Lozowchuk; Paul Hleck was a committee member. Their task was to prepare a handbook that all could use in their organizational work – local, provincial and national. This committee reported to the National Executive and was prepared to present the handbook for approval at the 1989 Convention.

The Program Standing Committee was proposed at the November 2, 1987 meeting. The purpose of the committee was to establish program policies and to review, monitor, and evaluate existing programs. The committee would have a chairman (Yars Lozowchuk) from the National Executive and four other members. Furthermore, three subcommittees would be established, each being responsible to the Program Standing Committee. The subcommittees were:

- Faith Education and Service Committee (Chairman - Dr. Roman Yereniuk)
- Cultural Education and Service Committee (Chairman – Dr. Tony Harras)
- Serving Skills Education and Service Committee

The total budget for this Program Standing Committee was \$1,900.

Each subcommittee would be responsible for preparing a set of objectives and recommendations for programs, projects and activities. A work plan and a budget would also be required.

The USRA/TYC National Bulletin (Newsletter) was a priority. Gerald Luciuk became the editor.

The Ukrainian Language Use Commission (ULUC) was created. The role of the commission was to prepare an initial proposal for research and to advise the USRA/TYC National Executive on the promotion of Ukrainian language usage. The composition of the commission would include a chairman from the National Executive and three others.

The Constitutional Committee, created by the 1987 Convention, started to revise the bylaws. The committee wanted to have the document ready for the Presidents' Conference. At that conference the draft of the constitution would be reviewed, edited and finalized for 1989 Conference. The committee also prepared a document comparing the new and old constitutions. The committee's draft of the new constitution was ready for the December 1988 National Executive meeting.

The Special Millennium Project Committee was established. The committee was to develop a work plan and submit it to the National Executive for approval. The work of the committee would include the following: preparation and publishing of

three bilingual service books – baptism, marriage and funeral services. Rev. Fr. Oleg Krawchenko agreed to chair the committee. Metropolitan Wasyly approved the committee's plan.

On March 12, 1988 Stephen Senyk and representatives from UWAC/CYK, CYMK, and USRL/CYC National Executives met with Metropolitan Wasyly and Rev. Fr. S. Jarmus. The USRL/CYC family organizations wanted to establish closer ties and a working relationship with the UGOC of Canada. Stephen Senyk on behalf of USRA/TYC raised three issues:

1. the need for a systematic support for immigration of Ukrainians to Canada;
2. the need for a systematic preparation of the Ukrainian Orthodox community during the Centenary celebrations of Ukrainians in Canada; and
3. the need for support of the USRA/TYC Millennium Project. This project would undertake the preparation and publishing of bilingual service booklets for the church with the church's blessing and oversight.

The meeting was successful and the USRL/CYC family organizations were pleased. A second meeting took place with the UGOC of Canada leadership in April 1989. USRA/TYC presented the following points:

1. The Millennium Project Committee was working on the service books.
2. A blessing was required from the church for the formation of a "Canadian Committee in Support of the Ukraine Committee for the Promotion of an Autocephalous Ukrainian Orthodox Church".
3. The National Executive needed feedback regarding religious and spiritual education of the USRA/TYC membership.
4. The UGOC of Canada and USRL/CYC needed to set up a task force to prepare for its participation in the Centenary Celebrations of Ukrainians in Canada.

There continued to be discussions on mixed men's and women's branches. The discussions were with UWAC and CYMK National leaders.

In August 1988 the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada celebrated the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine. The celebrations took place in Toronto and Hamilton. At that time the USRL/CYC National Executive held its annual meeting in Toronto. Alex Patryluk represented USRA/TYC at the meeting and during the millennium celebrations.

All the activity and committee work was geared for the very important USRA/TYC Presidents' Meeting that was set for April 1988. At this meeting the constitution, handbook, name change and other very important topics would be up for discussion. The meeting was held in Regina.

USRA/TYC Biennial Presidents' Conference Regina, 14-16 April 1989

The USRA/TYC Biennial Presidents' Conference was held on April 14-16, 1989 in Regina. Stephen Senyk opened conference and spoke to the presidents about the need for change. The National USRA/TYC Executive had created a number of

committees in addressing the changes that would be required in the organization. He stated that “often organizations do not recognize that they are changing”. He posed this question: “How do we want to change and not whether we will or not?” He suggested reflecting on some guidelines:

- What do we want to become?
- Change for improvement.
- Capitalize on opportunities.
- Resistance to change – ask yourself – Why?
- Create a picture of tomorrow.
- Develop the capabilities of the talent which resides in your community.
- Are we relevant as an organization in the Ukrainian Orthodox community?
- Other organizations start up and raid our potential members.
- Why do we have such a difficult time attracting members?
- What are we prepared to do to satisfy the needs of Ukrainian Orthodox men?

There was a lot of discussion at the conference. The discussions centred on the following topics:

1. How many Ukrainian Orthodox men’s organizations do we need?
2. The new USRA/TYC Constitution – The new constitution was presented in accordance with a resolution at the 1987 Convention. The committee was also proposing a name change that had been tabled at the 1987 Convention. The presidents were able to review all the suggested changes, make other changes and give approval for presentation at the USRA/TYC Biennial Convention in 1989. Some of the presidents did not like the term “club” and it was agreed that “club” would be used in the English text and “відділ/viddil” would be used in the Ukrainian text.
3. The USRA/TYC Handbook was presented and reviewed. This would also be presented at the 1989 Convention for approval.
4. Bilingual service books – Metropolitan Wasyly gave his blessing and Rev. Fr. Oleg Krawchenko was working on the translations.
5. Visual Identity – There was a need to create a USRA/TYC logo and brochure.
6. Ukrainian Voice – All should support this USRL/CYC newspaper and there is a need to have more balanced Ukrainian/English text.

At the conclusion of the Biennial Presidents’ Conference the following recommendations were made:

1. USRA/TYC as an organization needs to make development of youth programming a primary priority.
2. National USRA/TYC needs to undertake/initiate a Narodny Zyizd (National Convention) of Ukrainian Orthodox men at the soonest possible date.
3. National USRA/TYC needs to proceed to initiate an independent joint Canadian Orthodox Committee in support of the Orthodox Autocephalous Committee in Ukraine.
4. National USRA/TYC needs to work with USRL/CYC toward the formation of a coordinating committee regarding the Centennial Celebrations of Ukrainians in Canada.

5. Each USRA/TYC branch needs to appoint a subscription agent for the Ukrainian Voice newspaper.
6. Each USRA/TYC district president needs to explore the concept of amalgamation of all Ukrainian Orthodox Men's organizations in their district.

Stephen Senyk was pleased with the results of the Presidents' Conference. He stated that there were hardworking sessions and hard decisions had to be made. The work that was completed on the Constitution, Handbook, Visual Identity, and Centennial Project deserves great appreciation. In conclusion, Stephen Senyk stated, "I sensed an atmosphere of good will and encouragement."

The National USRA/TYC President's Bulletin was sent to all branches in June 1989. Stephen Senyk reminded all about the Biennial Convention and the need for all branches to send delegates. In the bulletin he included a copy of the agenda, the proposed new Constitution, and the Minutes of the Biennial Presidents' Conference (April 1989). He reminded all branches to submit their reports and membership fees to national. This biennial meeting of USRA/TYC would be a historic event and bring about huge changes for the organization.

46th USRL/CYC National Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Regina, 1989

The USRA/TYC Biennial Meeting (August 18-19, 1989) was held in Regina.

National President Stephen Senyk welcomed all the delegates. He mentioned that organizations change over time and that organizations continue to exist only when they realize that change is required. In 1985 there were 622 paid members and in 1989 there are 474 paid members. The age range of this membership is not healthy.

18 to 40 year old members	10%	47
40 to 60 year old members	20%	95
60+ year old members	70%	322

Other Orthodox organizations have been formed and they have taken away potential members. Decisions have been made from a negative point of view. All decisions made at this Convention need to be in the best interest of the organization. A positive attitude and cooperation is a must.

Constitutional Change – Paul Hleck, Chairman of the committee, made the presentation. There was immediate concern that if the organization was liquidated, the money would go to the SUS Foundation or to the UGOC of Canada. An amendment was passed that, in the event the organization was liquidated, the money would go to St. Andrew's College or to the UGOC of Canada. A second point of concern was the use of "club" rather than "branch". This was rectified when a motion was made that the English term would be "club" but the Ukrainian term would be "відділ/viddil". The name change was included in the discussion. **The Ukrainian Self-Reliance**

Association of Canada would now be called the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada. In Ukrainian the organization would be called Товариство Православних Українців Канади. Some delegates were not happy with the name change or the Constitution changes. The point was made that a lot of work had gone into the constitutional changes because change was required. The idea was to repurpose the organization (rebirth) so that USRA/TYC would be more appealing to the younger generation. Paul Hleck and Yaroslav Skrynyk made the motions to adopt the new constitution (pages 1-9) and the new name, Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada. When the vote was taken approval was not unanimous (41 in favour and 26 opposed).

The delegates approved all the resolutions that were proposed. The resolutions dealt with the topics that were recommended at the Biennial Presidents' Conference in April of 1989.

In his closing address to the delegates, Stephen Senyk stated that there was a lot of work ahead. It was crucial to increase membership and prepare for the 100th Anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada. All branches and membership would need to fulfill the decisions that were made at the Convention. These changes would be huge and must be accepted. No one won or lost – democracy was at work.

In 1989 USRA/TYC had more branches but a fewer members across Canada than in 1979.

PROVINCE	CITY	MEMBERSHIP
British Columbia	Vancouver	20
	Kelowna	727
	Surrey	12
	Vernon	7
	New Westminster	18
Alberta	Edmonton	70
	Calgary	35
Saskatchewan	Canora	23
	Cheremosh	24
	Regina	53
	Saskatoon	62
	Yorkton	18
	North Battleford	17
	Prince Albert	18
Manitoba	Dauphin	15
	Winnipeg	40

Eastern Canada	Hamilton	63
	Grimsby	7
	Toronto	24
	Long Branch	17
	Montreal	21
	St. Catherine	15
	Scarborough	7
	Oshawa	13
	Ottawa	15
TOTAL	26 branches	639 members

NEW USRA/TYC BRANCHES:

North Battleford (Verkhovyna Branch) established April 21, 1989

Stephen Senyk was elected for a second term as National President of the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada.

Part Two: 1989 – 1991 Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada

Stephen Senyk was elected as the National President of UOMA of Canada. He and his Executive had spent hours in preparation for the work that went into reorganizing the men's group. As a result, the new Constitution and name change were approved.

Stephen Senyk and the National UOMA Executive had many meetings during the second term. The Executive wanted to be prepared for the 1991 General Convention. There was a lot of work that had to be completed.

At their first two meetings the Executive began to work on implementing the name change, printing new membership cards, translating the Bylaws into Ukrainian, applying for incorporation for the purpose of getting a charitable number, choosing delegates to attend the Triennial UCC/KYK Convention in Winnipeg, planning for two District National Presidents' Conferences for 1990, and forming committees.

The Executive decided that the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada would be called, "Товариство Православних Українців Канади (ТПУК)."

Stephen Senyk prepared a president's memo to all clubs, providing an overview of convention decisions.

Plans were made to hold the District President's Workshop in Regina from February 23 to 25, 1990. Discussion would be centred on communication, the centennial project and the new bylaws.

The first newsletter was sent to all clubs in January 1990. The newsletter included the following information:

- The revised bylaws will be printed in Ukrainian and English.
- The application for incorporation of the organization as a federal non-profit corporation had been forwarded to Ottawa.
- Stephen Senyk stated that he was aware that the name change was adopted with mixed feelings – from denial to disappointment to positive acknowledgement and to genuine acceptance.
- The President believed that if everyone pulled in the same direction the organization could be renewed through membership development and accomplishment of projects for the benefit of our Ukrainian Orthodox community.
- Two new clubs were organized: North Battleford, Saskatchewan and Rosburn, Manitoba.
- Meetings were organized so that the District Presidents could meet with the National UOMA Executive and, in turn, District Presidents could then meet with their District Club Presidents. In doing so information would be shared and all would benefit.

The National UOMA Executive received a letter from Sam Lebedowych questioning the legality of the convention proceedings regarding the name change. The Executive promised to examine the process, review the tapes and get the Minutes of the meeting. This was the first formal notice to the National Executive that individuals were displeased with the name change. At the March 21, 1990 Executive Meeting, Rev. Deacon Makowsky, who was the Recording Secretary at the 1989 Convention, reported that the official vote count for the name change was correct.

Five UOMA Districts were created:

1. British Columbia – Province of British Columbia and Yukon
2. Alberta – Province of Alberta
3. Saskatchewan – Province of Saskatchewan
4. Manitoba – Province of Manitoba and Northern Ontario extending east to the 85th degree longitude
5. Eastern Canada – Ontario Province East of the 85th degree longitude, Province of Quebec and Atlantic Canada

The UOMA Handbook was ready for distribution by September 1990 and sent out to all clubs in October 1990. The handbook was a source of administrative information for all clubs, membership, provincial and national executives

Biennial Presidents' Conference 1991

The Biennial Presidents' Conference was set for February 22 to 24, 1991. The topics for discussion were:

- name change
- membership renewal
- unity
- communication
- UOMA Club Bylaws
- Millennium Project
- Centennial Project
- Project Nadeeya

At the Presidents' Conference Stephen Senyk stated that there were two problems facing the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association:

1. Communication: He felt and stressed that the grassroots needed to have information and that the grassroots would need to have input in decision-making. To do this he felt that after the Presidents' Conference, the Provincial Presidents had to meet with their provincial club presidents to share all decisions/directions and that each club president needed to present all information to club membership. The result would be an opportunity for bonding, understanding, input, unity, commitment and renewal at each level of the organization.
2. Acceptance of organizational change: This was especially true with the name change. He felt that personal feelings should not interfere with organizational purpose. A successful organization has:
 - a. a clear sense of mission;
 - b. realistic objectives; and
 - c. committed membership.

The executive cannot fix problems but it can guide and energize the membership rather than controlling things. UOMA needs to be known as an organization that gets things done.

The presidents were presented reports on the following projects:

1. Bilingual Service Books – This was part of the Millennium Project. The service book on marriage was ready and the work on the service books on baptisms and funerals was progressing slowly.
2. Youth Report – UOMA did not collect a lot of money for the youth project. National USRL/CYC granted CYMK \$3,000 and the general consensus from Dmytro Spytzkowsky was that the CYMK projects were extravagant and not acceptable.
3. Centennial Project
 - a. Heritage – Proposed project: recognizing 100 outstanding Ukrainian Orthodox men
 - b. Celebrations – Exchange program with Ukrainian Orthodox Churches in Ukraine

- c. Vision – Project Nadeeya: The proposed project involved collecting surplus useable vestments, chalices, utensils, service books, and sanctuary gospels from all of our congregations as well as Metropolitan Ilarion's books and sending these items to the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church in Ukraine. A coordinating body would need to be formed with the UOC of Canada.

At this Presidents' Conference the UOMA National Executive suggested that this executive stay in Regina for another term. This was accepted. Stephen Senyk was pleased with the outcome and the support that he had received at the conference.

In the April 1991 President's Newsletter Stephen Senyk stressed that the Presidents' Conference was very successful, encouraged Provincial Presidents to meet with their district Club Presidents, reviewed the name change and reminded all to use their Club Handbook and be prepared for the 1991 USRL/CYC General Convention. There continued to be controversy over the name change. Stephen Senyk reiterated the fact that the name change was accompanied by mixed feelings. To appease this he was proposing that the new name could be used by the clubs in the following ways:

- Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Club
- Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Order
- Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association
- Ukrainian Orthodox Men's TYC Club

Stephen Senyk sent a letter to all UOMA Clubs on July 10, 1991. The issue of the name change continued. He wanted to clear up the problem before everyone headed to the National Convention in August 1991. The British Columbia UOMA Executive and the New Westminster TYC Branch had placed an ad in two editions of the Ukrainian Voice because they were not happy with the name change. This stirred up even more discussion about the name change. In his letter Stephen Senyk stressed that the process of considering a name change had included lengthy and detailed discussions at three Presidents' Conferences (1987, 1989 and 1991). A new name would underscore that this was an organization of Ukrainian Orthodox men. There was the belief that the name change would revitalize the organization. When the USRA/TYC National Executive moved to Regina in 1985, the feeling was that they would work on a new organizational model. The idea was to have an organization of "doers" with people involved at all levels, especially at the grassroots level. The membership was informed about this new organizational model on many occasions. At the February 6- 8, 1987 Presidents' Conference the name change was brought forward. A motion was made by Paul Hleck and seconded by John Kolasky, "That this assembly agrees in principle with the suggestion that consideration be given to changing the name of our organization." This motion was accepted. At the April 14-16, 1989 Presidents' Conference a motion was made for the Constitutional Committee to prepare a name change taking into account the ideas and suggestions put forward in the discussions. The proposed name was Ukrainian Men's Association of Canada. At the 1989 National Convention the name change to Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada was approved by a vote of 41 in favour of the motion, 26 opposed and 3 abstentions. At the February 22-24, 1991 Presidents' Conference a motion was made that this assembly accept the fact of the name change. In conclusion,

Stephen Senyk stated that the National Executive had carried out its responsibilities in good faith and carried out the will of the Conference. The National Executive and President Stephen Senyk felt there was no need for the national name change campaign being proposed by British Columbia.

**47th USRL/CYC National Convention
UOMA/TYC Biennial Convention
Saskatoon, 1991**

The Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association Biennial Convention on August 7- 11, 1991 was held in Saskatoon. The Convention theme:

“На Здобутках Першого Століття Будуємо Світле Майбутнє: 1891-1991”

“Building Our Future on a Century of Achievement: 1891-1991”

In his opening remarks Stephen Senyk stated that there are clubs from one end of Canada to the other end. The strength of this organization is in its membership. His executive fulfilled the wishes/decisions from the last convention and has seen an increase in membership. The National Executive attended meetings with Presidents and attended Provincial USRL/CYC Conferences. A handbook was sent to all clubs. It is evident that there is a misunderstanding among members; the success of this organization lies on the shoulders of all membership and not just on the National Executive. There must be consensus and cooperation for the greater good of UOMA/TYC.

As the meeting progressed members discussed the following:

- Translation of the Members' Handbook into Ukrainian
- Bilingual Service Books translations
- Project Nadeeya
- the Centennial Project
- organizational matters

In a letter to the delegates the British Columbia Provincial Executive stated that they do not agree with the UOMA National Bylaws and the name change. Other letters were read from members of clubs. In the letters statements were made about the dissatisfaction, unfairness and unsuitability of the name change. There were branches that wanted the Convention to investigate the need and suitability of the name change.

After a lengthy discussion Dr. P. Smylsky and D. Kereliuk moved that this Convention stand in defiance of the decision that was tied in with the name change and was approved in 1989. The name TYC should continue to be used until the Constitutional Committee investigates this matter for the good of all members and, if necessary, should initiate a referendum for all members on this question. This motion was accepted – 29 in favour and 16 opposed. [Motion in Ukrainian from the Minutes of August 7-11, 1991: Внесок др. П. Смильського та Дм. Кирилюка: “Цей з'їзд зневажує ту постанову, яка є пов'язана імені та була прийнята. Вживати ім'я Т.У.С. до тих пір, поки конституційна комісія розгляне цю справу для добра

всього членства, і, якщо буде потрібним, має перевести референдум всього членства про питання.”]

The Constitutional Committee would need to review the matter of the name change and be prepared to produce a report for the 1993 General Convention and/or have a referendum on the new name proposed for the organization.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate for the 1991-1993 National USRA/ TYC Executive. Members of the Nominating Committee were Ed Klopoushak (Saskatchewan), D. Spytkowsky (Eastern Canada), M. Bugera (Manitoba), E. Harasymiw (Alberta), and I. Kolasky (British Columbia). Because the 1993 USRL/ CYC General Convention was slated for Eastern Canada the Nominating Committee proposed that the National Office remain in Regina and the following individuals were presented for the different positions:

Past President	Stephen Senyk
President	Michael Zaleschuk
Vice President	Paul Hleck
Treasurer	E. Labach
Secretary	Rev. G. Podtepa
Members	Ed. Klopoushak K. Lozinsky O. Patryluk

Michael Zaleschuk withdrew his candidacy because the motion that was made by Dr. P. Smylsky and D. Kereliuk would undermine the work of the National Executive. Paul Hleck also withdrew his candidacy because all the work that he had completed on the Constitution was wasted once the Smylsky/Kereliuk motion was made and accepted by the delegates. As a result a new National Executive was presented. The following individuals were proposed:

Past President	Stephen Senyk
President	D. Spytkowsky
Vice President	Dr. P. Smylsky
Vice President	J. Michaelchuk
Treasurer	Dr. V. Olynyk
Secretary	M. Netchay
Members	V. Kereliuk Dr. M. Lazarowich V. Demjanenko

These individuals were elected as the National USRA/TYC Executive. In his remarks as the USRA/TYC President, D. Spytkowsky stated that he wanted unity and that the name change was of little consequence. He thanked the outgoing President, Stephen Senyk, for the talent and knowledge that he showed as our President. D. Spytkowsky promised to attempt to fulfill the wishes of this Convention. The new National USRA/TYC Office moved to Hamilton.

All the work that had gone into the revision of the Constitution (Bylaws), name change, Member's Handbook, projects, just to name a few, was for naught. The Convention delegates in 1991 decided that the decisions made at the 1989 Convention were not correct and the delegates voted to disregard these decisions and reinstituted the previous name – USRA/TYC. President Stephen Senyk may not have been totally surprised by this turn of events because he had had a lot of correspondence on the name issue.

Stephen Senyk and his National UOMA Executive need to be given a lot of credit for their exemplary, creative and progressive approach to the challenges facing them and, in particular, for the work that they did in the hopes of revitalizing the organization, increasing membership, forming new clubs and involving grassroots membership through input and information to make sound choices in their clubs. This task was left to the new executive in Hamilton.



Dmytro Spytkowski
National USRA/TYC President
1991 to 1997

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

1991 to 1997

Dmytro Spytkowski, Hamilton

Part One: 1991 – 1993

When Dmytro Spytkowski was elected as the National President the National Office moved to Hamilton, Ontario. At the very first meeting of the executive Dr. C. Klimasko was added to the executive as the English language secretary. USRA/TYC members requested the Convention Minutes because of the historic development that occurred at that convention. The new executive requested all the USRA/TYC documentation from the previous executive so that their work could start. Past President Stephen Senyk sent a cheque for \$6,000 to the new National Executive so that they could open a bank account and the rest of the money would be sent as soon as the accounts were audited. The USRL/CYC Conference, December 6 to 8, 1991, was a good time for the USRA/TYC National Executive to hold a Presidents' Conference as well.

The National Executive decided that the following needed to be communicated to all branches and provincial/regional executives:

- a complete list and the new mailing addresses of the new National Executive;
- the Minutes of the USRA/TYC National Executive;
- a notice of the USRL/CYC National General Convention to be held in Toronto in September 1993;
- a reminder for all members to pay their dues to national;
- A FAX machine was in the office and all could send information via fax.

Project Nadeeya was still on everyone's mind and a blessing for the TYC/church project from the Consistory of the UOCC was needed. The collection of religious items would be sent to the Ukrainian Autocephalous Church in Ukraine.

The Constitutional Committee members were finalized in February 1992 and would begin their work. At that time the following individuals refused to work on the committee: Paul Hleck, Ed Klopoushak, and D. Kereluke. The question that was also on everyone's mind was which bylaws were to be used by the National Executive and all branches. The bylaws were approved in 1989 and included the name change (UOMA/TIIYK). The motion at the 1991 Convention only dealt with the name change and that the Constitutional Committee needed to review the process and the bylaws. There was a lot of pressure on the Constitutional Committee to resolve the issue. Members of the Constitutional Committee were:

B. Huzyk	British Columbia
E. Harasymiw	Alberta
S. Klopoushak	Saskatchewan
M. Bugera	Manitoba
Dr. S. Klimasko	Eastern Canada
M. Netchay	Ukrainian Secretary
S. Lebedovich	English Secretary

The National Executive sent a letter to all branches and Provincial Executives explaining that until the Constitutional Committee met and made recommendations, all branches were to use the name USRA/TYC. A decision was made to send V. Batysky's book, *Що є CYC та його Союзні Організації* (What is CYC and Its Self-Reliant Organizations). The National Executive wanted everyone to understand the principles of USRL/CYC. The answers were in the book. The book was also translated into English so that many members could read the text.

The Constitutional Committee met from June 19 to 21, 1992 in Winnipeg. The only change to the committee: Sam Lebedovich represented British Columbia. The committee needed to discuss the motion that was made by Dr. P. Smylsky and D. Kereliuk, *"that this convention stands in defiance of the decision that was tied in with the name change and was approved in 1989. We should use the name TYC until the Constitutional Committee investigates this matter for the good of all members and if necessary should initiate a referendum for all members on this question."* The committee could not make a decision on the name change motion. A decision was made to mail each USRA/TYC paid member a referendum ballot with two names for the organizations -- USRA/TYC or UOMA/TIIYK. Each member needed to place an "X" beside the name of their choice and return the ballot by October 30th. The ballots were mailed out to all members on October 1st and once the ballots were in the national office the Constitutional Committee would meet to count the results. The USRA/TYC secretary held all the ballots that were mailed in. By the end of October few ballots had been mailed in and the National Executive decided to extend the deadline to November 30th. All branches were informed and a request was made to the Presidents to ensure that the ballots were filled out and sent to Hamilton.

At the November meeting a decision was made to count the ballots on January 30th

but that an independent lawyer (Gerald Fedchun) and accountant (George H. Strohyj) would be hired to complete this task.

On January 28, 1993 the ballots were counted.

Total USRA/TYC membership that received the ballot: 611

Total Ballots received by National Office on December 15, 1992: 434

VOTING RESULTS

USRA/TYC	288 votes
UOMA/ТИУК	150 votes
Spoiled ballots	3
Total	434

The results for the National Executive confirmed that the organization would continue to be called Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association of Canada (English) - USRA or Товариство Українців Самостійників (Ukrainian) - TYC.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada decided to hold its Sobor from July 3 to 4, 1993 and the USRL/CYC National Executive decided that the CYC General Convention should be held at the same time and set the date for June 30th and July 1-2, 1993. Individuals going to both Sobor and Convention would save the cost of travelling to Winnipeg. This information was shared with all organizations. In May 1993 the USRL/CYC organizations in British Columbia wrote an open letter to His Eminence Metropolitan Wasyly voicing their concern about the upcoming Clergy Conference and the Youth Rally that was scheduled for June 30th and July 1st during the USRL/CYC General Convention. Members of the National CYMK Executive were also upset with the decision made by the Consistory Board of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. Everyone was concerned about the lack of cooperation between these two Orthodox organizations. (UOCC and USRL/CYC)

The USRL/CYC History project was a huge topic of discussion. The decision was made as early as 1985 to write the history of USRL/CYC. The USRL/CYC History Committee included the following individuals: Mrs. N. Kohuska, Dr. N. Aponiuk, Dr. R. Yereniuk, M. Hryn and Dr. P. Kondra. At the November 10, 1992 meeting of USRA/TYC a decision was made and S. Klimasko and V. Marko would write the USRA/TYC history. The CYC History Committee was informed of this decision.

During this time there was a lot of discussion on the name change, the decisions made at the 1991 Convention, the work done by the Constitutional Committee, the proper bylaws for the organization, and so on. There were concerns. To some extent two camps emerged: those for the name change (UOMA/ТИУК) and those that wanted the old name to continue (USRA/TYC). On January 31, 1993 Eugene

Harasymiw wrote a letter to the National Executive. In the letter he informed the executive that:

“Our USRA/TYC organization was incorporated as the UOMA on October 3, 1991 with full approval from the membership at the 1991 General Convention. It is the obligation of the National Executive to file the Annual Return as is normal for all incorporated organizations. If we approve the name change at the convention in June 1993 we will need to inform the government in Ottawa that the name change occurred but the same organization exists.”

Eugene Harasymiw was concerned that the National Executive would not file the returns. In reply to Eugene Harasymiw's letter the National Executive replied *“that the referendum vote count is completed and that his comments are out of order. The Constitutional committee has no reason to meet and discuss the issue that has now been decided by the membership.”*

On April 1, 1993 Eugene Harasymiw sent a second letter to the National Executive. In the letter he outlined the following for consideration:

- On page 5 of the 1991 Minutes the Lozowchuk/Smylski motion that the Convention needs to establish a Constitutional Committee that will be made up of members from each region and that the committee will review the proposition given by Alberta and British Columbia and will make its report known at the next USRL/CYC Convention.
- On page 6 of the 1991 Minutes Smylski/Kereluke motion *“that this convention stands in defiance of the decision that is tied in with the name change and was approved in 1989. We should use the name TYC until the Constitutional Committee investigates this matter for the good of all members and if necessary should initiate a referendum for all members on this question.”*
- On page 7 of the 1991 Minutes there was a discussion on the limited time for the Constitutional Committee to do its work. It was decided that the Constitutional Committee needed to complete its work by the 48th USRL/CYC General Convention, at which time a full report would be presented.

In conclusion, Eugene Harasymiw stated that the National Executive needs to keep in mind the following decisions:

- The result of the referendum does not end the work of the Constitutional Committee.
- The results of the referendum do not cancel out the official bylaws of the UOMA/TIIVK which is registered in Ottawa.
- The Constitutional Committee has not begun its work.
- As a member of the committee he would never agree with the report that was included in the letter dated February 22, 1993.

Eugene Harasymiw stressed that the National Executive needed to call a meeting of the Constitutional Committee as soon as possible.

Other problems resulted from the usage of UOMA on official documents, especially when Stephen Senyk listed all the USRA/TYC elected members as directors of

UOMA when he sent the Annual Return to Ottawa. In May N. Netchay wrote a letter stating that he was very upset that his name was attached as a Director of UOMA and he requested that his name be removed from the Annual Return. Paul Hleck wrote to Dr. S. Klimasko that he was the official English secretary of UOMA rather than USRA/TYC. A letter from Ken Lozinsky, Saskatchewan Provincial UOMA secretary, informed the National Executive that the Provincial UOMA had recommendations. This did not please the USRA/TYC National Executive. They were adamant that the name change had been approved and that all had to use the USRA/TYC name. A letter was sent to all members, branches, and Provincial Executives stressing that they must use USRA/TYC as the official name of the organization.

In a fax to N. Netchay, Dr. P. Smylski mentioned that the referendum was the most democratic approach to obtaining a consensus of opinion. He also stressed that the minority should not be ignored and should be treated with respect and consideration. He was recommending that:

- National and Provincial Executives be called USRA/TYC.
- A branch may add another designation or description which suits its local circumstance as long as it is specified as a TYC Branch. Example: Regina UOMA/TYC Branch

In April 1993 the National Executive approved a meeting of the Constitutional Committee that was set for June 28th in Winnipeg. This was one day shy of the USRL/CYC General Convention. The committee met and made four recommendations to the delegates about the name change and proposed bylaw changes.

USRA/TYC continued its work and continued to be focused on support for the Institutes, SUS Foundation, USRA/TYC History Project and Ukrainian Voice. USRL/CYC received a grant from the government to help offset the costs of writing the USRA/TYC history and the National Executive was to hire a student to assist with the writing of the history.

48th USRL/CYC National Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Winnipeg, 1993

At the USRA/TYC Convention the following topics were discussed:

1. Project Nadeeya – the National Executive did not receive a blessing from the UOCC Consistory. Yars Lozowchuk who had initiated the project with the previous executive was also absent. It was decided that Dmytro Spytkowsky would look into the matter further and that this was a nice project that should be completed by the end of 1993.
2. Constitutional Committee – A formal report was presented to all the delegates. The committee members were: Dr. P. Klimasko, F. Tesarski, S. Klopoushak, E. Harasymiw and B. Huzyk. The following recommendations were made:
 - a. The National Executive should use the name USRA/TYC;
 - b. Provincial Executives can use the name USRA/TYC or UOMA/TYC

- when there is a branch with the UOMA name.
- c. Branches can use USRA/TYC or UOMA/TYC.
- d. The Constitutional Committee was to continue work on changes to the bylaws.

The nominating committee proposed the same executive and Dmytro Spytzkowsky was re-elected as National USRA/TYC President.

Part Two: 1993 – 1995

Dmytro Spytzkowsky began his second term with the knowledge that the organization's name would remain as the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association of Canada (USRA) or Товариство Українців Самостійників (TYC). A letter was sent to all Provincial Executives and Branch Presidents to inform them of the name change.

In August of 1993 work was continuing on the USRA/TYC History that would be included in the USRL/CYC history book. Dr. Klimasko stated that the archival material was in order and the National Executive needed to select committee members and an individual to write the history of TYC. The following individuals were asked to pass on information about USRA/TYC: Andy Melnychuk and Dr. Paul Kit (former Presidents) and P. Boyar, a member of the New Westminster Branch. The National Executive also asked M. Horhoty and Melanie Mykytiuk to assist in writing the history. In the end H. Kocha and Mrs. Marko agreed to write the USRA/TYC history. By February 7, 1995 the Executive wanted Morris Diakowsky to write the USRA/TYC history. No reasons were given or found in the archives for this decision. In 1995 all branches received a communication from the National Executive requesting a brief (not longer than 500 words) history of their branch in both Ukrainian and English to be submitted by August 1, 1995.

Dr. Paul Kit, Convention Secretary, completed the Minutes of the 1993 Convention and sent them to the National Executive.

The National Bylaws were a concern and Eugene Fedak was approached about the Annual Return of the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association to the Federal Government of Canada. He was also asked to make corrections to the name. This was an issue that would not go away for Dmytro Spytzkowsky. He felt that since he was the National President of USRA/TYC that the Annual Return for UOMA was not his concern.

Eugene Fedak recommended that the National Executive wait until the Annual Return Forms were sent to the National Office before proceeding with any action. In September 1994 the National Executive received the Annual Return Form from past President Stephen Senyk. At the September 13, 1994 meeting the National Executive decided that if the former UOMA/TYC Regina Executive agreed to send a letter to Ottawa informing the government agency of the name change, the USRA/TYC Executive in Hamilton would file the required forms for the Annual Return. There was no resolution to the Annual Return for the organization and on February 7, 1995 a letter was sent to S. Senyk regarding the issue of registration. At the 1995 USRA/

TYC Convention a motion was made by Bohdan Huzyk and Andy Skrypniak that *“The Letters Patent for UOMA of 1989 be left to expire and that we should register USRA-TYC in Ottawa.”* This motion was accepted.

A Constitutional Committee needed to be organized. Dr. Klimasko removed his name as an active member of the committee. The 1993 Convention recommended that the Constitutional Committee work on the National Bylaws. The official USRA/TYC Bylaws were the 1989 approved bylaws that were registered with the Federal Government and under the name UOMA. (Ukrainian Orthodox Men’s Association of Canada). The organization was being governed by the Articles in the 1989 Bylaws and all that had to be completed at this point in time was to make the name change. The Constitutional Committee met in February 1994 and proposed changes to the bylaws. These were then presented to the National Executive at the March 1994 meeting where they were reviewed and accepted. The National Executive needed to send the amended bylaws to all branches and provincial executives for further review and the finalized version would be discussed and approved at the 1995 Convention. The National Executive received a number of letters about the proposed bylaw changes. The following are some examples of comments about the proposed bylaw changes:

1. Walter Mysak – He wrote that upon review of the proposed bylaw changes he concluded that the CYC name and structure be drastically changed, otherwise the organization would continue to decline. The reasons he gave included:
 - a. Fewer Canadians of Ukrainian descent understand what CYC is all about.
 - b. Most Canadian Ukrainians reject being classed as Ukrainian Nationalists but pride themselves as being Canadians of Ukrainian descent.
 - c. Many of our younger generation are intermarried and continue to support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church as Canadian Ukrainians and not as Ukrainian Nationalists.
2. Donald R. Gordon, treasurer of the St. Catherine’s USRA/TYC Branch – He was dismayed and concerned about the typographical errors in the document. He continued to say that this reflected on the image of the organization.
3. Michael A. Swerenchuk – He was upset that the Constitutional Committee ignored the work of Paul Hleck and Eugene Harasymiw and the 1989 approved bylaws. *“The present proposal is a hodge-podge for the national body and clubs as well with deficiencies affecting both...the National Executive as well as provisions for clubs or branches.”* Closer attention should have been paid to the 1973 and 1989 Bylaws.

The National Executive needed all proposed changes to the National Bylaws by June 25th. This would ensure that the bylaws would be presented at the Convention with input from all members.

The youth organization (CYMK) was having difficulties. National USRL/CYC sent a letter to all outlining the needs for CYMK. The CYMK budget for the next 18 months

was \$26,290. Money was needed for expenses and program needs. When USRA/TYC received the request for their share of the budget, Dmytro Spytkowsky stated that he did not know where National USRA/TYC was going to get that kind of money.

At the May 3, 1994 meeting Dmytro Spytkowsky emphasized that focus was needed for the following:

- Proposed Bylaws
- Preparation for the 1995 General Convention
- Completion of resolutions from 1993
- Writing the history of USRA/TYC
- Ukrainian Voice
- Future of the organization

On June 29, 1994 the National Executive sent a letter to USRL/CYC reminding them that all correspondence needed to go to USRA/TYC and not to TYC/UOMA. There continued to be conflict in the usage of name, who has the UOMA name and who uses the TYC name.

USRA/TYC Presidents' Conference 1994

At the July 17, 1994 USRA/TYC Presidents' Conference Dmytro Spytkowsky stated that USRL/CYC President S. Franko and UWAC/CYK President O. Sushko had a meeting with Metropolitan Wasyly and the Chancellor of the UOCC. The discussions were very positive and progress had been made. Metropolitan Wasyly did state that there would be cooperation with the USRL/CYC family but that USRA/TYC needed to increase its activity in parishes to get his positive nod and recognition from the church. In the discussions that ensued from that statement the following comments were made:

- USRA/TYC was not a church organization. It was just attached to parishes and did active work for the growth of our church. This showed that USRA/TYC is an Orthodox organization.
- USRA/TYC needed to be more active in parish life and members needed to be elected to local parish executives.
- USRA/TYC was accepted as the men's lay organization and the right hand of the church at the 1985 UOCC Sobor.

At the Presidents' Conference the following items were stressed for each branch:

The Branch AGM should be held by December 31st and the AGM Minutes need to be sent to the National Office.

- Membership dues need to be sent to the National Office and should also include the members' full particulars and the branch executive list.
- The National Office will send out membership cards no later than 10 days after receiving the membership dues.

At the Presidents' Conference discussion centered on the new proposed USRA/TYC Bylaws. All were reminded that since 1991 the organization has retained the name USRA/TYC but the National Bylaws, accepted in 1989, are under the title of UOMA

(Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association). This is not healthy and it seems to be working against the organization. As a result it was imperative for the Constitutional Committee to make sure that the new proposed bylaws be prepared, presented to the National Executive and then distributed to all the USRA/TYC Branches.

At the conclusion of the conference the following items were stressed for the future:

- assist the SUS Foundation in reaching its goal of \$1,000,000;
- assist in reaching the \$50,000 goal for the CYMK Fund;
- CYMK;
- work with the UOCC parishes; and
- assist Ukraine.

Discussion centered on chaplaincy. It was decided that each branch would have to decide on who their chaplain would be. The National Executive could not dictate this to the branch membership.

The 1995 USRL/CYC General Convention was going to take place in Toronto (August 24-27). The UOCC Sobor was also taking place in Winnipeg (July 13-15).

USRL/CYC 48th National Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Toronto, 1995

At the 1995 USRA/TYC Convention the main point of discussion was the proposed new bylaws. Dr. P. Smylsky outlined the process and decisions that his committee had made in formulating the proposed bylaws. The discussion was lengthy and heated. Some delegates did not want to discuss the proposed changes because they had not been informed nor were they prepared. It was decided that each clause would be read and discussed. The following motion was made by Bohdan Huzyk at the end of the discussion:

“... that Branches go over the proposed TYC By-laws at their meetings and make any motion for amendments or additions to the bylaws by the end of September 1995 to the National Executive. After receiving these motions, the Constitutional Committee is to develop them into the By-laws and present it to the next Convention for ratification.”

This motion was accepted by the delegates.

Discussion ensued on the question as to which bylaws the National Executive was to follow in the next two years. On a motion by Bohdan Huzyk and Stan Klopoushak,

“...that the National Executive of TYC follows the proposed amended By-laws until the next National Convention.”

This motion was accepted. This was a strange situation for the organization because the official National USRA/TYC Bylaws were the ones that were proposed at this USRA/TYC Biennial Convention. These same bylaws needed to be re-evaluated by the branches and then the Constitutional Committee was to present proposed changes to the bylaws at the next USRA/TYC Convention in 1997. The new

Constitutional Committee had the following members: Dr. P. Smylski, M. Hryn, E. Harasymiw, M. Zaleschuk, Bohdan Huzyk and Danylo Huzyk.

Dmytro Spytkowsky was elected for a third term. In his acceptance speech Dmytro Spytkowsky listed the following priorities in this term of office:

1. produce a Chain of Office;
2. produce a USRA/TYC Crest;
3. revive the CYMK financial drive and have the money placed in the SUS Foundation;
4. improve the relationship with the Consistory and the UOCC; and
5. assist the UOCC financially;

Part Three: 1995 – 1997

The 1995 Convention was discussed at the first meeting of the National Executive. The Executive felt that everything went well at the Convention but there were problems that needed to be addressed. The problems were:

- The convention was becoming too expensive.
- The resolutions needed to be approved at the USRA/TYC sessions and then announced at the USRL/CYC general session.
- The major presentations needed to be more focused on the purpose of the organization's work and ideology in the future.
- All organizations that have a banquet should do this at their own expense.
- There should be breaks at the sessions.
- Lunch breaks should be shorter and without presenters.

The executive discussed a number of issues that they were dealing with at this time.

- **Mixed Branches** – The Alberta USRA/TYC proposal was to have mixed branches. Some felt that when there were men and women, branches would have more success. The National Executive decided that in the matter of mixed membership, each branch would have to make its own decision. The National Executive was not against this action.
- **Ukrainian National Homes and their membership in USRA/TYC** – The National Executive decided that the Ukrainian National Homes would have to make the decision about membership in USRA/TYC. This could not be prescribed to them.
- **USRA/TYC History Project** – Not all branches and Provincial Executives had sent in their history. It was decided that all branches would receive a reminder that their branch history had to be in the hands of the National Executive by the end of October 1995. If the branches did not comply by this time, they would not be included in the USRA/TYC history project. Members of the History Committee were: Dr. C. Klimasko, Dr. M. Lazarowich and E. Kryworuchko.

The National Executive made a number of decisions that would guide them during this term. The Presidents' Conference was set for May 17-20, 1996. A new questionnaire was to be developed. The CYMK Fund drive and the Ukrainian Voice

subscription campaign would be renewed. Dr. Smylsky would chair the Constitutional Committee. USRA/TYC should be more active in the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

Tanya Mysak, National CYMK President, wrote a lengthy letter (September 21, 1995) to Dmytro Spytkowsky outlining some comments, ideas and suggestions raised at the round table discussion in Saskatchewan. Some of the suggestions that were brought up were:

- Youth groups are successful when youth is a focus and priority in the community.
- Common projects need to be undertaken to involve all organizations.
- Hold joint meetings, once per month, with representatives from all organizations.
- Lack of communication between organizations has led to problems and should be avoided.
- Offer student membership in parishes at a reduced rate so that they can be active participants.
- Plan more group events to look for new members.
- Dialogue is important but subsequent dialogue has been difficult.

CYMK was a focus for the National Executive and they wanted to assist CYMK to grow and develop.

At the October 1995 meeting of the National Executive a decision was made to have the Presidents' Conference in Vancouver. The USRA/TYC emblem was approved. The colorized version was sent to all the branches in February 1996. There was misunderstanding about membership dues. The National Executive decided that from January 1996 all branches would send their membership dues (\$20 per member) to the National Office. The National Office would keep \$15 and send the remainder to the member's Provincial Executive.

At the November 1995 National Executive meeting Dmytro Spytkowsky reported that Alberta was having the same problems that all the other provinces were experiencing within the organization:

- There is a lack of younger members.
- Younger members in branches do not want leadership responsibilities.
- Overall branch membership is declining.
- There are potential members in the parishes but they prefer to work at the parish level.
- There is a tendency for mixed membership in branches.

In 1995 the SUS Foundation was celebrating its 30th Anniversary. The collection of capital for the Foundation was a very important task for all USRA/TYC members across the country.

USRA/TYC National received a reminder from USRL/CYC National that their membership dues were outstanding for 1995, that \$8,750 was owed, and that the 1996 annual membership dues were \$3,500.

HISTORY PROJECT

The History Committee was working on the project rather slowly. Dr. C Klimasko resigned from the committee due to health reasons in January 1996. The committee members left were: Dr. M Lazarowich, E. Kryworuchko, and B. Radish. Following this in February, Dr. M Lazarowich announced that he could not take on the responsibility of writing the history and Mrs. Marko was invited to help.

By the March 1996 meeting Dr. Kulba from Montreal agreed to assist in the writing of the USRA/TYC history. In September 1996 E. Kocha agreed to assist in writing the history of USRA/TYC and he did receive all the required documents. In April 1997 Rev. Fr. M. Parfeniuk agreed to write the USRA/TYC history. Dr. Kondra sent a letter to the National Executive requesting that the USRA/TYC History be completed and sent to the committee by June 15, 1997. At that time the USRA/TYC History Committee had some branch information but nothing had been written. Another problem had arisen. Half of the branches had written their branch history in Ukrainian only. These needed to be translated. Some of the Provincial Executives had not sent in their history. By July 1997 the history project was progressing slowly. Only 12 branches had submitted their history to date.

USRA/TYC FLAG

The National Executive had developed three flags for the organization. Branches received copies of the three proposed flag designs and had to let National Executive which one was preferred.

BYLAWS

On April 27, 1996 Eugene Harasymiw, President of USRL/CYC Provincial Executive, wrote a letter to Andy Skrypniak responding to the proposed USRA/TYC Bylaws. Eugene Harasymiw made the following comments regarding the proposed USRA/TYC Bylaws:

1. We have a specific set of bylaws that were registered with Ottawa. Those bylaws need to be reworked so that they can suit our present situation. Yet we started from the beginning and ignored the work that was completed in 1989. It is also important to note that if TYC is going to be registered as a new organization then someone needs to make sure that the proposed bylaws meet all the requirements under the Act.
2. In the proposed USRA/TYC bylaws we need to remove Article 20, Section 3 which forbids participation in political campaigning. We need to get involved with candidates that support and understand the Self-Reliance philosophy and objectives. We will never get anywhere with a provision that bars political activity.

Eugene Harasymiw was actively involved in USRA/TYC at all levels. He had worked on the Constitutional Committee, was a prominent lawyer in Edmonton and was well-respected in the Ukrainian Canadian community. He was understandably upset that National USRA/TYC disregarded the 1989 Bylaws when the USRA/TYC

Biennial Convention had approved the proposed bylaws in 1995 and continued working on proposals for changes to that set of bylaws.

USRA/TYC Presidents' Conference Vancouver, 18-19 May 1996

President Dmytro Spytkowsky stated that the results of this conference would be the plan of action for the future of the organization. The Bylaws had been revised, work continued throughout all the branches, branches were assisting CYMK, and USRA/TYC members were now on the parish councils. Topics at the Presidents' Conference were:

- Ukrainian Voice
- Membership and how to increase it
- Analyzing the Problem – setting and achieving clearly defined goals
- SUS Foundation – To date \$810,689 is in the capital fund. The Foundation has paid out \$669,600 to date. The CYMK Fund is within the SUS Foundation and we need to reach the \$50,000 goal.
- USRL/CYC tour of Ukraine – 5th Anniversary of Ukrainian Independence
- USRA/TYC Bylaws – This was an ongoing task
- USRA/TYC emblem, flag and pin – At this conference the membership accepted the design of flag #2.
- CYMK and USRL/CYC

When the National Executive met in June 1996 they began the process of registering USRA/TYC with Ottawa. All the work had been completed in the revision of the bylaws. At this meeting the National Executive agreed to donate \$1,000 to the CYMK fund.

The annual membership dues to USRL/CYC National were \$3,500 per year. The National Executive had to send \$8.33 to CYC for every branch member. This did not sit well with the National Executive and needed to be discussed at the USRL/CYC General Convention. Overall USRA/TYC membership was down.

The cost for the flag came in at \$98.12 and the National Executive agreed that each branch should pay \$150 for the flag package which included a pole, the flag and a carrying case.

In July, Dmytro Spytkowsky attempted to meet with Metropolitan Wasyly when he was in Eastern Canada. He did meet with Bishop Yuriy and they formally agreed to meet at a later date. In his discussions with the Chancellor of the Presidium of the UOCC the Chancellor stated that our church needs Orthodox organizations and we have them. USRA/TYC is a lay organization but UOMA is an Orthodox organization in our church.

On August 1, 1996 Dmytro Spytkowsky sent a letter to all USRA/TYC Presidents. In the letter he outlined that in 1995 the National USRA/TYC Convention accepted the proposed bylaws with some amendments that had to be incorporated into the official bylaws. These same accepted 1995 bylaws were also being reviewed at the branch, provincial and national levels of the organization. These changes have been presented

to the Constitutional Committee and further amendments need to be introduced at the 1997 USRA/TYC Biennial Convention in Edmonton.

In October 1996 Dmytro Spytkowsky informed the National Executive that the Alberta USRA/TYC Provincial Executive had been dissolved and that in Alberta all would be working under the umbrella of the USRL/CYC Provincial Executive.

CYMK FUND:

- October – \$29,000
- November – \$32,819

In June 1997, Mr. Korney, a member of the Controlling Committee spoke with the executive and stated the following:

- The Controlling Committee does not get the National Minutes.
- The Controlling Committee does not get the dates of the meetings, the agendas, nor are they invited to the meetings.
- The Controlling Committee does not know what is happening on the National Executive, what it has decided and how it completes its work.
- This is why the Controlling Committee cannot judge the work of the National Executive.

The reply that he received was that the main role of the Controlling Committee is to review the financial books and not to control the work of the National Executive. In the end the National Executive is responsible to the National Convention.

50th USRL/CYC National Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Edmonton, 1997

The National USRL/CYC General Convention was scheduled for August 7-10, 1997 in Edmonton. The theme of the Convention was “*The Celebration of Youth*”.

Dmytro Spytkowsky was pleased with the results and progress during his third term of office. He stated that:

- The CYMK Fund had reached \$50,000.
- USRA/TYC has its own flag, logo and lapel pins.
- The Constitution Committee has come up with the most comprehensive and all-encompassing constitution.
- The USRA/TYC History is progressing.

The USRA/TYC Bylaws were amended and approved by a unanimous vote (45 in favour and 0 opposed).

John Jurychuk was elected National USRA/TYC President and the National Office remained in Hamilton.

Membership dues were raised to \$31.00 – \$25.00 to National Office and \$6.00 to Provincial Executives.

The USRA/TYC National Executive did not send out a National USRA/TYC Newsletter during this term but Dmytro Spytkowsky did send out communiqués on a regular basis to all branches informing them of decisions and future endeavours. All in all Dmytro Spytkowsky accomplished a lot in his six years in office.

1. He rewrote the USRA/TYC Bylaws.
2. He created a logo, flag and a lapel pin for the organization.
3. He helped to raise the \$50,000 CYMK Fund.
4. He worked on the USRA/TYC History Project for the CYC History Book.
5. He held Presidents' Conferences and updated the Provincial and Branch membership about USRA/TYC activities and initiatives.
6. He held regular meetings of the National Executive and kept all the records of proceedings.
7. He supported the Ukrainian Voice.
8. He provided moral and financial support for CYMK.



John Jurychuk
National USRA/TYC President
1997 to 2001

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

1997 to 2001

John Jurychuk, Hamilton

Part One: 1997 – 1999

John Jurychuk was elected National USRA/TYC President at the 50th National USRL/CYC Convention in Edmonton August 7-10, 1997. The National Office remained in Hamilton and John Jurychuk took the leadership role from Dmytro Spytkowsky, the previous National President. John had been on previous National Executives and had a strong understanding of the leadership role that he had to take on.

John Jurychuk and the National Executive met frequently (over 16 meetings) during this term of office. He had the opportunity and made a point of travelling to the different conferences throughout Canada.

At the 1997 Biennial USRA/TYC Conference the bylaws were amended and the revised bylaws were sent to all branches and Provincial/Regional Executives. The 1997 Biennial USRA/TYC Minutes were written in both languages and were distributed to all.

On October 18, 1997 John Jurychuk attended the USRL/CYC Executive Meeting in Saskatoon. At the meeting discussion centred on the CYC History Project, CYC Bylaws and the KYK Bylaws. The CYC History Project had not been completed and this was causing concern for everyone.

The National USRA/TYC Executive set a budget for 1997-1998 at \$16,850 and for 1998-1999 at \$16,250. This was the first time that any National Executive had a budget. A National Executive and Branch Presidents Roster was created. National

membership dues from the branches were established at \$31.00 of which \$6.00 went to the provincial or regional executive.

One of the very troubling aspects for this executive was the fact that National USRA/TYC had to pay a \$3,500 membership fee to National USRL/CYC yearly. The branch membership had decreased in the last decade and it did not seem fair that USRA/TYC had to pay the same amount as UWAC/CYK who had many more members. National USRA/TYC was in arrears and by August 1998 the USRA/TYC National Executive owed National USRL/CYC \$5,375. This did not make the National Executive happy.

The National USRA/TYC Executive was focused on assisting the SUS Foundation in raising money. The Foundation had just reached the \$1,000,000 mark and now they were aiming for 1.25 million.

The National Executive investigated the possibility of ordering membership pins for years of service at the branch level (5, 10, 15 ...years of service). The pins would cost \$2.50 and an additional 10 cents for each year on the pin. USRA/TYC Branches were to be contacted for their input on the years of service pins.

Some of the branches were not happy with the status of the writing of the USRA/TYC History. Branches had completed their own history by 1995 and were asked to write additional information for the 1995 to 1997 period. The timeframe was short and the editing team in the USRL/TYC history committee was condensing the text. Dr. Peter Kondra Sr. was contacted for an explanation. USRA/TYC was allocated only 35 pages in the USRL/CYC history book and the text had to be shortened. By February 1999 all the USRA/TYC documents were in the hands of the CYC History Committee. The book was being prepared for distribution at the Convention in Regina.

The Ukrainian Voice, the national USRL/CYC newspaper, had designated June 18, 1998 as the AGM date. At the June 8, 1998 meeting of the USRA/TYC National Executive, a motion was made by A. Skrypniak/M. Nechay that the USRL/CYC National Executive needed to exercise its influence on the publication of the newspaper so that in the future the publisher would create a more friendly and progressive format that would interest individuals in getting a subscription. If this did not occur, then USRA/TYC would not support the Ukrainian Voice at the next USRL/CYC Convention. This motion was accepted at the meeting.

Membership dues were a concern at this time. Some branches did not send in their membership dues to the National Executive but only included the provincial membership dues. Other branches just sent in their national membership dues. This caused a lot of confusion. It was decided that the provincial/regional membership dues should be sent directly to the Provincial/Regional Executive and the national dues would go to the National Executive. Another difficulty with membership dues resulted when some provinces had only one or two branches and no provincial executive. Branches were confused and questioned the necessity of sending in membership dues to provinces that had no executives. This was the situation in Alberta.

When John Jurychuk attended the Saskatchewan USRL/CYC Provincial Conference in the fall of 1998 he felt uncomfortable because the chair continued to refer to the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association sessions. Another outcome from the Convention in Saskatchewan (men and ladies organizations) was the preference to have all correspondence in both languages.

The next USRL/CYC Conference was taking place in Regina on August 19 to 22, 1999. The theme was "The USRL Family in the New Millenium". The USRA/TYC National Executive reported this to all branches and Provincial/Regional Executives and requested the following information:

- All branch Presidents or their Vice-Presidents needed to attend the Conference.
- All branches needed to send delegates (one delegate for every five members) to the Conference.
- Branch reports needed to be submitted to the National Executive by May 1999. The reports would not be read at the USRA/TYC Biennial Meeting.
- Branches needed to pay their membership fees in order to send delegates.
- Convention Registration costs for the delegates were set at \$165 per adult and \$30 for CYMK members. The hotel would cost \$75 per night.

At this time "Brotherhoods" were being established and the National Executive needed to meet with the UOCC to discuss the purpose and role of the brotherhoods.

USRA/TYC branches were having difficulties in retaining members and getting new members. Scarborough and Oshawa united into one branch in 1999. Toronto and Long Branch made the same decision in April 1990.

51st USRL/CYC Convention

USRA/TYC Biennial Convention

Regina, 1999

At the 1999 USRA/TYC Biennial Meeting the following items discussed:

- The National Executive had more expenses than income. Part of this was due to the fact that the membership dues to USRL/CYC were very high. It was recommended that a committee be formed to look into the situation and prepare a report for the USRL/CYC National Executive.
- A bylaw change was proposed: a new Article 3, paragraph 2 to be added as follows "... is of Ukrainian Orthodox faith or espoused to a person of Ukrainian Orthodox faith." This proposed change was defeated.
- At the workshop during the Convention the following conclusions were made:
 - Every organization needs a project.
 - More communication between the National Executive and the branch membership must be developed.
 - Members should belong and be active in executives of our parishes, UCC/KYK, USRL/CYC, etc.
 - Members should become more informed and more active in Canadian/ Ukrainian matters such as the Holocaust Museum Project and

Denaturalization and Deportation actions of the Canadian Government.

- The organization should take advantage of modern communication such as e-mail, internet, and the UOCC website.
- USRA/TYC and the UOCC should be partners in a greater development of our religious strength and discipline.

John Jurychuk was elected President for a second term. The National Executive would continue its work from Hamilton.

PROVINCE	CITY	MEMBERSHIP
British Columbia	Vancouver	11
	Kelowna	19
	Surrey	12
Alberta	Edmonton	40
	Calgary	37
Saskatchewan	Canora	13
	Regina	32
	Saskatoon	63
	Yorkton	15
	North Battleford	16
Manitoba	Winnipeg	30
Eastern Canada	Hamilton	66
	Grimsby	5
	Toronto	10
	Long Branch	21
	Montreal	1
	Scarborough	5
	Oshawa	4
	Windsor	10
TOTAL	19 branches	410 Members

Part Two: 1999 – 2001

John Jurychuk began his second term of office with the same energy and determination that he had in his first term of office. The only difference now was that he had two years of experience and was determined to be a strong leader.

The National Executive established the budget for 1999-2000 and for 2000-2001 at \$16,800 for each year.

At the September 29, 1999 executive meeting it was announced that Rev. Fr. M. Parfeniuk had completed the work in the USRA/TYC history for the CYC History Project. Further information about the USRL/CYC History Project came in October 2000 emphasizing that Dr. Peter Kondra Sr. had all the USRA/TYC history materials as well as other information and that Dr. Roman Yereniuk was writing the history but that he required more information.

The UWAC Museum in Saskatoon was having financial difficulty and USRA/TYC branches across Canada were encouraged to support them financially.

The Ottawa branch was to be renewed and Rev. Fr. Ihor Kutash agreed to be the Branch President. This became a reality later in the year.

When Dr. Paul Kit passed away, he bequeathed a small portion of his estate to the USRA/TYC National Executive. In his estate Dr. Pal Kit willed to the National Executive 136 shares of NORTEL stock and 86 shares of BCE INC stock. The reported value of the stock had decreased since the National Executive had received the shares of NORTEL stock. A motion was made to keep both stocks but an amendment was made to keep the NORTEL stock and sell the BCE INC stock. This amended motion was approved at the 2001 Convention in Burnaby, B. C. At the present time USRA/TYC still owns 136 shares in NORTEL.

Andy Skrypniak attended the USRL/CYC Conference in Alberta in the fall of 1999. He reported that there were few delegates and that none of the USRA/TYC members attended the Conference. At that time there was no USRA/TYC Provincial Executive in Alberta. CYMK had its own problems and there was talk that Alberta and B.C. should have their own Provincial Executive. In 1999 there were only 17 CYMK branches across Canada. (Ontario – 3, Manitoba – 3, Saskatchewan – 3 and no provincial executive, Alberta – 6 and British Columbia – 2). The CYMK branches did not have a CYMK flag and the USRA/TYC National Executive agreed to cover the cost to prepare the CYMK flag. In the December 1999 USRA/TYC Newsletter it was stressed that CYMK needed to be kept active in every parish across Canada.

February 2000 was announced as the SUS Foundation month and that all USRA/TYC branches needed to collect money for the Foundation.

USRA/TYC Presidents' Conference Hamilton, May 2000

At the January 29th 2000 executive meeting it was decided to hold a Presidents' Conference in Hamilton from May 27 to 29, 2000. It was a desire of the National Executive to have the Presidents and Vice Presidents as well as the Bishops and a few priests attend the Presidents' Conference. At this time the branches were weak and the USRA/TYC leadership wanted to strengthen this across Canada. The Presidents' Conference was only for the branch executives and no other delegates would be allowed to participate. Lydia Talpash was also invited to attend the conference as the National CYMK President and to speak on the relationship

between CYMK and TYC. About 20 Branch Presidents and Vice Presidents and National Executive members had agreed to attend the conference.

The topics for discussion at the USRA/TYC Presidents' Conference were:

1. **SUS Foundation:** The SUS Foundation Executive planned to educate all TYC and UWAC members in realizing what the Foundation has done for the Ukrainian Canadian community. The USRA/TYC branches were asked to spearhead fundraising campaigns in their communities.
2. **USRA/TYC Bylaws:** There was concern about Article 30 in the USRA/TYC Bylaws. The clause stated that "upon dissolution of a local, all monies are forwarded to the National Executive." In B.C. this was a problem because the branches received casino money and that money needed to stay in the province. The Presidents decided that in addition to the statement in the clause there was a need to add the following, "except where we are governed by the laws of the said province and any money generated from provincial resources need to stay in that province." This was to be presented at the National USRL/CYC Convention in August of 2001.
3. **2001 USRL/CYC Convention:** The National Convention was to take place in Burnaby B.C. from August 9 to 12, 2001. The Convention Theme: "Building a New Vision to Secure our Future".
4. **USRA/TYC Handbook:** The National Executive felt that it would be important to have a members/branch handbook similar to the one that Stephen Senyk had created in 1990 for all the branches. All agreed that the handbook should be updated as a resource book for USRA/TYC branches.
5. **Discipline in USRA/TYC:** USRA/TYC Branches needed to abide by and follow the bylaws. There was at times a lack of respect for one another. Poor communication between the National Executive, Provincial/Regional Executives and local branches had to be resolved. English and Ukrainian could be used by all at meetings and in communication.
6. **USRA/TYC and USRL/CYC Relationship:** It was mentioned that USRA/TYC has no contact with the Ukrainian National Homes and with the Ukrainian Community Centres. The Presidents stressed that national membership fees to USRL/CYC were too high and equal to the UWAC rate despite fewer TYC members and branches.
7. **USRA/TYC and CYMK Relationship:** It was discovered that the young CYMK members enjoyed contributing to church activities. With the USRL/CYC family organizations there was a need for programs that the CYMKivtsi could get involved in and in this way learn about the USRL/CYC family organizations. At this time USRA/TYC and UWAC/CYK did not provide continuity for the younger generation.

Overall, John Jurychuk was pleased with the Presidents' Conference. The Presidents realized that the organization needs changes so that young men would be encouraged to join the USRA/TYC ranks. The Presidents' Conference cost \$4,000.

At the October 2000 National Executive meeting discussion ensued about a National USRA/TYC Project that could create interest in its members, could inspire potential members and could combat dwindling membership in USRA/TYC across Canada.

This information was stressed in the November Bulletin from the National Executive.

Two of National Presidents passed away in November 2000 – Otto Jereniuk (Edmonton) and Metro Kereluke (Regina).

With the USRL/CYC Convention approaching in 2001, the National Executive began to remind all branch executives that all reports and membership dues needed to be in the National Office by May 31 of 2001. A nominating committee had to be established and the bylaws changes were to be presented at the Convention.

The Statute Committee recommended the following changes to the USRA/TYC National Bylaws:

1. Article 8.6 – “Quebec Director” be deleted.
2. Article 8.7 – “Ontario Director” be changed to Eastern Canada Director.
3. Article 30 – Add the following paragraph: “In the event that the branch being dissolved was involved in fundraising activities governed by provincial or federal charitable regulations it is understood those monies must be distributed according to those provincial or federal regulations.”

These proposed changes to the USRA/TYC National Bylaws were approved for presentation at the USRL/CYC Convention.

52nd USRL/CYC Convention

USRA/TYC Biennial Convention

Vancouver, 2001

At the USRA/TYC Biennial Meeting John Jurychuk reported that he had travelled more than 5,000 kilometers and cooperated with all the component organizations in USRL/CYC. There were many challenges and successes. The National Executive did not work on fundraising strategies for the SUS Foundation as was required by a resolution from the 1999 Convention. More could have been done to keep the branches abreast of issues and that this could be a focus for the next National Executive.

At the USRL/CYC Convention in 2001 the **USRA/TYC National Bylaws** were addressed.

1. Article 8.6 – “Quebec Director” be deleted. This was approved.
2. Article 8.7 – “Ontario Director” be changed to Eastern Canada Director. This was approved
3. Article 30 – Add the following paragraph: “In the event that the branch being dissolved was involved in fundraising activities governed by provincial or federal charitable regulations it is understood those monies must be distributed according to those provincial or federal regulations.” This was not approved but it was tabled until the next USRL/CYC Convention in 2003. All branches were encouraged to add to their own bylaws an article that would cover branches that were using provincial lottery money for their projects.

The following **USRA/TYC Resolutions** were discussed and approved:

1. Resolution #4 – that the National Executive develop and keep up to date an e-mail registry of all USRA/UOMA/TYC members across Canada and make it available to all USRA/TYC branches across Canada
2. Resolution #5 – that the National Executive undertake to research and devise a plan whereby such service organizations (men's groups or brotherhoods that do not belong to USRA/TYC) may become USRA/TYC branches.
3. Resolution #7 – that the National Executive undertake an archival project involving the STEP program or any cooperative funding program to store the USRA/TYC archives on computer disc or CD Rom for full implementation, documentation and marketing by the 2003 USRL/CYC Convention.
4. Resolution #8a (repeated from the 1999 Convention) – that the National Executive and the SUS Foundation form a joint committee to examine fundraising strategies; that this joint committee report the results of their deliberations to the USRL/CYC National Executive and to each member branch of USRA/TYC before the end of 1999 (2001); that all USRA/UOMA/TYC locals dedicate themselves to a SUS Foundation awareness campaign and to aggressive fundraising.
5. Resolution #8b (repeated from the 1999 Convention) – that the National Executive maintain a continuous effort to stay abreast of issues, causes and undertakings within the Ukrainian Orthodox community; that the National Executive inform all branches about them and encourage their participation in them and that the National Executive co-ordinate such activities so as to bring about maximum fruition from the effort of all branches involved.

Other resolutions dealt with renewal of the USRL/CYC vision, support for the Ukrainian immigrants to Canada and Canadian denaturalization and deportation. These resolutions were also accepted by the delegates.

The following resolution did not get the support of the delegates: "Therefore Be It Resolved that in order to be a member of a TYC/UOMA branch, the potential member or his spouse must be a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada." A subsequent resolution did not get the support of the delegates: "That this matter (membership in the UOCC) be referred to a Constitution committee for further consideration". The idea of a member of USRA/TYC being a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church was not popular within the ranks of the delegates and membership in general.

The final point that was brought up by the delegates was for the new executive to review the aims and objectives of the organization. It was pointed out that within the bylaws there are 12 points and that this is too cumbersome for many of us and difficult to explain who we really are to non-members.

The delegates elected Andy Skrypnik USRA/TYC National President for the 2001-2003 term.



Andy Skrypniak

National USRA/TYC President

1981 to 1983

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

2001 to 2003

Andy Skrypniak, Hamilton

Andy Skrypniak was elected National USRA/TYC President at the 2001 Convention. He had been a member of USRA/TYC Hamilton Branch since 1988 and had been involved in CYMK activities from a young age. As well, Andy Skrypniak had been on the Eastern Canada Provincial Executive for 8 years and was involved with the National USRA/TYC Executive for the past 12 years in a number of capacities. He believed that USRA/TYC needed a new direction if it was going to celebrate its 100th Anniversary. There were 19 active branches at this time and all were working as a service organization in the Ukrainian Orthodox church community.

Andy Skrypniak held meetings on a regular basis and made sure that all members of the executive were involved in decision-making and in taking responsibility for projects.

Archives/History

Andy Skrypniak

Bylaws/Incorporation

Emil Fedak

Newsletter

Walter Rosizky

Website

Roman Spytkowsky

Certificate/Easter and Christmas Greetings

Dmytro Spytkowsky

The first meeting of the National Executive took place on October 3, 2001. At that meeting the executive discussed the following:

- The need to communicate via e-mail. This would also require the establishment of a data base with members' e-mail addresses.
- A budget was to be established at the next meeting. Bank balance: Term Deposits - \$3,000; General Account - \$5,185.98; Nortel shares – 136; and

BCE shares – 86. All funds and accounting had been transferred to the new executive. BCE shares were to be sold as soon as possible according to the decision made at the Convention. The BCE shares were sold in November of 2001 for \$3,242.84. The Nortel shares were held in the hope that they would recover some of their value. By October 2002 the share value had dropped to eighty cents per share and the National Executive made the decision to reduce the fixed asset in the balance sheet from \$9,647 to \$200.

- The President had contacted the majority of USRA/TYC Presidents and had discussed the status of their membership and events at their branches.
- The 2001 Convention Minutes had been prepared and sent to all branches.
- Andy Skrypniaik attended the Alberta USRL/CYC Provincial Convention in Edmonton. He had a chance to speak to members of affiliate men's clubs. There were five such clubs in Edmonton and not one belonged to the USRL/CYC family organizations. All of these clubs had similar goals as USRA/TYC. They were all willing to discuss the possibility of working together or becoming USRA/TYC locals.
- Andy Skrypniaik and John Jurychuk were members of the USRL/CYC Focus Group Committee. The committee was established at the 2001 Convention. The focus of this committee was to prepare a report based on input from all stakeholders regarding the need to rebuild the Ukrainian Orthodox community with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. This would result in the growth of both the UOCC and USRL/CYC.
- The National Executive focused on better communication and began implementing the following:
 - National Executive Minutes to be sent to all branches after each meeting;
 - establishment of a USRA/TYC website;
 - creation of a USRA/TYC brochure outlining who we are and what we do; and
 - acceptance of the need for a National Chaplain on the National Executive.

2001 USRL/CYC Convention Burnaby

At the 2001 USRL/CYC Convention in Burnaby a presentation was made about the CYC organization and how it should look in the future. After a full discussion at the Convention all the findings were collected and reviewed by the committee. The committee consisted of 16 individuals from all the organizations and from across the country. The Futures Conference Committee outlined its work at the February 23, 2002 meeting.

- A draft needed to be sent out to all branches by May of 2002.
- An implementation plan was to be created by June 2002 with input from the branches.
- In the fall of 2002 all ideas would be shared at the Fall USRL/CYC Conference for discussion and input.
- The final draft would be prepared in February of 2003 and sent to all

branches for approval at the 2003 National USRL/CYC Convention.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY PROJECT

The USRA/TYC archives were not in good shape. The National Executive felt that, based on the resolution from the Convention, all the archives should be located in one place and that a USRA/TYC branch should take on this responsibility. All of the Provincial USRA/TYC archives should be collected and sent to the Ukrainian Voice Newspaper for storage by April 30, 2002. All of the archives from 1958 to 1991 were at the Ukrainian Voice Newspaper in Winnipeg and the archives from 1991 to 2001 were in Hamilton. Late in 2002 the National Executive felt that since the USRL/CYC History Project was not moving ahead and that it was unlikely to be published, there was no point in continuing the TYC History Project. All of the TYC history material was outdated and would not show the true history of the organization at this time. The CYC history project was one of frustration for all of the previous National Executives and it seemed that nothing was going to be accomplished at this point in time. The National Executive decided to hire a student to do some research in the Ukrainian Voice Archives. This also proved fruitless and did not result in any further information on the Past Presidents. Finally, Andy Skrypniak voiced his concern over the archives early in 2003. He stated that the USRL/CYC archives need to be collected and stored in a proper facility. Branches needed to make sure that their archives were in good order as well.

A SUS Foundation request for funds was sent to all USRA/TYC branches. USRA/TYC supported the SUS Foundation and the support never wavered. To this day support of the SUS Foundation continues.

USRA/TYC National membership fee to USRL/CYC was \$3,500 per year.

The National Executive began discussing what could be done to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of USRA/TYC. A decision was made that all correspondence and letterheads would incorporate the 75th Anniversary logo and banner. All of the past National Presidents would be acknowledged at the next USRL/CYC Convention. At the June 25, 2002 meeting of the National Executive a letter from USRA/TYC Kelowna Branch questioned the validity of the 75th USRA/TYC anniversary. This was a serious problem because no one had the exact details and facts about the formation of USRA/TYC.

It was decided that incorporation was costly and that there was no need to go to that length.

Bylaws were being reviewed and the committee was looking at three areas that needed some revision:

- Aims and Objects
- Eligibility for membership
- Addition to the Bylaws to allow affiliate organizations

At the **USRL/CYC June 20, 2002 meeting of the National Executive** the following decisions and information were shared:

- All 2003 convention reports from all USRA/UOMA/TYC branches needed to

be in the hands of the National Executive by June 1, 2003.

- The parade of flags was discontinued and there would only be one flag from each component organization in the procession.
- USRA/TYC membership fees were reduced to \$1,000 per year. In April 2003 A. Skrypniak announced at an Executive Meeting that the USRL/CYC National Executive had changed its mind and was now requesting \$3,500. The National USRA/TYC Executive sent \$1,000 as was agreed to in June 2002 and hoped to resolve the issue at the 2003 USRL/CYC Convention in Calgary.
- A motion was passed to transfer the USRL/CYC History and Publication Fund (\$96,000) to the SUS Foundation and there would be a special fund for USRL/CYC Publications in the SUS Foundation.
- A second motion was passed to transfer the balance of the USRL/CYC General Account (\$71,000) to the SUS Foundation and interest earned from this fund would be designated for USRL/CYC National Executive.
- The Ukrainian Voice Newspaper had a loss of \$50,000 in 2002 and was in serious trouble. There were 1,275 subscribers and 3,500 members.
- The 2001 Convention Committee in Burnaby, B.C. returned \$6,000 to the National USRL/CYC Executive. This was the surplus from the convention.

Andy Skrypniak proposed that if all the USRA/TYC Branches had the same National Project that it would result in a more unified and united USRA/TYC organization.

At the fall 2002 Provincial Convention in Eastern Canada and Saskatchewan Andy Skrypniak announced that he would not be seeking a second term and that the general consensus was that the next National Executive should go to a group in Western Canada. A Nominating Committee was established. The initial members were Rev. Fr. Taras Makowsky and David Mysak. Another member would be co-opted from Saskatoon. Early in 2003 David Mysak declined to be a member of the Nominating Committee and Orest Warnyca was added to the committee. In April 2003 the committee reported that they did not have success in putting together a new National USRA/TYC Executive in Saskatoon. Their next step was to investigate if there was any interest in Regina to take on the National Executive. The last time they had the National Executive was from 1985 to 1991.

USRA/TYC Presidents' Conference Hamilton, 2003

The Presidents' Conference was held in the spring of 2003 in Hamilton. It was an overwhelming success. Professor Eugene Luczkiw, a member of USRA/TYC Grimsby, was the conference moderator. The final report indicated that the Presidents came to a consensus on the following topics:

- TYC's core beliefs and values: Vision, Integrity, Commitment, Service, Collaboration"
- The Purpose of TYC: "To continue and enhance the pioneering spirit of our forefathers and to perpetuate the religious, moral, cultural and national values of Canada as Ukrainians and Canadians."
- The Vision of TYC: "TYC is a vibrant influential organization composed of

dedicated mature members utilizing its diversity of talents to serve our organization, the UOCC and our local and global communities.”

This information was shared with all the branches and a further workshop on this took place at the 2003 Convention in Calgary with all the TYC delegates. It was the hope that the organization could finalize and adopt a vision and mission statement based on the present reality of the organization. At the 2003 Convention in Calgary the USRA/TYC delegates attended a workshop and on a motion from Dr. Harry Hohol/Stan Klopoushak a motion was made, “That this TYC meeting (2003 Biennial USRA/TYC meeting) accepts for the organization the following: Core Values, Purpose and Vision. The delegates also agreed that the new USRA/TYC National Executive needed to work on the “Mission Statement” and present it to the membership at a later date.

Andy Skrypniak had the opportunity to discuss the issue of priest support in USRA/TYC and CYMK with the UOCC Chancellor Rev. Fr. Wm. Makarenko. David Makowsky had been frustrated by the fact that the Consistory and Rev. Fr. Makarenko had been addressing CYMK as the Youth Association and not CYMK (Ukrainian Orthodox Youth). David also felt that there was not enough support from our priests. Andy Skrypniak asked Rev. Fr. Makarenko what was needed to obtain priest support. Rev. Fr. Makarenko responded by saying that:

- TYC must include Orthodoxy into its constitution (Bylaws).
- The Metropolitan should be made President of USRL/CYC.

This was not the response that Andy Skrypniak was looking for.

On May 9 2003 TYC Vancouver Branch dissolved. There was no explanation.

The Eastern Canada USRA/TYC Executive was honoring long-standing members in its branches with 50 year pins. The USRA/TYC National Executive took over this responsibility and the pins became available to any branch across Canada that wanted to honor their long-serving members.

53rd USRL/CYC Convention

USRA/TYC Biennial Conference

Calgary, 2003

The USRL/CYC National Convention took place in Calgary from August 7 to 10, 2003. By July of that year, 67 USRA/TYC delegates had registered for the Convention. Andy Skrypniak reminded all branches to send in their reports by June 15, 2003 and that the Convention Information Package would be sent to all the delegates before the Convention. All of the Bylaw changes were prepared and sent to the branches 90 days before the Convention.

The Minutes from the 2003 USRA/TYC Convention covered a lot of information. Some of the key points from the meeting were:

- Delegates passed a motion recommending to USRL/CYC that USRA/TYC National membership fees should be \$1,000 per year.
- In their reports many branches indicated that they were contributing large amounts of money to the church (parish).

- The USRA/TYC archives were not in good order and difficult to locate. There was no accurate record of Past Presidents.
- The USRA/TYC History Project could not be accurately completed because there was limited information. If in the future accurate information is obtained, the USRA/TYC History Project could be re-established.

The discussion on Bylaw changes garnered a lot of discussion.

- Article 3: Eligibility for Membership
 - Add to point 4 – “or a resident of Canada”
 - Add point 5 – “is a member of or a supporter of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.” **Both of these changes were not accepted by the delegates.**
- Article 10: National Executive Guidelines: From point 4 delete the words “at least four times in each calendar year”. This motion was amended to read “The National Executive shall meet at least six (6) times in each calendar year”. **The amendment was accepted and the motion carried.**
- Major addition: Affiliate Clubs: “Any organization that does similar community work as TYC and shares the same aims and objects as TYC, may apply to become an affiliate member. The club would apply to National TYC for affiliation and would pay an agreed-upon membership fee. All members of the affiliate club would be entitled to the same benefits as a TYC member other than holding a National Executive position.” **This motion was accepted.**
- Major deletion: Abolishment of all Provincial Executives: All references to Provincial Executives to be deleted from the constitution. **This amendment was not accepted by the delegates.**
- Article 2: Aims and Objects: At the time of this Convention there were 12 aims and objects. The thought was to simplify this to four basic ones. They are as follows:
 - To perform deeds and acts that contribute to the continual growth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and to encourage its members to practice and live by the Christian principles as enunciated by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.
 - To develop and maintain within its membership profound pride, love and respect for their Ukrainian heritage and to promote the study and knowledge of the history and geography of Ukraine, its language, literature, music, arts and crafts, traditions and customs, as distinctive attributes of their identity.
 - To promote the welfare of and to co-operate with the member organizations, institutions and affiliated members associated under the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada, paying particular attention to CYMK where we shall take an active role in helping CYMK grow, prosper and develop future leaders.
 - To promote within the Ukrainian Canadian community an attitude of excellence in Canadian citizenship, to cultivate among its members a deep and abiding understanding of and respect for parliamentary institutions and the rule of law and the obligation to respect the

rights of others.

- To encourage club members, by precept and example, to lead lives based on the principles of self-respect, self-reliance and resourcefulness
- To aid Ukrainians in the Diaspora in their struggles for cultural, religious and human rights and in their homeland for human rights and for the rule of law.
- These were the basic changes that were presented by the National Executive for consideration. A motion had been made to retain all 12 Aims and Objects but that motion was defeated (21 in favour and to 22 opposed).

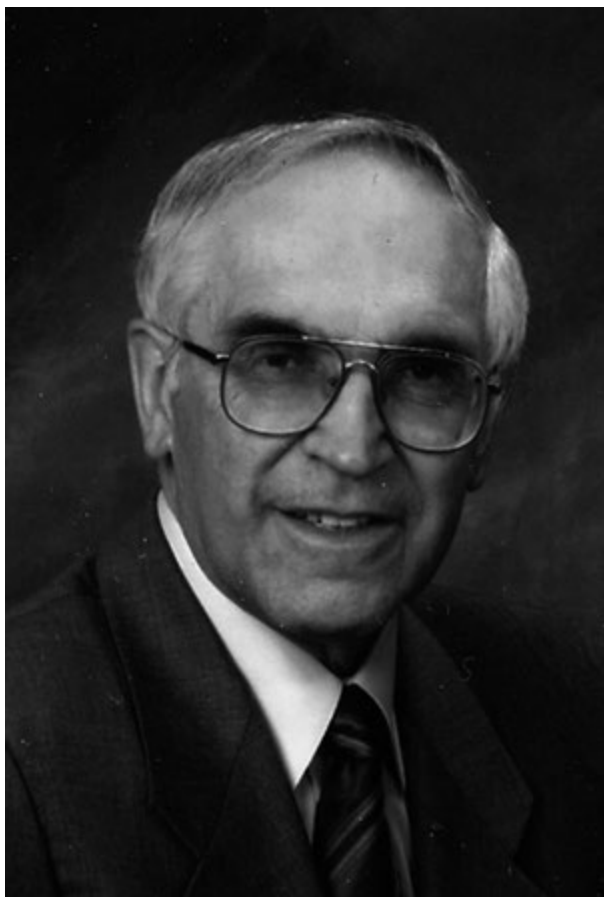
Stan Klopoushak/Alex Patryluk moved that the TYC Bylaws be amended with the 12 aims and Objects replaced by points 1 to 6. This was tabled and subsequently raised after the workshop discussion ended. **This amendment was accepted by the delegates.**

Dr. Tony Harras was elected National USRA/TYC President. The national office was moving back to Regina.

Andy Skrypniak was the youngest elected National USRA/TYC President. He took his responsibilities seriously and he was concerned about the future of USRA/TYC and USRL/CYC. Andy presented a number of issues to the membership in his report to the delegates at the Convention. The issues that he addressed were:

- Lack of communication – the National Executive e-mailed all minutes of meetings, USRA/TYC newsletters on three different occasions, and minutes that came from National CYMK and USRL/CYC. The branches and Provincial Executives did not send in their minutes. This was not appreciated.
- History of USRA/TYC – No one knew exactly when USRA/TYC was formed. There was no concrete evidence at this time. The archives need to be collected and thoroughly searched.
- Futures Project – This project started three and a half years ago with no real end in sight. The report had been sent to all TYC branches but feedback came from only a few.
- USRL/CYC National Executive – The Executive met only twice during the 2001-2003 term of office.
- UOCC and USRA/TYC – We need to work together. USRA/TYC has always worked for the benefit of our church and does not interfere in matters that are clearly in the purview of the UOCC. We look forward to furthering our ties with the UOCC and hope that more clergy will become members of USRA/TYC.

In Andy Skrypniak's concluding remarks he stated the following: *"I am a strong supporter of tradition, but we need to spend less time talking about what we once were and celebrating all the anniversaries and focus on embracing the challenges of today, work together in a positive manner and we will have many more anniversaries to celebrate in the future."*



Tony Harras

National USRA/TYC President

2003 to 2009

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

2003 to 2009

Dr. Tony Harras, Regina

Part One: 2003 – 2005

Dr. Tony Harras served as the National USRA/TYC President for three terms. The National USRA/TYC Office returned to Regina. In Regina there was a very strong UOMA/TYC Branch and the members were ready to commit not only to their branch but to the National USRA/TYC office.

At the very first meeting of the new executive (August 18, 2003) the following matters were dealt with:

- The draft copy of the USRA/TYC 2003 Biennial Convention Minutes were prepared and discussed.
- Dr. Tony Harras informed the Executive that he received a \$10,000 cheque from the previous executive and he was ready to open a new bank account. There was still \$3,000 that was being held by the previous executive. Once they had paid off all of their debts the balance of the money would be forwarded to Regina.
- Everyone agreed that the USRA National Executive needed to publish four USRA/TYC newsletters per year.
- Yars Lozowchuk had the eight mission statements that were developed in Calgary at the Convention. The newly-elected executive would need to write a mission statement based on these eight. The workshop in Calgary at the 2003 Convention developed the core values, purpose and vision. The final task that was delegated by the Convention was to finalize the mission statement. By April 2004 the executive had developed a mission statement and this was sent to all branches for consideration. Branches did respond to

this mission statement. In the end the following mission statement was adopted:

- *“To provide resources, activities, and programs that contribute to the spiritual and cultural growth of our members and to the maintenance, nurturing and growth of a caring, committed and visionary Ukrainian Orthodox community within Canadian society.”*

Dr. Tony Harras and his executive had a vision for the USRA/TYC organization and began developing a plan that would revitalize the men's groups across Canada. USRA/TYC future plans:

- profile members across Canada in the newsletters;
- follow the Regina Branch Handbook as an example for all branches to adopt in Canada;
- develop national projects that branches could adopt for themselves; and
- identify potential clubs or brotherhoods that could become members of the USRA/TYC men's organization.

The USRA/TYC History Project was still being discussed. Although the previous executive felt that at this time (2002) there was not enough accurate information to warrant any further effort towards the writing of the TYC History for the CYC History Project, Dr. Tony Harras felt that it would be worthwhile to contact Dr. Peter Kondra Sr. The executive needed to know out how far advanced the CYC History Project was. In the end the executive was told that the USRL/CYC History was in the hands of CYC National Executive.

The executive proceeded to process the National Bylaws and have them available in electronic form. Dr. Ed. Klapoushak agreed to take on this responsibility. One concern that the executive expressed was the fact that the full National Executive had to meet six times a year. The new executive decided that the full executive would meet annually and that the elected executive would meet on a need-to-basis. The issue would be brought up at the next Biennial meeting in 2005. The final electronic version of the Bylaws was ready by February 2004.

The issue of national fees to USRL/CYC remained unresolved. National USRA/TYC had to pay \$3,500 per year. The fees for 2003 were not paid in full and this matter needed to be discussed with the National USRL/CYC President Michael Zaleschuk. Because the membership fees for USRA/TYC were so high and because there were fewer members, the executive decided that a yearly payment of \$1,000 would be made and that this issue had to be resolved at the 2005 Biennial Convention. Under the leadership of Past President Andy Skrypniaik, Michael Zaleschuk, USRL/CYC President, had agreed in 2002 that the membership dues should be \$1,000. Later on that year the USRL/CYC Executive demanded \$3,500 which was the amount decided at a previous convention. Membership dues of \$1,000 were sent to USRL/CYC National for the years 2004 and 2005.

In the November 2003 Newsletter to all branches Dr. Tony Harras addressed all the issues brought up at the National USRA/TYC Biennial Convention. His emphasis was on the branches and their activities. He stated that *“programs at the local level (Branch) should focus on at least the following areas:*

1. *Ukrainian language retention;*
2. *fostering the growth of Ukrainian culture;*
3. *supporting the Ukrainian Orthodox Church; and*
4. *service to branch members."*

He further emphasized *"that the branch program contain activities that supported one or more of the following:*

1. *the broader Ukrainian community in Canada;*
2. *Ukrainians in the Diaspora; and*
3. *individuals, communities, organizations and or institutions in Ukraine."*¹

Dr. Tony Harras and his newly-elected executive had taken to heart the core values, purpose and vision that had been developed in Calgary at the Biennial Convention. As a result, the executive began looking at having a "National Forum" to look at further visions and activities of the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox community. The branches were asked to identify what and how they had adopted in the focus areas as well as whom they supported. Dr. Tony Harras further stated that *"...We would hope to create a process where we become more aware of what it means to be Ukrainian Orthodox Men and what we must do to maintain the Ukrainian Orthodox Church."* (National TYC Executive Meeting No. 5 [workshop] February 9, 2004). After further deliberations, (March 7, 2004 executive meeting) the executive began considering holding a National TYC forum to discuss *"the status of the church and the challenges that affect it."*

USRL/CYC Futures Workshop February, 2004

The CYC Futures Workshop was set for February 27 to 29, 2004. This was being organized by the CYC National Executive and it was going to be a very important workshop for the USRL/CYC family organizations. Dr. Tony Harras, Yars Lozowchuk and Wayne Hydeman agreed to attend the Futures Workshop. The conference was very successful. The workshop participants identified eight main areas where do-able and effective action could be taken. These eight areas would benefit the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox community (USRL/CYC and UOCC) in a variety of positive ways. Groups worked with eight proposed statements (themes) to come up with some thoughts and actions that would bring these to life. These eight areas were:

1. Serve and support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC) in its emerging mission and embrace/affirm its distinct character.
2. Foster an appreciation for and promote the development of contemporary Ukrainian Canadian culture and identity.
3. Coordinate, lead and direct activities of USRL/CYC component organizations.
4. Provide leadership and advocacy on issues affecting the Ukrainian Canadian community.
5. Provide leadership support to the development of democratic institutions and unity/strength of Orthodoxy in Ukraine.
6. Promote the core values of self respect, self help, and self reliance/assurance.

¹ National TYC Executive Letter No. 1 To All TYC Branches November 2003

7. Provide clarity on the relationship between the USRL/CYC and the UOCC.
8. Ensure the future of USRL/CYC by assisting youth and recruiting members, etc.

Finally, *“The consensus of the workshop participants was that, inherent in the above, one of the most pressing needs was to establish a formal mechanism for dialogue between the UOCC and the USRL and to use that as one of the vehicles to help identify action that would be subsequently taken to grow the overall community.”* When the workshop ended, it was decided to have a four or five person committee go over everything that was decided and then further action would be taken. (Creating Hope for the Future through Action and Change, USRL-CYC February 28, 2004 Workshop)

USRA/TYC Workshop April, 2004

On April 30 the USRA/TYC National Executive held a workshop. The purpose of this workshop was specifically to consider the CYC Futures Report (February 28, 2004) and to see what USRA/TYC National might do with respect to following up on projects and suggestions in the report. After going through the list of activities, the committee selected ten that were thought to be acceptable and reasonable for TYC National, Provincial and branches to consider. The following, given in order of priority, are the ones chosen for further action:

Theme 2: Foster an appreciation and promote the development of contemporary Ukrainian Canadian culture and identity.

1. Sponsor adult cultural immersion camps.
2. Commission works by Ukrainian Canadian artists.

Theme 4: Provide leadership and advocacy on issues affecting the Ukrainian community.

3. Commission position papers on core USRL values and current issues.

Theme 5: Provide leadership support to the development of democratic institutions and unity/strength of Orthodoxy in Ukraine.

4. Support UCC in supervising elections in Ukraine.
5. Each National Executive take on one project to assist Ukraine.
6. Ethics course in Ukraine and Canada.

Theme 8: Ensure the future of USRL by assisting youth and recruiting members, etc.

7. Task force to identify heritage churches and plan for preservation.
8. Immigrant Handbook distribution.

Theme 1: Serve and support the UOCC in its emerging mission and embrace/affirm its distinctly conciliar Ukrainian Canadian character.

9. Commission translation of Mulyk-Lutsyk history of the UOCC in E format.

Theme 6: Promote our core values of self respect, self help, and self reliance/assurance.

10. Position paper on USRL core values.

Following the workshop the USRA/TYC National Executive decided to share its finding with all local USRA/TYC branches and explain what had been accomplished and what they planned to do with the identified projects. It was hoped that USRA/TYC branches would undertake some of the identified projects. During the September 13, 2004 Conference Call Meeting the discussion centered on the identified projects and it was decided that there were too many and that the USRA/TYC Executive should narrow this down to about two or three projects for the USRA/TYC branches. Dr. Tony Harras emphasized that the church should be one focus and priority for the membership. He stated that that church numbers are sagging and for many Ukrainians the church is no longer the rallying point.

In the March 2004 Bulletin Dr. Tony Harras showed his leadership and his concern for the situation that USRA/TYC found itself in. He stated that, *“.....our organization is facing some major challenges ...Rather than belaboring the fact that we have not been overly successful in making our organization attractive to the younger generation, we should focus on determining which programs are going to be relevant and valuable for our potential members ... To some extent we need to shift our emphasis from oneself to building community ... Further we have to keep in mind that all of our potential members do not see their world as we see our world. To deal with this, we need to offer a wide range of programs, service and support to our current and potential membership.”*²

In the June 2004 Bulletin Dr. Tony Harras referred to the community as *“.....our traditional Ukrainian Orthodox members, individuals associated with our community through mixed marriages and members of our Church who are of non-Ukrainian descent.”* He continued in the same bulleting by saying tha, *“In order to develop a sense of community we have to genuinely embrace and support people from all of the above groups. ... Unless we do so, our children, the non-members children of our extended families and the wavering will not be impressed nor convinced that they want to be part of our community. The need to build community is fundamental since without a community there cannot be a future.”*³

The National Executive was notified that Yorkton USRA/TYC was in difficulty and looking to close its doors. This became a reality in April 2004.

USRA/TYC Symposium 2005

At the September 13, 2004 meeting of the National Executive and Branch Presidents a motion was made to support in principle TYC National's idea of holding a 'symposium' to address matters of lay participation in the life of our church. A National Symposium and Consultation Committee was formed and chaired by Yars Lozowchuk. The Symposium theme was *Lay Participation in the Life of the Church*. The purpose of the Symposium was:

- to review, clarify and renew the participants' understanding of the role of laity in the life of the Orthodox church;

² National USRA/TYC Executive Bulletin No. 2 March 2004

³ National TYC Executive Bulletin No. 3 June 2004

- to deepen the understanding of “Sobornopravnist” – Conciliarity in the history of Orthodoxy and in particular in the Ukrainian Orthodox church;
- to review, clarify and renew the original vision of lay participation in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada; and
- to contribute to the discussion and resolution of issues facing the Ukrainian Orthodox and Greek Orthodox community in Canada and to articulate vision principles of servant leadership in our Ukrainian community.

Each branch needed to send one representative to the symposium. The committee sent out invitations to UWAC/CYK, CYMK, USRL/CYC National, Ukrainian Orthodox League (USA), Consistory members of the UOCC and the St. Andrew’s College Board. The committee was hopeful that representation would come from all of these national organizations. This Symposium was to take place in Winnipeg at St. Andrew’s College May 13 to 15, 2005. The registration fee was set at \$55 for adults and \$25 for students. The budget for the Symposium was established at \$12,450. Travel costs for all presenters had to be covered and each one would receive an honorarium. The following foundations were approached for financial assistance: Shevchenko Foundation (granted \$1,250) and the SUS Foundation (granted \$2,000). All of the presentations were in English and a video would be produced. By the time the Symposium was to begin, all of the logistics had been ironed out. At the Symposium seven papers were presented to the faithful:

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| Paper #1 | “Clarifying the Paradigm” presented by Rev. Fr. Andrew Jarmus |
| Paper #2 | “What is the place of Canon Law in the life of the Church?” presented by Rev. Fr. Taras Udod |
| Paper #3 | “Participation of the laity in the life of the Orthodox Church during Apostolic times and the First Millennium” presented by Dr. Valerie Karras |
| Paper #4 | “An overview of the participation of the laity in Ukrainian Orthodox Church life from the time of the Kyivan Rus to the end of the 19 th Century” presented by Dr. Frank Sysyn |
| Paper #5 | “Church, State and the Nation in twentieth century Ukraine” presented by Dr. Serhii Plokhii |
| Paper #6 | “Participation in the life of laity in Church Life in 20 th Century in traditional Orthodox lands and the US Greek Orthodox experience” presented by Dr. Valerie Karras |
| Paper #7 | “Immigration and contemporary North American experiences – the experience of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada” presented by Dr. Roman Yereniuk |

Each presentation took one hour and included a summation and questions from the attendees. Attendance at all the sessions varied from 35 to 45 individuals. Laity and clergy were in attendance. At the completion of the presentations, the participants prepared a summary of key messages they heard during the course of the Symposium. Twenty messages in total were identified. Some of the more notable ones were:

- All believers are to strive to have an enlightened mind and illumined heart.
- All are called to be stewards, to give of themselves and to be active participants.
- The Church is hierarchical but conciliar.
- The Church values informed obedience, not blind obedience.
- Canon Laws should be interpreted and applied in a historical context.
- All actions are to be motivated by love.
- All laity and clergy are responsible for the maintenance of the truth.
- All believers are to be informed and vigilant.
- Consensus-building is a strategic requirement of Church life.
- Servant leadership is the model for Church life.⁴

The USRA/TYC Symposium was an overall success and it addressed one of TYC's mandates which was to support the UOCC.

His Eminence Metropolitan Wasyly, Archbishop of Winnipeg and the Central Eparchy, Metropolitan of Canada, Primate of the UOCC of Canada, fell asleep in the Lord on January 10, 2005. His Eminence was a great supporter of the USRA/CYC family organizations, had been a member of USRA/TYC branches and enjoyed attending the USRA/CYC Conventions. He was laid to rest on January 22, 2005 in Winnipeg. Yars Lozowchuk and Dr. Ed Klopoushak attended the funeral.

At the February 25, 2005 meeting of the executive a motion was made by Yars Lozowchuk/Alex Patryluk to propose at the 2005 USRA/TYC Biennial Meeting that the name of our organization be registered as the Ukrainian Orthodox Self-Reliance Association of Canada. This motion was approved. Bylaw changes were also being proposed. The Nominating Committee included Steve Pillipow, Stephen Senyk and Orest Warnyca.

54th USRL/CYC Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Conference Saskatoon, 2005

At the 2005 USRA/TYC Biennial Convention in Saskatoon Dr. Tony Harras stated in his report to the delegates that he and his executive concentrated on four main areas:

- fulfilling the commitment that they made prior to the 2003 Convention in Calgary;
- making specific administrative improvements to the executive's operation;
- responding to the findings of the USRL/CYC Futures process and workshop; and

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- organizing a very successful symposium on “The Role of the Laity in the Life of the Church”.⁵

In fulfilling the commitment that Dr. Tony Harras had made in 2003, he stated that the following things were completed:

- provided branches with access to possible programs and projects;
- held a symposium rather than a national forum; and
- shared suggestions on how to improve the branch administration.

At the 2005 Convention the delegates reviewed **proposed changes to the National Bylaws**. Some of the important resolutions were:

1. Be it resolved that the annual fee assessed to USRA/TYC National to be paid to USRL/CYC National be set at \$1,000 or \$3.00 per USRA/TYC branch member whichever is the greater amount and this assessment be retroactive to 2002/2003.
2. Article 10. National Executive Guidelines
 - a. Amend Article 10. 3 by deleting number sub 3. In this article 10.3.3 reads: “*3. if he has been found by court to be of unsound mind.*”
 - b. Amend Article 10. 4 by replacing with the following: “*The National Executive shall meet at least one (1) time in each calendar year; it is understood that a meeting by conference call or by some other electronic form is acceptable. The Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large) shall meet as often as required.*”
 - c. Amend Article 10.10 to read as: “*Ninety (90) days prior to any conference of members, regular general convention or special general convention, written notice of such shall be given by the National Executive to every branch of the Association in good standing.*”
3. Article 11 National Convention
 - a. Amend Article 11.4.4 to read as: “*To elect or re-elect a new National Executive*”
4. Article 17. Provincial Executive Roles
 - a. Amend Article 17.4 to read as: “*He shall perform such other duties that usually pertain to the office of treasurer.*”
5. Article 32. Amendments of Articles and Bylaws
 - a. Amend Article 32.1.1 to read as: “*...by any USRA branch upon approval and given in writing to the National Executive at least ninety (90) days prior to the convention. The National Executive will review the proposal for compliance and will present it to all branches in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the convention for their study and review*”
 - b. Amend Article 32.1.3 to read as: “*directly pursuant to and in conformance with a motion or resolutions sustained by a general National convention of the Association, and initiation must be in compliance with any and all requirements of these bylaws.*”

⁵ Report on behalf of the National USRA/TYC Executive to the 54th Convention of the Ukrainian Self Reliance League, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, August 24-28, 2005, Dr. Tony Harras

All of these amendments were accepted by a motion made by John Mykytyshyn (Hamilton Branch) and seconded by Mitch Makowsky (Edmonton Branch) by the delegates at the 2005 Biennial Convention.

Dr. Tony Harras was elected for a second term of office. He reiterated that in his second term he would:

- continue a Symposium method of involving the USRA/TYC members to learn about their church and the Ukrainian culture; and
- continue assisting branches to improve their programs and membership.

Part Two: 2005 – 2007

At the first meeting of the re-elected Regina National USRA/TYC Executive the following points were presented for consideration and implementation:

- TYC Convention books needed to be mailed out to all 17 branches.
- Rev. Fr. Brent Kuzyk was to be asked to be the National USRA/TYC Executive Chaplain. A letter would be sent for his consideration.
- All branch meetings should begin with a 5 to 10 minute presentation by the parish priest.
- Continue communicating with each branch and request executive lists.
- The 2005 Convention resolutions needed to be shared with all branches.
- The 2005 Convention accepted the membership resolution and membership fees to National USRL/CYC were to be \$1,000 per year or \$3.00 per member, whichever is the greater.

The plans for the next two years were:

- to organize a second Symposium
- to grow the membership
- to open new branches

Sonja Bejzyk was elected National USRL/CYC President and the CYC office moved to Winnipeg.

The Second USRA/TYC Symposium 2006

Yars Lozowchuk reported that it was necessary to make a decision about the second USRA/TYC Symposium. The focus for this Symposium would be on the *“Unique Elements of Ukrainian Orthodox Tradition”*. Sub-topics for the symposium were: church governance, church music, social teaching, iconography, architecture, liturgical cycles, theology writing and rites of passage. Letters were sent in September 2005 to Sonja Bejzyk, USRL/CYC President, Audrey Sojonky, Chair of the Joint Standing Committee of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, and Rev. Fr. Bohdan Hladio, Chancellor, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, indicating the intention to hold another Symposium. The Symposium would take place in Regina at the Selo Garden from August 18 to 20, 2006. The committee that was chaired by Yars Lozowchuk applied

for funding from the Shevchenko and SUS Foundations. To begin the Symposium a Divine Liturgy would be served at the Selo Garden. The local branch of UOMA/TYC and UWAC would assist with the catering by providing coffee, lunches and suppers. The committee had established a registration rate of \$110 per registrant, expected about 80 registrants and established a budget of \$16,700 for the Symposium.

The pertinent information for the Symposium was outlined in the second TYC Executive Bulletin dated June 29, 2006. There had been a change of focus and topic since the discussions in 2005.

Symposium #2: “Faith and Culture: Orthodox Christian Life Today and the Challenge of Pluralism and Secularization”

Why a Symposium: The Orthodox Churches in Canada in general, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC) in particular, are confronted by the challenges of pluralism and secularization. In order to deal effectively with these challenges we need to understand how the secular and other religious world views differ from a patristic Orthodox Christian world view. Much too often, many of our members are permeated with a non-Orthodox Christian world view without even realizing it. In the absence of a solid grounding in the teachings of the Orthodox Faith on a level capable of challenging secular and differing world view assumptions and in the absence of an experienced ‘life in Christ’, a large percentage of our faithful lead nominal–superficial Christian lives.

Purpose of the Symposium: The purpose of this Symposium is to deepen our understanding of the differences between these world views. To do this, as a first step, we need to explore in some depth the Orthodox Christian view on the relationship between Faith and Culture and then go on to systematically explore the points of conflict.

Symposium Objectives:

- To review, clarify and renew/deepen our understanding of how the Orthodox Faith views/understands culture, cultural expression and cultural endeavour.
- To deepen and broaden the scope of what we commonly assume is encompassed by the term ‘culture’ in our Ukrainian Orthodox community.
- To deepen our understanding of how Orthodox Christian implicit and explicit ‘worldview assumptions’ differ from those of the dominant North American popular culture.
- To review, clarify and renew our understanding of the original vision of lay participation in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada as articulated by our predecessors and the prerequisites for Gospel-based effective lay participation.

Symposium Program:

Part I. The Teaching and Past Practice

- a. Faith and Culture - Orthodox Christian Teaching (The Orthodox Theology of Faith and Culture) Presenter - Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Dr. Oleg Krawchenko, St. Andrew’s College, University of Manitoba

- b. Faith and Culture – A Case Study: Faith and Culture in Kyivan Rus-Ukraine Presenter – Dr. Serhii Plokhii, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta

Part II. The Challenge: Applying Today the Teaching and Lessons from the Past

- a. The Challenge of Living Today as an Orthodox Christian in North America Presenter: James Kushiner, Publisher of Touchstone Magazine, Chicago
- b. Law and Politics: The Challenge of Being Orthodox and Working as a Lawyer and Serving as a Politician and Civil Servant Today – Moderator - Dr. Tony Harras. Round Table Discussion – Vasyl Balan, Regional Director, Canadian Heritage, Myron Kowlasky, MLA and Speaker of the Saskatchewan Legislature, Stephania Luciuk, corporate lawyer, Calgary and Rev. Father Taras Udod, priest and lawyer, North Battleford
- c. Arts, Literature and Education: The Challenge of Being Orthodox and Being a Musician, Teacher, Visual Artist or Writer Today – Moderator – Father Brent Kuzyk, Chaplain, National Executive, USRA. Round Table Discussion - Myrna Kostash, writer, Oleksa Lozowchuk, composer and film producer (via video presentation), Rev. Father Deacon Nazari Polataiko, iconographer, Larisa Sembaliuk-Cheladyn, visual artist, and Sandra Senyk, teacher, Regina
- d. The Challenge of Being Orthodox and Being a Scientist or Medical Practitioner Today - Moderator Gerald Luciuk. Presentation: Science/Faith Interface - Dr. Gayle Woloschak, Professor in the Department of Radiology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. Round Table Discussion: Dr. Gayle Woloschak, Dobrodijka Sonia Udod, Professor of Nursing and doctoral candidate, North Battleford, and Keren Ganshorn, physician, Regina.

Part III. From Lessons to Action

- a. Group Session - Summarizing the Lessons for Orthodox Personal, Family and Community Life. Session Leaders: Yaroslav Lozowchuk and Dr. Roman Yereniuk
- b. Lessons for USRA/TYC National Executive /Branches
- c. Closing Remarks - Dr. Tony Harras, President, National Executive USRA

The Symposium was well-attended and the presentation topics were well-received. The DVD's from the first Symposium in 2005 were prepared and sold for \$75. Yars Lozowchuk agreed to prepare the DVD from the second Symposium.

The National USRA/TYC Executive began to make a concerted effort to revitalize closed branches and to establish new branches throughout Canada. They began discussions with the Yorkton Branch that had just closed its doors. There were a number of individuals led by Gerald Yaholnitsky in Yorkton who were in favour of reopening their branch. Yaholnitsky emphasized that a successful revitalization in Yorkton required assistance to the local parishes and their cemeteries. Efforts were

made to set up a meeting in Yorkton but in the end after a lot of effort, individuals gave up and the branch was not revitalized. Rev. Fr. E. Stefanuk, parish priest from Lac la Biche, informed the executive that a USRA/TYC branch could be formed in his area. In the end Fr. Stefanuk was transferred to Osoyoos and further progress was not made in Lac la Biche. Ron Baron from Kamloops also had a group ready to form a branch in Kamloops. Dr. Tony Harras prepared a CD for presentation to other men's groups.

In the very first Bulletin, December 2005, Dr. Harras emphasized the importance of sustaining the organization and growing in the future. He stated the following:

“At the Convention, a great deal was said about how the USRL family of organizations might go about sustaining themselves and growing in the future. Repeatedly the message was that to achieve growth, the organizations must ensure that they are relevant and inspiring to their current and potential membership. Ultimately this means that these attributes have to be an integral part of all projects and programs that the branches, provincial and regional executives as well as the National Executives undertake.”⁶

This was integral in all the decisions that the Harras executive made during this term.

The National USRA/TYC Bylaws were amended at the 2005 Convention and by December 2005 the Bylaws were edited and sent to all the branches.

The National USRA/TYC Executive decided that all Minutes should be shared with the USRA/UOMA/TYC branches, and the National Executives of UWAC/CYK, USRL/CYC and CYMK. The belief was that everyone would be informed of USRA/TYC activities and plans.

The National Executive began to discuss the need for recognizing long serving members in USRA/TYC. One of the ideas was to have long service pins for members. (10, 20, 30 35 and 50 year pins)

In the February 2007 National TYC Executive Bulletin, Dr. Tony Harras expressed concern that as yet the magic formula, to lead our community into a more dynamic, fulfilling and expanded future had not been found. Despite all the hard work, creative thinking, organized workshops, written reports and follow-up sessions, progress was still not being made. The National USRA/TYC Executive prepared a questionnaire for members and non-members. This questionnaire was sent across Canada and would assess the opinions of members and non-members about programs USRA/TYC could use to enhance its image and attract new young members. Dr. Tony Harras wanted to determine what people valued and what they wanted in an organization. The results of the responses were evaluated and presented to the delegates at the 2007 Biennial USRA/TYC meeting. Results that Dr. Tony Harras presented to the delegates:

- 62 responses (15% of distribution)
- 3.5% were males under 35; 5% were females; 16% were under 55; 84% were older than 55; 84% were Ukrainian and 75% were active in the community

⁶ National TYC Executive Bulletin No. 1 Term 2005-2007, December 2005

- Most respondents valued church and are active in the Ukrainian community
- Large emphasis on the church (our faith) and the Ukrainian Culture
- Members want an organization that reflects values and utilizes their talents and strengths

Dr. Tony Harras was not sure that the response was very valid and he emphasized that he needed to know what people are looking for in the organization and what must be done to attract individuals to join USRA/TYC.

55th USRL/CYC Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Conference Winnipeg, 2007

The 55th USRL/CYC National Convention was scheduled to take place August 8 to 12, 2007 in Winnipeg. The theme of the Convention was “Celebrating the Past – Embracing the Future”. A Nominating Committee was established and Dr. Tony Harras contacted Emil Yereniuk and the Edmonton TYC Branch about taking on the National Executive and having it move to Edmonton. Based on the decision from the Edmonton group, Dr. Tony Harras would make a decision about taking on a third term as the National President. The Edmonton TYC Branch responded to the request by stating that at this time (2007) they were not able to take on the responsibility of forming the National Executive. Emil Yereniuk did inform Dr. Tony Harras that Edmonton would be ready to take on this responsibility in 2009. At the March 2007 meeting Dr. Tony Harras and the rest of the USRA/TYC National Executive agreed to stay on for one more term.

Tony Harras, TYC National President, welcomed all 42 delegates and stated that if our organization was going to be successful then the branches would need to cooperate and have a positive attitude. The branches would need to be active, do worthwhile things, model these positive traits and make sure that the TYC mandate was fulfilled.

The annual membership fees did not change. Branches would continue paying \$25 to National USRA/TYC and \$6 to Provincial USRA/TYC. National USRA/TYC was required to pay \$3.00 per member or \$1,000 to USRL/CYC as its membership obligation.

Dr. Tony Harras stated that National USRA/TYC sponsored two National Symposiums and they were both very successful. The National Executive was able to work together with the UOCC church leadership and they were involved in the whole organizational process. There were plans to hold another Symposium in Edmonton in 2008 and the Edmonton USRA/TYC Branch had agreed to take care of any deficit.

One of the greatest difficulties that National USRA/TYC Executive had was keeping open lines of communication with all USRA/UOMA/TYC branches. The branches would need to be more diligent and inform National USRA/TYC about their activities and any new contact information.

The TYC National Executive for 2007 - 2009:

President	Tony Harras
Vice-President	Yaroslav Lozowchuk
Secretary	Dr. Edward Klopoushak
Treasurer	Wayne Hydeman
Member at Large	Alex Patryluk

This would be their third term and all the delegates were pleased that Regina agreed to continue the work of National USRA/TYC.

The delegates were informed that USRA/TYC National is not a member of Ukrainian Canadian Congress National Executive (UCC). A motion was made by Roman Chez/Will Zuzak that National USRA/TYC become a member of UCC. This motion was accepted. As a result USRA/TYC would now have a Director on the National UCC/KYK Board.

At the 55th National Convention USRA/TYC members accepted the following projects for the next two years:

1. **Symposium #3 in Edmonton** – Topic – “Faith and Culture – Part Two – Gender, Sexuality and Family Life: The Challenge of Living a Holy Life in Today’s World”
2. **Heritage Legacy Project** – a document in written and pictorial format of all places of worship, burial and assembly of Orthodox Ukrainians in Canada. A database would be created on each church, chapel, cemetery and community centre.
3. **Choral Project** – develop a program for the renewed promotion and development of Ukrainian choral arts in Canada
4. **Servant Leadership Program** – assemble a working group representing all stakeholders in our church community to prepare a plan for developing a Servant Leadership program

Adopted Resolutions:

1. Whereas the internment of thousands of Ukrainian immigrants from Austro-Hungary during the first World War, along with the placing of legal restrictions on tens of thousands of others were great injustices on the part of the Canadian government, be it resolved that National CYC write a letter to Prime Minister S. Harper calling the Federal Government to fully acknowledge this unwarranted persecution of blameless residents of Canada and to provide symbolic compensation to the Ukrainian community in the sum of 12.5 million dollars for a special Endowment Fund to be administered by the Shevchenko Foundation for the purpose of educating all Canadians about this unfortunate chapter in our country’s history.
2. Be it resolved that USRA/TYC look at new methods of articulating the established core values through the use of emerging technologies.
3. Be it resolved that the National USRA/TYC Executive continue to explore

ways and means of increasing membership.

4. Be it resolved that the USRA/TYC National Executive, in conjunction with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, continue to work on the issue of denaturalization and deportation, to encourage the Ukrainian community to sign the above-mentioned petition, and to petition the federal government to abandon the D and D process and issue an apology and financial compensation to the victims of this unjust process.
5. Be it resolved that the membership status of individuals in those clubs (other than TYC) be clarified with respect to their status as members of CYC/TYC.

Dr. Tony Harras was pleased to take on a third term as National USRA/TYC President.

Part Three: 2007 – 2009

Dr. Tony Harras and his executive began their third term in office. Their focus for this term was the four projects that were approved at the 2007 Convention in Winnipeg.

1. **Symposium #3** 2008 (Edmonton). Topic: Faith and Culture, Part Two: Gender, Sexuality and Family Life – The Challenge of Living Holy Life in Today's World
2. **Heritage: Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox Heritage Legacy Project.** The Concept: "To document in written and pictorial format all places of worship, burial and assembly of Orthodox Ukrainians in Canada." It was anticipated that the database would include documentation such as "... a file on each church, chapel, cemetery and community centre." How this would be done, who would be asked to do this and other such questions needed to be decided.
3. **Culture-Celebration: Ukrainian Canadian Choral Project.** This project was in its early stages of development. It was necessary to identify young people in Canada who could be trained to be choir directors. "The core target of the program would be the recruitment of and training of twenty young choral directors and the formation of twenty new Ukrainian Canadian choirs over the next five years." Yars Lozowchuk would continue developing this project over the next two years.
4. **Vision: Servant Leadership.** The plans for this project had not been advanced. Yars Lozowchuk suggested that TYC "assemble a working group representing all stakeholders in our church community to prepare a plan for developing a Servant Leadership Program. Why "Servant" and why "Leadership" together? This is because good leaders see themselves as servants..."⁷

The merits of the four convention projects included the following:

- recording and saving of information about our churches and cemeteries

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- across the country; and
- profiling these projects in hopes of attracting new younger members for the USRA/UOMA/TYC branches.

The USRA/TYC National Executive created the USRA National Projects Committee to oversee the development and implementation of these four convention projects and to provide direct oversight to the Symposium 2008, Servant Leadership Project and the Ukraine-Vera Batkiv Project. The members of this committee were

Chair	Yars Lozowchuk
Members	Dr. Tony Harras
	Wayne Hydeman
	Dr. Ed Klopoushak
	Alex Patryluk
	Rev. Fr. Bohdan Hladio (UOCC Consistory)
	Gerald Luciuk (chair of the Heritage Legacy Project)
Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Brent Kuzyk

Dr. Tony Harras shared the information about the four projects with the UOCC Consistory and with Sonja Bejzyk, USRL/CYC National President. The TYC Executive was also in close contact with Audrey Sojonky, the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee of the UOCC/USRL-CYC.

Regina was selected as the location for the 2009 Convention and Edmonton had agreed to host the 2011 USRL/CYC Convention. If the rotation from previous conventions was followed, Saskatoon would host the 2013 Convention, Calgary the 2015 Convention and Winnipeg the 2017 Convention.

At this time the Executive was working on a national database and they needed information from branches.

The National Executive realized that the Eastern branches were experiencing a decline.

The National USRA/TYC questionnaire was sent out and it was the hope that many young non-members would respond and share their ideas.

The Third USRA/TYC Symposium 2009

The USRA/TYC Symposium #3 was being planned. Yars Lozowchuk was chairing the committee and he announced that the Symposium would take place in Edmonton August 29 -31, 2008. The Edmonton USRA/TYC Branch agreed to assist with the cost of the Symposium and agreed to cover the cost of meals up to \$3,000. The topic

for the Symposium was *Faith and Culture – Part Two: Gender, Sexuality and Family Life – the challenges of living a Holy Life in Today's World*. Metropolitan John was asked for his blessing and the Consistory of the UOCC would be involved in the Symposium. An extraordinary UOCC Sobor was called for August 22-24, 2008 and the committee decided that the Symposium would need to be rescheduled for March 6-8 2009. The registration cost for the Symposium was \$90 per registrant.

Symposium Objectives:

- to review, clarify and renew/deepen our understanding of what is a holy life and why are we called to live a holy life by our Orthodox Christian Faith;
- in particular to review, clarify and renew/deepen our understanding of how the Orthodox Christian Faith views/understands gender, sexuality and family life;
- to clearly understand how and why Orthodox Christian norms and patterns of behaviour as they relate to gender, sexuality and family life differ from those of the dominant contemporary North American popular culture; and
- to challenge our faithful to deepen their commitment to live a holy life as taught by the Orthodox Faith.

Symposium Program:

Part I. The Teaching

- a. Session 1: The Basis for What Constitutes a Holy Personal and Family Life (Presenter: Fr. Andrew Moore)
- b. Session 2: How Theology Informs/Transforms the Culture – The redemption of image, language and culture of human sexuality (Presenter: Fr. Andrew Moore)

Part II. Lesson from the Past

- a. Session 3: The First Christian Centuries – How the Christian Gospel Changed the Pre-Christian Views on and Behavior Relating to Gender, Sexuality and Family Life (Presenter: Dr. Valerie Karras)
- b. Session 4: How the Christian Gospel influenced Morality and Life in Kyivan-Rus (Presenter: Rev. Fr. Roman Bozyk)

Part III. The Challenge Today

- a. Session 5: The Current Challenges to Living a Holy Personal and Family Life – the Insights of an Orthodox Psychiatrist (Presenter: Dr. Peter Kondra)
- b. Session 6: Panel Discussion – How are the Challenges to Leading a Holy Life Experienced by our Faithful Today? (Participants: Andriy Krochak, Gerald Luciuk, Rt. Rev. Mitred Archbishop Mykola Sawchenko and Dr. Sandra Sawchuk; Moderator: Dr. Roman Yereniuk)

Part IV. From Lesson to Action

- a. Session 7: From Lessons to Action
 - i. Summarizing the Lessons for Orthodox Personal, Family and Community Life – Local and National Churches (Session Leaders: Gerald Luciuk and Emil Yereniuk)
 - ii. So What do we do Now? (Session Leaders: Gerald Luciuk and Emil Yereniuk)

In the Press Release Yars Lozowchuk stated the following:

“At the conclusion of the symposium, the vast majority of the fifty plus participants, from both the laity and clergy, thought that the symposium was an unqualified success. Participants felt that they had gained a far better understanding of how our Orthodox church views the matters of gender, sexuality and family life. Many felt that the presentations at the symposium and the accompanying discussions helped immensely in moving their understanding from something we shun or feel awkward to talk about to where we can have a spiritually positive and healthy discussion.”⁸

All the sessions were recorded and a CD was made available for all. Dr. Tony Harras stressed the fact that all three Symposiums were successful and were well-attended by the clergy and laity in our Orthodox community. He recommended that the symposiums continue.

National USRA/TYC was accepted as a member organization of Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC/KYK) National. As such USRA/TYC now had a seat and a voice on the National UCC/KYK Board. Dr. Tony Harras was the very first representative.

Executive members of USRA/TYC attended the following USRL/CYC Provincial Conventions in the fall of 2008:

1. Manitoba – November 1 at St. Andrew’s College in Winnipeg, attended by Dr. Ed Klopoushak and Wayne Hydeman
2. Eastern Canada – October 4 at St. Demetrius UOC in Etobicoke, attended by Dr. Tony Harras and Yars Lozowchuk
3. Saskatchewan – October 25 in Saskatoon, attended by Dr. Tony Harras, Yars Lozowchuk, Wayne Hydeman, Dr. Ed Klopoushak and Alex Patryluk

USRA/TYC service pins were discussed and there was agreement that 15, 25, 40 and 50 year pins should be made and be ready for branch use. The USRA/TYC National Executive wanted the branches to confirm the idea of giving years of service pins to their members.

A bylaw change was presented by the Edmonton USRA/TYC Branch. In Article 8, add the following: “Point 13 - Chaplain”. This was placed on the biennial agenda for discussion.

At the April 22, 2009 meeting of the Executive Dr. Tony Harras stated that there were issues that still needed to be addressed by the new National Executive.

- declining membership;
- new immigrants and the need to get them to join the organization;
- organization and storage of USRA/TYC files;
- completion of the USRA/TYC database; and
- development of the USRA/TYC website.

⁸ Press Release USRA/TYC National holds its third Symposium, March 6-8, 2009, Edmonton

**56th USRL/CYC Convention
USRA/TYC Biennial Conference
Regina, 2009**

The USRA/TYC Biennial Meeting took place August 7/8, 2009. There were 42 registered delegates. Tony Harras stated rebuilding the membership is crucial and that it's hard to attract young men unless there is value in the organization. USRA/TYC will need to become more of a service organization as the old model does not seem to work anymore. All branches were also encouraged to have a chaplain. A symposium report was presented:

The symposiums have been an important educational initiative for the Orthodox community. The last symposium was in Edmonton where there were 55 participants. The topic was Gender, Sexuality and the Holy Life. There were many positive comments and the complete video set is \$45.00. A copy will be presented to His Eminence Archbishop Yuriy and Rev Fr. Victor Lakusta, Chancellor of the UOCC Presidium. Yars Lozowchuk recommends that the newly elected TYC executive continue with these symposiums.

Since USRA/TYC is a shareholder in the Ukrainian Voice newspaper, and since the Ukrainian Voice will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2010, the National TYC Executive donated \$500 to the Ukrainian Voice. All USRA/TYC branches were encouraged to make a donation to this very worthwhile publication in the Orthodox community. Two fundraising banquets in 2010 (in March and in November) were in the planning stages.

USRA/TYC By-Law changes were made. After much discussion the following By-Law addition was approved by the membership: Article 8. National Executive Composition – add #13 Chaplain.

The 75th Anniversary of USRA/TYC will be in 2012. Delegates all agreed that planning for this event should commence.

Emil Yereniuk and members for the USRA/TYC Edmonton Branch were elected to the National Executive. The National Office was moving to Edmonton for the first time since 1985. For the first time the National Executive would have a Chaplain, Very Rev. Fr. Mykola Sawchenko.

Emil Yereniuk, the newly-elected President of USRA, spoke to the membership about the problems in recruiting new members and keeping USRA/TYC as a vibrant progressive organization in the 21st century. Emil Yereniuk had a plan of action and stated that within 15 months the Branch Presidents should get together and a plan would be presented to all members for their approval.

The Biennial Meeting decided that the fees for National USRA/TYC would be \$25 per member with \$6 to the Provincial or Regional Executive.

RESOLUTIONS

- No. 1. Be it resolved that all USRA/TYC branches initiate programs with the purpose to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the USRA and at the next National Convention we will celebrate this important date. (We will need to do historical research at the local, provincial and national levels).
- No. 2. Be it resolved that USRA/TYC and USRL/CYC congratulate UCC and the Shevchenko Foundation with the receipt of a fund of \$12 million dollars from the federal government to honour and to educate all Canadians about the internment issue.
- No. 3. Be it resolved that USRA/TYC and USRL/CYC congratulate as well as morally and financially support the 100th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Voice newspaper by hosting local events in major centers across Canada in 2010.
- No. 4. Be it resolved that USRA/TYC congratulate Promin editors with the 50th anniversary and wish them much success and further dedication for many, many more years.
- No. 5. Be it resolved that USRL/CYC and USRA/TYC congratulate St. John's Institute for their recent historical designation and that USRL/CYC and USRA/TYC morally and financially assist St. John's Institute with their major rebuilding project.
- No. 6. Be it resolved that USRA/TYC initiate with USRL/CYC and other component organizations a strategy for communicating information on USRL/CYC, Ukrainian Canadian issues and Ukrainian Orthodox issues (for example, on-line courses, workshops, seminars, symposiums etc.). A key institution that may aid us would be St. Andrew's College and the Ukrainian Museum of Canada.
- No. 7. Be it resolved that USRA/TYC and all component organizations assist the Ukrainian Museum of Canada with their organizing a trip to Ukraine in 2011 and where the UMC will be visiting museums, festivals, churches and orphanages that are of interest to all of our component organizations.
- No. 8. Be it resolved that USRA/TYC and USRL/CYC assist in various ways, as much as possible, with the resettlement of Ukrainians (4th wave) in various local communities in Canada. The role model is Regina.
- No. 9. Be it resolved that USRA/TYC National write letters to provincial and federal governments congratulating them on their priorities in supporting workers from Ukraine for the Canadian economy and asking them to enhance this aid and assistance for the next few years.

These resolutions were accepted by the USRA/TYC delegates and presented at the USRL meeting.

Dr. Tony Harras had completed his third term of office as National President. The National Executive of USRA/TYC under his leadership had been very active and had accomplished the following:

- initiated and completed three national symposiums;
- reviewed the Futures Conference results and presented viable projects that could be started at the branch level;
- worked closely with the Joint Standing Committee of the Consistory of the UOCC and with the National USRL/CYC Executive;
- reviewed and made changes to the National Bylaws;
- had meetings on a consistent basis and shared their minutes with all the branches;
- prepared National Bulletins containing excellent information;
- attempted to increase not only branch membership but the number of branches across the country; and
- provided the leadership that was required for the National organization and its branches.

PROVINCE	CITY	MEMBERSHIP
British Columbia	Kelowna	15
	Surrey	8
Alberta	Edmonton	60
	Calgary	28
Saskatchewan	Canora	16
	Regina	33
	Saskatoon	48
	Prince Albert	8
	Saskatoon Brotherhood	26
	North Battleford	3
Manitoba	Winnipeg	16
Eastern Canada	Hamilton	50
	Grimsby	4
	Toronto/Longbranch	26
	Montreal	5
Total (2009)	14 branches	346 Members



Emil Yereniuk

National USRA/TYC President

2009 to 2013

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

2009 to 2013

Emil Yereniuk, Edmonton

Part One: 2009 – 2011

Emil Yereniuk was asked by Dr. Tony Harras in 2007 to head the next USRA/TYC National Executive and move the national office to Edmonton. Dr. Tony Harras felt that Edmonton had a strong branch and could provide the required leadership at the national level. After a lengthy discussion at an Edmonton Branch meeting, it was decided that Edmonton should take the responsibility of forming the USRA/TYC National Executive in 2009 and that Emil Yereniuk would take the position of President with members from the Edmonton Branch taking on other responsibilities. The Edmonton USRA/TYC Branch agreed that their office could be the office of the National Executive.

Emil Yereniuk was concerned about the status of the USRA/TYC branches across Canada. He was troubled by the fact that membership was aging, new members were not joining the ranks, younger men were avoiding membership and that there was apathy within the USRL/CYC family. Membership in USRA/TYC branches was declining. As well, declining membership was a problem within the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. The problems within the USRL/CYC family organization were discussed at many meetings across the country. Emil Yereniuk presented his findings to the USRA/TYC delegates at the 56th Biennial Convention in Regina. Eugene Luczkiw, member of the Joint Standing Committee of the UOCC/USRL, presented his findings to the church and to the USRL/CYC National Executive. Based on his meetings and on survey results his recommendations were:

- It is imperative that both the UOCC and USRL/CYC confront the facts and change their existing reality within the Canadian context.

- Both organizations needed to work together in envisioning a future that engages the hearts, minds and spirit of both existing and new members.
- The role of the Church should focus on each person's spiritual development and the role of USRL/CYC should focus on each person's mental and emotional intelligence in order to engage and empower him/her to pursue their life's mission in their respective communities.
- "To embark upon such an ambitious program we will need to develop the necessary infrastructure, system, processes and strategies that support a compelling vision of the future."¹

Tanya Mysak, a member of the Joint Standing Committee of the UOCC/USRL, led Focus Group meetings across the country in 2008 and 2009. She met with young men and women between the ages of 18 and 40 in six major centers: Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Toronto. She administered a standard questionnaire and recorded the proceedings. "The key findings of the Focus Group meetings were:

- The young adults feel that they are not as engaged, that they are busy and that they want to see more value within our organizations.
- Modernization and openness is very important to them.
- The main challenge for the church in our community is the need for a spiritual education program so that the young adults could learn more about their faith and the main challenge for our USRL organizations in our community is a need to become more relevant and to engage the youth within the organizations. (Our youth feel that the organizations lack relevance and engagement.)
- A very key finding was that the youth/young adults are more focused or more prone to get involved in our church rather than with our CYC organizations."²

Emil Yereniuk was concerned that if USRA/TYC was to survive as an organization it would need to make significant changes. He listened to the recommendations from Eugene Luczkiw and was surprised by the Focus Group findings. Action had to be taken but there was a need to evaluate the present situation within the USRA/TYC branches. In his presentation he stated that he would do the following:

1. visit all the USRA/TYC Branches and Provincial USRA/TYC Executives and have a frank discussion about the future;
2. find out what each branch is doing in its Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox community;
3. evaluate "who we are" and "what we are doing" based on the discussions at the branch level;

¹ Presentation to the TYC [USRA] National Convention, Regina, Saskatchewan, August 7, 2009, Emil Yereniuk, page 10/11

² Presentation to the TYC [USRA] National Convention, Regina, Saskatchewan, August 7, 2009, Emil Yereniuk, page 11/12

4. present a plan of action to all the USRA/TYC membership within 15 months, a plan that would bring the organization into the 21st century. This plan should make USRA/TYC a viable, visible, nurturing, caring, committed, and visionary lay organization within the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox community. This plan would need to have the approval of the members and all changes would need to be decided at the Biennial Meeting.³

During Emil Yereniuk's first term in office he visited all the USRA/UOMA/TYC Branches across Canada:

Calgary	November 16, 2009
Winnipeg	November 25, 2009
Regina	December 6, 2009
Edmonton	February 22, 2010
Toronto/Long branch	February 24, 2010
Hamilton	February 24, 2010
Grimsby	February 24, 2010
Kelowna	June 1, 2010
Surrey	June 3, 2010
Canora	June 16, 2010
Saskatoon (All Saints Brotherhood)	June 17, 2010
Saskatoon (Steppe)	June 17, 2010
Prince Albert	June 18, 2010
North Battleford (Verkhovyna Parish District)	June 19, 2010
Montreal	December 2012

At each branch meeting Emil Yereniuk introduced the concerns that he had and the membership answered the common questions that had been prepared by the National Executive. Based on the responses the National Executive began to see how each branch was involved in its community.

Emil Yereniuk evaluated and presented the following conclusions based on the discussions with the branches visited:

1. Branch Membership Information
 - a. membership in decline – 304 in 2009; 265 in 2010; 278 in 2012
 - b. membership drives have had limited success
 - c. average member age - 68
 - d. branches which have folded in the past five years: Vancouver, Kamloops, New Westminster, Vernon, Yorkton and Windsor. Ottawa is attempting

³ Presentation to the TYC [USRA] National Convention, Regina, Saskatchewan, August 7, 2009, Emil Yereniuk, page 17

- to re-engage.
 - e. all branches tied to a parish either by association or integrally linked
 - f. All branches are active in their Orthodox and local community and many financially support their parish through funds raised by casinos, bingos, banquets, raffles, etc.
 - g. Through their projects branches support the various integral organizations associated with the youth, seniors, local Orthodox parish, Orthodox community, museums, UCC/KYK, SUS Foundation, their own members and the community at large.
2. Branch Obstacles
- a. *Ageing Membership* – senior members unwilling to change with the times, reluctant to allow younger members greater responsibilities; age factor creates lack of energy
 - b. *Lack of appropriate focus* – branches have too many goals; talk of change but no results; too focused on our Ukrainian heritage and not enough on being Ukrainian Canadian
 - c. *Lack of youth* – different priorities and young adults are more focused on church rather than organization; projects do not create interest in youth
 - d. *Lack of church support* – Some of our clergy will not support USRA/ TYC
 - e. *Local competition* – Other men's organizations in the Orthodox community (e.g. Order of St. Andrew, Prosvita Men's , etc); secular world has huge impact on young and old
 - f. *Lack of enjoyment* – too focused on business in meetings rather than having some fun
 - g. *Symptomatic problems* – UOCC and other organizations are experiencing similar pains
 - h. *Mobility* - travel distance to meetings too great and sometimes difficult
3. Factors contributing to branch success
- a. well-known and contributing service organization
 - b. strong communication
 - c. solid and long tradition within the branch
 - d. respect and obligation to past members
 - e. dedicated members working cooperatively with a positive attitude
 - f. strong leadership from within
 - g. successful in project fundraising for specific purposes
 - h. branch goal, aims, vision and objectives are established and carried out
 - i. Some clergy have joined the branches.

This information was presented at the December 1, 2010 USRA/TYC National Executive and Presidents' Teleconference meeting. The Presidents and the National Executive agreed on the following:

“It was decided that we do not need a special Presidents' meeting to discuss what our next step is going to be in the revitalization of the USRA/TYC organization. We all felt that there needs to be a concerted effort to have

USRL/CYC National take on a leadership role in working with our Hierarchs and we need to have the UOCC/USRL Joint Standing Committee continue the work that was started in 2005 and reaffirmed in 2009 at the USRL/CYC National Convention and at the 2010 Sobor.”

“The National Executive and the Presidents also felt that progress would not be made until the church, bishops and priests began working with the USRL/CYC family organizations. At the same time USRL/CYC organizations must also work with the church, bishops and the clergy. The USRL/CYC organizations are an integral part of the UOCC and there needs to be mutual respect. The Presidents felt that USRA/TYC needs to take on the role of a service organization in the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox Community. Communication was also stressed and that best branch practices needed to be shared at all levels.”⁴

Emil Yereniuk and the newly-elected executive held their meetings and kept their files in the USRA/TYC Edmonton Branch office. The meetings were held in a timely manner and all information was shared with the executive committee. The discussions were positive, respectful and a lot was accomplished.

Emil Yereniuk had a meeting with the outgoing executive on April 22, 2009. At the meeting the four projects that were adopted by the 2007 Convention were discussed:

- Education - Symposiums
- Heritage – Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox Heritage Legacy Project
- Culture – Ukrainian Canadian Choral Project
- Vision – Servant Leadership

At that meeting all were in agreement that:

- Unless USRA/TYC becomes a service organization for our community, it may as well be just like the P's and B's Club.
- It is necessary to reflect on our spiritual base as a basic component for the organization.
- If there are no changes, the organization will die.
- The organization is running out of steam.
- Now is the time and opportunity to revise the organization.

Dr. Tony Harras explained the tasks that were ahead for a national organization.

At the first meeting of the Executive the Minutes from the Biennial Meeting were reviewed and edited for distribution and the USRA/TYC Bylaws were amended and prepared for distribution to all the branches. The National Executive members were given responsibilities:

Emil Yereniuk

representative to USRL/CYC and
UCC/KYK National Executive

member of the USRL/CYC
National Convention Committee

Jars Balan	Symposium Coordinator
Mark Ferbey	meeting minutes
	member of the USRL/CYC National Convention Committee
Dr. Will Zuzak	financial
Marshall Opyr	coordinator for all teleconferences
Mitch Makowsky	contact person with USRA/TYC Edmonton Branch
Bohdan Maslo	member of the USRL/CYC National Convention Committee
Michael Yereniuk	nonvoting member
	webmaster
	database
	newsletter

The Executive agreed to proceed with the following:

- Symposia --Yars Lozowchuk agreed to work with Jars Balan on the committee
- website design: Chickenlip Consulting Corp. was hired for this task
- set up branch visitations in 2009 and 2010

The next National USRL/CYC Convention would take place in Edmonton in 2011. The theme of the Convention was to be *Our Future Calls Us – Наши Поклики до Праці*

FOURTH USRA/TYC SYMPOSIUM PLANNING

Jars Balan, chair of the Symposium Committee, mentioned to the Executive that in his discussions with Yars Lozowchuk two topics were being discussed for the symposium:

- Present-day Situation of Orthodoxy in Ukraine
- Eastern religions and the Eastern Church

Plans were to hold the Symposium in Hamilton and have a video link in other locations across Canada. The Symposium would be held in October or November 2010. At the June 7, 2010 meeting of the National Executive Yars Lozowchuk spoke that there is a need to support the Ukrainian nation in strategic ways. He further stated that there is an attack on the Orthodox faith by the current Russian regime. The Russian vision is anti-democratic and anti-libertarian for the Orthodox Church. We need to investigate this further. As a result we may need to change our strategy for the upcoming Symposium and the Symposium would not take place sooner than the fall of 2011. At the July 27, 2011 meeting of the Executive Jars Balan reviewed the work of the Symposium Committee and stated that the title of the Symposium

would be *The Place of Ukrainian Orthodoxy in the Family of Orthodox Christians in the World: Past, Present and Future*. The tentative date was set for the spring of 2012 in Hamilton. There would be no symposium during this term of office.

WEBSITE

The work on the USRA/TYC website was proceeding and the webmaster was given the following direction for inclusion: executive list, executive bio's, history of national USRA/TYC, USRA/TYC National Bylaws, events calendar, upcoming events such as UOCC Sobors, UCC and USRL/CYC Convention information, newsletters, picture gallery, links to USRL, UOCC, CYMK National, UWAC National and any USRA/TYC Branch. The USRA/TYC National website was registered early in 2010 as <http://www.usracanada.org> by our webmaster, Michael Yereniuk. He began the work of creating the detailed website at that time.

57th USRL/CYC Convention USRA/TYC Biennial Convention Edmonton, 2011

BYLAWS

Emil Yereniuk and the Executive reviewed the National USRA/TYC Bylaws and presented amendments to the delegates at the 57th Biennial Convention in Edmonton. The amendment discussion was divided into two parts:

- changes to the article in the bylaws
- name change

There was immediate displeasure when the President began to present the actual changes. In Article 3(3) the amended portion was to add the following to the clause: "or is a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox church of Canada". There ensued a lengthy discussion and displeasure with the first proposed amendment. The feeling of delegates was that to qualify for membership an individual should not have to be a member of the UOCC.

"Albert Kachkowski/Michael Spytkowsky moved to refer motion to Convention 2013. Carried." (In favour – 16; Opposed – 7; and Abstentions – 5)."⁵

The name change was proposed by the UOMA/TYC Regina Branch: "Therefore be it resolved that the name of the USRA/TYC be changed to the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association (UOMA)/Товариство Православних Українців Канади (ТПУК)." This was tabled to the next Biennial Convention in 2013. The delegates requested that a full explanation be given to each branch on the proposed amendments to the National Bylaws. This was prepared and sent to all branches in the fall of 2011.

RESOLUTIONS

Because CYMK-UOY, UWAC/CYK, Museum and Mohyla Institute were celebrating very important milestones and because USRA/TYC would be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2013, the delegates approved the following resolutions at the 2011 Biennial Convention:

- No. 1. Topic: **75th Anniversary of USRA/TYC:** Be it resolved that all USRA/UOMA/TYC branches across Canada celebrate this important milestone within their community and research and complete a historical branch booklet.
- No. 2. Topic: **CYMK:** Be it resolved that USRA/UOMA/TYC branches across Canada provide both moral and resource support for their local CYMK branches, Provincial CYMK Executives and for the National CYMK Executive.
- No. 3. Topic: **Member Organization Anniversaries:** Be it resolved that USRA/UOMA/TYC branches congratulate as well as morally and financially support the important milestones and anniversaries of CYMK, UWAC, Museum and St. Petro Mohyla Institute in 2011.
- No. 4. Topic: **120th Anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada:** Be it resolved that USRA/UOMA/TYC Branches throughout Canada make plans to formally celebrate the 120th Anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada in conjunction with the plans that have been established by the UCC 120th Anniversary committee and use the logo for the occasion.
- No. 5. Topic: **St. John's Institute in Edmonton:** Be it resolved that USRL/CYC and USRA/TYC morally and with available resources continue to assist all Institutes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Community.

USRA/UOMA/TYC branches and their members continued to work with all the member organizations in the USRL/CYC family. The delegates felt that this support for our member organizations would result in a stronger and more vibrant USRL/CYC family.

Emil Yereniuk agreed to stay on as National President for a second term. He met with most of the branches, held meetings on a regular basis, sent out newsletters, stayed in contact with his branch presidents and National Executive, and was available to assist his membership when the need arose.

In his report to the 57th Biennial Convention Emil Yereniuk stated the following:

"I don't think that we have a problem as much as we have a challenge. Maybe this is an opportunity for us to make a plan and envision a healthy, vibrant USRA/TYC organization in the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox community. I have shared this with you because I believe that we can effect change. We can address the needs of the future within our local community – parish or branch ... The challenge is ours! Let's begin taking action and planning now!"

During the Biennial USRL/CYC Convention (August 2011) in Edmonton the USRA/TYC delegates met and discussed the findings of the National President during his

visitations across Canada. During the discussion the following questions were asked:

- What do we do now?
- What is the next step?
- What is our new vision?

The following suggestions were made by the delegates during the discussion:

- Mission work –Work with parishes that do not have a men’s group; contact all of the Men’s Brotherhoods (Братства) in Canada and discuss affiliation with the national organization.
- Reviving closed branches – Discussions need to take place in the communities that have closed their branches.
- Communication –Improve communication between the branches and within the Ukrainian community (bulletins, website, etc.) and make our presence known in the community.
- Feature branches – Branches need to be featured in the National Bulletins. There are many good practices that should be shared.
- Women –Women should be allowed to join the organization. Some women belong to USRA/TYC and to the ladies organization. This should be an option for the women in our Ukrainian Orthodox community.
- National Executive and Provincial Executives need to keep contact with the branches.
- Encourage branches to have new projects. Incorporate projects that are important to the younger membership.
- Focus in on the needs of our Ukrainian Orthodox community (church, lay organizations) and the community at large. The organization needs to be active. If it’s active, it will grow, and if the organization is to grow, it needs to be repackaged. Think outside the box.
- The need to become more of a church-based organization. Our youth is more focused on the church and if there is a church focus in the organization, more will join the ranks.
- The need to maintain the membership that we have and we will grow.
- There needs to be a focus on the new immigrants coming to Canada and the need to get them to join the organization.
- The church, bishops and clergy need to work with the lay organization.
- The need to join forces with the women. It’s not “us” or “them” – it’s “we”.
- The need to continue doing the good things that have been done in the past.
- Within the Ukrainian Orthodox community the church, lay organizations and individuals need to discuss problems together. Problems cannot be solved as individual entities. The exchange of ideas and information is very healthy.
- Make USRA/TYC more attractive. Relevant events and projects are needed. Younger individuals must be encouraged to join but the organization must also gain their respect.

Emil Yereniuk was elected to serve a second term as National President.

Part Two: 2011 – 2013

The National Executive took the information from the 2011 Biennial Meeting and began implementing changes that would enhance the organization at the national, provincial/regional and local levels. The following things were worked on and developed further:

- Branches that had brotherhoods were contacted. A comprehensive list of all brotherhoods across Canada was being compiled. It was the hope of the present executive to get the brotherhoods to join USRA/TYC as affiliate organizations.
- Closed branches have been contacted by the National President and meetings would take place in the near future to see if they could be reactivated. Areas in the Orthodox community in Canada that had never had a men's group would be visited with the idea of forming a USRA/TYC Branch.
- The National President had been keeping in contact with the branches via telephone calls, e-mails, presidents' teleconference meetings, and visitations. One of the key things that the National Executive had continued was the newsletters. During this term six newsletters were sent to all the branches and provincial/regional executives. These newsletters were also sent to the bishops, the chancellor and to USRL/CYC family organizations. Members were kept informed of upcoming events; branches were featured; information about the UCC/KYK, USRL/CYC and USRA/UOMA/TYC organizations were presented; members were recognized for their achievements, USRL/CYC family needs were posted and so on. The National Executive had many positive responses to the information included in the newsletters.
- Early in 2012 Emil Yereniuk sent out an e-mail regarding USRA/TYC projects and initiatives. This was sent to all branches as a reminder that all need to be project-oriented, that all need to make sure that there are projects that younger members can buy into, and that all have projects that are very church-based and community-based. When there are projects and celebratory events in our communities, the USRA/TYC branches will become more attractive. USRA/TYC Branches were encouraged to work with the youth (CYMK) and the women (UWAC). This included cooperation on joint projects and inclusion to presentations by either organization. Women have joined TYC branches and this will not be discouraged, but there will not be a formal campaign to entice women to join USRA/TYC.
- The USRA/TYC National Executive was pleased to hear that the Joint Standing Committee of the UOCC/USRL was active and proceeding to keep open lines of communication between the UOCC and the USRL/CYC family organizations. This was very important because problems should be discussed together rather than individually. This exchange of ideas is very healthy for all.
- Emil Yereniuk made sure that he kept in contact with the branches. Whenever an opportunity arose he would visit the branch. During this tenure he was able to visit the branches in the following cities: Winnipeg,

Montreal, Canora, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Kelowna and Surrey.

In 2013 there were thirteen active branches across Canada in the following communities (Presidents' names included) and three Provincial/Regional USRA/TYC Executives:

Kelowna Branch	John Chalupa, President
Surrey Branch	Gerry Dwernichuk, President
Calgary Branch	Greg Faryna, President
Edmonton Branch	Marshall Opyr, President
Regina Branch	Orest Warnyca, President
Canora Branch	Gerald Yaholnitsky, President
Saskatoon Steppe Branch	Rodney Antonichuk, President
Prince Albert Branch	Terry Ludyk, President
North Battleford Branch (Verkhovyna Parish District TYC)	Rev. Fr. Taras Udod, President
Winnipeg Branch	Myroslaw Bugera, President
Hamilton Branch	Steve Stasiuk, President
Toronto Long Branch	Ivan Franko, President
Montreal Branch	Greg Kowryha, President
Eastern Regional USRA/TYC Executive (Hamilton)	Steve Stasiuk, President
Manitoba Provincial Executive (Winnipeg)	Myroslaw Bugera, President
Saskatchewan Provincial Executive (Saskatoon)	Dave Prokopchuk, President

The following dates indicate when the present branches began their active work in their communities:

Kelowna Branch	December 6, 1981
Surrey Branch	March 31, 1985
Calgary Branch	1965
Edmonton Branch	established as a CYC Branch in 1927 and became an official TYC Branch on February 5, 1939
Regina Branch	November 9, 1959
Canora Branch	1951
Saskatoon Steppe Branch	1954

Prince Albert Branch	November 15, 1953
North Battleford Branch (Verkhovyna Parish District TYC)	April 21, 1989
Winnipeg Branch	1950
Hamilton Branch	February 4, 1949
Toronto/Long Branch	merged in 2000 (Toronto Branch established as a CYC Branch in 1928 and then became a TYC Branch [date unknown]; Long Branch [St. Demetrius] February 8, 1968)
Montreal Branch	established as a CYC Branch in 1931 and became a TYC Branch (date unknown)

USRA/TYC branches across Canada were active and had a lot of success. The branches supported and contributed to their Orthodox community and to the community at large. The focus, at that time, was on their successes.

The National Executive met on a regular basis, at least six times per year, and a Presidents' Teleconference meeting was held once a year. At the September 29, 2011 meeting the members of the National Executive were given responsibilities:

Emil Yereniuk	Newsletters Vice President on USRL/CYC National Executive Director on the UCC/KYK National Executive
Jars Balan	Symposium Coordinator USRL/CYC Representative on UCC National Executive
Dennis Kuchta	Minutes of all meetings
Gerald Kruhlak	Financial - accounting
Marshall Opyr	Coordinator of the teleconference call (Stantec)
Michael Yereniuk	Newsletter and Website
Bohdan Maslo	Contact person with the USRA/ TYC Edmonton Branch
Very Rev. Fr. Stephan Semotiuk	Chaplain

The National Executive collected and organized its archives. Emil Yereniuk had completed the first draft of the USRA/TYC National History and his plans were to have the final draft and the project completed by December 2013. He began the process of writing the history of the USRA/TYC organization by collecting, organizing and collating the archival materials that were found in the USRA/TYC national office, Ukraine Voice Archives in Winnipeg, St. Andrew's College Library, Edmonton USRA/TYC Branch archives, the library of the late Very Rev. Fr. Michael and Dobrodijka Stephania Yurkiwsky, the files of the late Eugene Yereniuk, from the archives of Yarko Skrypyuk and from the archives of the late Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk and Dobrodijka Nadia Kryschuk. To date the national office has over 80 three-ring binders, many file folders and over 50 publications that make reference to the USRA/TYC national organization. A lot of the history that was compiled initially came from USRL/CYC National Bulletins and the Ukrainian Voice newspaper, whereas later information was compiled from USRA/TYC Minutes, USRA/TYC Convention programs, USRL/CYC Convention booklets, USRA/TYC Presidents' reports and from the USRA/TYC National Newsletters. Presently all of the archival material is housed in the president's residence. At the completion of the history project the archives will need to be housed in a proper facility to ensure that the materials are safe and that other historians and future generations will have the opportunity to study this one aspect of Ukrainian Canadiana – the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox Men's Group.

FOURTH USRA/TYC SYMPOSIUM PLANNING CONTINUES

Under the leadership of Past President, Dr. Tony Harras, three National Symposiums had been held (Winnipeg, Regina, and Edmonton). The USRA/TYC National Executive was planning on holding a fourth symposium (Symposium 2014) May 8-10, 2014 in Toronto. A committee was formed that included Jars Balan (Chair), Yars Lozowchuk (Vice Chair) Boris Balan, Dr. Peter Kondra, Dr. Roman Yereniuk, Ivan Franko and Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Dr. Oleh Krawchenko. All committee members are members of their respective USRA/TYC Branches in Canada. Plans for this symposium were being formalized and the symposium topic was *Ukrainian Orthodoxy in the Family of Orthodox Christian Churches in the World: Past Present and Future*. This would be a learned and practical symposium to discuss the unique attributes and special place of the Ukrainian Orthodox Kyivan tradition in the context of world Orthodoxy and the current religious situation in Ukraine. The National Executive shared the symposium information with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, the Joint Standing Committee of the UOCC/USRL and the National Executive of the USRL/CYC. Their responses were both positive and encouraging.

**58th USRL/CYC Convention
USRA/TYC Biennial Convention
Saskatoon, 2013**

USRA BYLAW CHANGES

The National Executive along with branch input proposed changes to the National Bylaws at the Biennial Convention in 2011. After much discussion the Proposed Amended USRA/TYC National Bylaws were tabled (delayed) until the Biennial Convention in 2013. The amendment were presented and approved by the delegates. A copy of the revised National USRA/TYC Bylaws was sent to all the Presidents of branches and Provincial/Regional Executives. The main changes were:

- Adding a Chaplain as an additional member of the National, Provincial and Branch Executives
- Deleting the requirement for eligibility for membership (clause 3.3 specifies that a member be of Ukrainian descent or espoused to a person of Ukrainian descent).
- Changing quorum requirements for the Biennial Meeting from 40 members to 50% of USRA registered delegates.

SETTING OF MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL

The Biennial Meeting decided that the fees for National TYC will be \$31.00 per member. (\$25.00 will remain with the National Executive and \$6.00 will be sent to the Saskatchewan and Eastern Canada Provincial Executives.)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jars Balan made a presentation. His topic was: “Ukraine today – Present Reality”. In his presentation to the delegates Jars Balan shared some very interesting observations and his personal thoughts on Ukraine today.

1. The Orange Revolution was a significant turning point in 2004 because Ukraine began to grapple with democracy and the responsibilities associated with democracy. This also marked a change in Ukrainian society and thwarted Russia’s attempt to unite the former Soviet empire under a different name. If President Yanukovych had won the election in 2004, we would have a different Ukraine today.
2. President Yanukovych narrowly won the election in 2010. In the 2012 Election of Deputies, President Yanukovych and the Party of Regions did not achieve a clear majority even though all sorts of ploys were used. Many Ukrainians are still on track with the ideals from the Orange Revolution.
3. At the present time Ukraine is experiencing difficulties and is worse off in the following:
 - a. Linguistics
 - b. Canonicity
 - c. Politics
 - i. Freedom of assembly

- ii. Political justice has been undermined.
- iii. Court system is used to prosecute businesses.
- iv. Rule of law is not followed.
- d. Capitulation to Russia on the Black Sea

Despite all of the negatives, 65% would vote for a free and independent Ukraine. President Yanukovych's influence and popularity has declined. Yanukovych wants to stay in power and he may sign the agreement for closer ties with the European community. This could get ugly because Russia does not want to lose Ukraine. Russia may invade. Crimea could become an independent region. Russian Imperialism may re-emerge if an agreement is signed in Vilnius.

All in all Jars Balan gave us some food for thought and his views and personal observations were well-appreciated.

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

1. BE IT RESOLVED that all USRA/UOMA/TYC branches in Canada celebrate this Diamond Jubilee milestone in their communities.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that all USRA/UOMA/TYC branches in Canada complete their branch history during the USRA/TYC 75th anniversary year, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National USRA/TYC Executive complete and publish the history of TYC and that a copy be given to each USRA/UOMA/TYC branch, USRL/CYC National Executive, to all CYC member organizations and the Consistory of the UOCC.
3. BE IT RESOLVED that all of the National USRA/UOMA/TYC documents be archived at the Archive of the Ukrainian Canadian Experience at the University of Manitoba as soon as the history project is completed, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of USRA/UOMA/TYC Branches and Provincial Executives archive their documents at the Archive of the Ukrainian Canadian Experience at the University of Manitoba.
4. BE IT RESOLVED that all the USRA/UOMA/TYC Branches make a financial commitment toward the Symposium not later than December 31, 2013, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of USRA/UOMA/TYC Branches send at least one member to be an active participant during the Symposium, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Symposium 2014 will be considered as the USRA/TYC National Project for the 2013-2015 period.
5. BE IT RESOLVED that all USRA/UOMA/TYC Branches in Canada adopt a project in Ukraine that we can all be involved in and provide financial assistance, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the USRA/UOMA/TYC National Executive shall with distribution to the Ukraine project early in 2015, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all money raised shall be distributed and that minimal funds shall be used for administrative purposes.
6. BE IT RESOLVED that all USRA/UOMA/TYC branches in Canada, Provincial/Regional Executives and the National Executive begin discussions with all brotherhoods and closed branches, stressing the

importance of working together and encouraging them to join the USRA/TYC as fully active branches, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Executive take leadership in this project as blessed by the Metropolitan and working with local clergy, providing material that can be used during a presentation to other Orthodox men's organizations.

7. BE IT RESOLVED that the USRA express its unequivocal support for Ukraine signing an accession agreement with the European community at the November Partnership Summit in Vilnius, Lithuania, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it call on members at European Union to set aside some of their immediate concerns about Ukraine's domestic shortcomings and instead do everything possible to facilitate Ukraine's economic integration into EU structures with the longer-term goal of future full membership in the European Union.
8. BE IT RESOLVED that the USRA through its membership in the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, urge the Canadian government to continue sending large-scale observer missions to Ukraine's 2015 Presidential elections and to the next election of Ukraine's parliament as these will have a critical impact on Ukraine's post-Communist transformation.
9. BE IT RESOLVED the USRA express its commitment to seeing a unified autocephalous Orthodox Church in Ukraine that can assume its rightful place as a respected member of World Orthodoxy.

Emil Yereniuk was very proud that the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (USRA/TYC) was continuing with its positive proactive approach in its dealings with the branches, provincial/regional executives, USRL/CYC National Executive and all the members of the USRL/CYC family organizations. His focus had always been to focus on the positive aspects of the organization, no matter how small they may be, rather than on the problems. Problems do exist but they can always be resolved.

Emil Yereniuk thanked the delegates for sharing their ideas, for their positive approach in dealing with issues and their desire to make USRA/UOMA/TYC a relevant organization in the Ukrainian Orthodox community.

Emil Yereniuk and the entire USRA/TYC National Executive agreed to stay on for one more term and the delegates at the 58th National USRA/TYC Biennial Convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan elected the Edmonton Executive for a third term.

CONCLUSION

The Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association was formed officially on December 28, 1938 when the delegates of the 15th USRL/CYC National Convention approved the revised National USRL/CYC Bylaws. USRA/TYC was added as a member organization in USRL/CYC.

Before December 28, 1938 Ukrainian Orthodox men were organized as branches of USRL/CYC. Although USRL/CYC was an umbrella organization that represented the women, the youth, the National Homes and the Institutes, there was no formal separated organization of men before 1938. In a sense the men thought of USRL/CYC as their organization and all of their efforts were focused toward the National and Provincial USRL/CYC Executives.

There are USRA/TYC branches that believe that they were formed in 1927 when USRL/CYC was organized. There is very little historical evidence that justifies this. In the Edmonton USRA/TYC archives there was an Edmonton USRL/CYC branch as early as 1933. Edmonton USRA/TYC was formed and named at their February 5, 1939 meeting. In Canora, Saskatchewan, the men were organized as an affiliate of the Petro Mohyla Institute in 1931. Their official date of becoming a UOMA/TYC branch is recorded as 1951 in the records of the National Executive.

From 1938 to 1950 the Ukrainian Self-reliance Association did not have an elected National Executive. During that time period all USRA/TYC branches were directly responsible to the SUND/CYHJI National Executive who in turn represented USRA/TYC on the USR/CYC National Executive. This was a period of transition and evolution of the Orthodox men from being USRL/CYC branches to becoming a USRA/TYC branches.

The first official USRA/TYC National Executive was formed during the 27th USRL/CYC Convention (July 13 to 15, 1950) in Edmonton. At that time V. Sarchuk from Winnipeg was elected National President and the first office was in Winnipeg. Since 1950 the membership has elected National Executives who have provided leadership and have given direction to the branches and provincial/regional executives.

The USRA/TYC National offices have been located across the country:

- Winnipeg – one term
- Saskatoon – three terms
- Edmonton – ten terms
- Toronto – three terms
- Regina – eight terms
- Hamilton – six terms

USRA/TYC is indeed a national organization with branches from Montreal to Surrey that have assisted the Ukrainian Orthodox community, the Ukrainian community, and the Canadian community to grow and prosper in its 75 years of existence. Over the 75 years the organization has evolved and grown, as has our Canadian society.

The USRA/TYC Core Values include the following: *“vision, integrity, commitment, collaboration and achievement”*.

The Purpose of the organization is *“to continue the pioneering spirit of our forefathers to perpetuate and enhance the religious, moral, cultural and national values in Canada as Ukrainians and Canadians”*.

USRA/TYC is *“a vibrant organization composed of dedicated members utilizing their diversity of talents to serve our USRL/CYC family, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, all Ukrainians and all Canadians”*.

USRA/TYC Mission is *“to provide resources, activities and programs that contribute to the spiritual and cultural growth of our members and to the maintenance, nurturing and growth of a caring, committed and visionary Ukrainian Orthodox community within Canadian society”*.

At the present time USRA/UOMA/TYC Branches across Canada are:

1. serving our community and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.;
2. achieving personal and branch satisfaction from undertaking important, worthwhile and appreciated projects and programs;
3. realizing personal growth, leadership skill and having a lot of fellowship and fun; and
4. networking with branches across Canada.

Currently there are two common projects that all branches are involved in and that were approved at the 2013 USRA/TYC Biennial Convention in Saskatoon:

1. USRA/TYC National Symposium 2014
2. International Ukraine Project

Finally, all USRA/UOMA/TYC Branches support and assist with the following initiatives:

1. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada
2. Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada and its component organizations
3. Our youth (CYMK)

Few worthwhile things happen by themselves. They take time, effort, manpower and money. USRA/TYC believes that we need the opportunity to continue the work that our forefathers had established and it is our responsibility to sustain for our community and its members a vibrant and enviable organization well into the 21st century. Success in our mission can be satisfying and extremely constructive for our community. We need to continue focusing on the good work that we have begun at the branch, provincial and national levels rather than on the problems within the organizations. With a positive approach and organized activities our problems will go away. Our history shows that our forefathers had a vision. They overcame many obstacles and made huge contributions to the Ukrainian and Canadian society. The future is ours!

APPENDIX

Союз Українських Народних Домів (SUND/СУНД) Presidents

1939	P. Wasylyshyn	Edmonton
1940	H. Slipchenko	Saskatoon
1941	H. Slipchenko	Saskatoon
1942	Wasyl Batytsky	Winnipeg
1943	Wasyl Batytsky	Winnipeg
1944	Ivan Semeniuk	Winnipeg
1945	Petro Krypiakevych	Winnipeg
1946	S. Mysak	Winnipeg
1947	H. Bodnarchuk	Winnipeg
1948	No documented evidence has been found for this year	
1949-1950	H. Bodnarchuk	Winnipeg

Союз Українських Народних Домів (СУНД) Крайові Управи SUND National Executives

1939 - Edmonton, Alberta

Голова (President)	П. Василюшин	P. Wasylyshyn
Секретар (Secretary)	Іван Данильчук	Ivan Danylchuk

Source:

Обіжник СУС–Квітень/Травень 1939, липень 1939,
USRL/CYC Bulletin –April/May 1939, July 1939

1940 – Saskatoon Saskatchewan

Голова (President)	Г. Сліпченко	H. Slipchenko
Секретар (Secretary)	Іван Данильчук	Ivan Danylchuk

Source:

Український Голос – 3 січня, 1940; Обіжник СУС– лютий 1940;
Ukrainian Voice – January 3, 1940; USRL/CYC Bulletin – February 1940

1941 – Saskatoon Saskatchewan

Голова (President)	Г. Сліпченко	H. Slipchenko
Секретар (Secretary)	Іван Данильчук	Ivan Danylchuk
Директори (Director)	С. Пернаровський	S. Pernarovsky
Директори (Director)	Андрій Павлик	A. Pavlyk
Директори (Director)	Василь Батицький	Wasył Batytsky

Source:

Обіжник СУС– січень/лютий 1941
USRL/CYC Bulletin – January/February 1941

1942 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	В. Батицький	W. Batytsky
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	І. Семенюк	I. Semeniuk
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Заступник Секретаря (Assistant Secretary)	І. Данильчук	I. Danylchuk
Скарбник (Treasurer)	Й. Богоніс	J. Bohonis

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– ч.1 березень 1942

USRL/CYC Bulletin – no.1 March 1942

1943 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	Василь Батицький	Wasył Batytsky
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	І. Семенюк	I. Semeniuk
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Скарбник (Treasurer)	Й. Богоніс	J. Bohonis
Директори (Directors)	А. Новак	A. Novak

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– лютий 1943

USRL/CYC Bulletin – February 1943

1944 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	І. Семенюк	I. Semeniuk
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	М. Стечишин	M. Stechishin
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Скарбник (Treasurer)	Й. Богоніс	J. Bohonis
Директори (Directors)	Г. Маріян	G. Marian

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– ч.1 лютий 1944

USRL/CYC Bulletin – no.1 February 1944

1945 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	П. Крипякевич	P. Krypiakewych
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	М. Стечишин	M. Stechishin
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Скарбник (Treasurer)	Й. Богоніс	J. Bohonis
Директори (Directors)	А. Павлик	A. Pawlyk

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– ч.1 лютий 1945

USRL/CYC Bulletin – no.1 February 1945

1946 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	С. Мисак	S. Mysak
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	Мирослав Стечишин	M. Stechishin
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Скарбник (Treasurer)	Й. Богоніс	J. Bohonis
Директори (Directors)	Г. Боднарчук	H. Bodnarchuk

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– ч.1 лютий 1946

USRL/CYC Bulletin – no.1 February 1946

1947 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	Г. Боднарчук	H. Bodnarchuk
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	І. Ф. Паламарчук	I. F. Palamarchuk
Секретар (Secretary)	В. Юзик	W. Yuzik
Скарбник (Treasurer)	А. Скоробогач	A. Skorobohach
Директори (Directors)	Олекса Іванчук	O. Ewanchuk

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– грудень 1946

USRL/CYC Bulletin – December 1946

1948 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)

Заступник Голови (Vice President)

Секретар (Secretary)

Скарбник (Treasurer)

Директори (Directors)

Source:

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1949/50 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)

Г. Боднарчук

H. Bodnarchuk

Заступник Голови (Vice President)

І.Г. Сирник

I. H. Syrnyk

Секретар (Secretary)

І. Ф. Паламарчук

I. F. Palamarchuk

Скарбник (Treasurer)

В. Таський

V. Tasky

Директори (Director)

І. Юрків

I. Yurkiw

Директори (Director)

В. Сарчук

W. Sarchuk

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– ч.1 серпень 1949

USRL/CYC Bulletin – no.1 August 1949

Союз Українців Самостійників Канади (СУС) Крайові Управи Ukrainian Self-Reliance League (USRL) National Executives

1939 – Edmonton, Alberta

Голова (President)	П. І. Лазарович	Peter Lazarowich
Секретар (Secretary)	Іван Данильчук	Ivan Danylchuk
Представник (Representative) СУК (UWAC)	Марія Ткачук	Mary Tkachuk

Source:

Обіжник СУС–Квітень/Травень 1939, липень 1939,
USRL/CYC Bulletin –April/May 1939, July 1939

1940 – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Голова (President)	Ю. Стечишин	J. Stechishin
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	І. Гнатишин	I. Hnatyshyn
Секретар (Secretary)	Іван Данильчук	Ivan Danylchuk
Скарбник (Treasurer)	М. Бойкевич	M. Boykovych
Директори (Directors)	о. Прот. С. В. Савчук	Rev. Fr. S. B. Sawchuk
Представник (Representative) СУНД (SUND)	Г. Сліпченко	H. Slipchenko
Представник (Representative) СУК (UWAC)	Марія Ткачук	Mary Tkachuk
Представник (Representative) СУМК (СУМК)	І. Горчинський	I. Gorchynsky

Source:

Український Голос – 3 січня, 1940; Обіжник СУС– лютий 1940;
Ukrainian Voice – January 3, 1940; USRL/CYC Bulletin – February 1940

1941 – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Голова (President)	Ю. Стечишин	J. Stechishin
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	Василь Буряни	Wasyl Burianyk
Секретар (Secretary)	Іван Данильчук	Ivan Danylchuk
Скарбник (Treasurer)	І. Гнатушин	Ivan Hnatyshyn
Представник (Representative) СУНД (SUND)	Г. Сліпченко	H. Slipchenko
Представник (Representative) СУК (UWAC)	Марія Ткачук	Mary Tkachuk
Представник (Representative) СУМК (СУМК)	Володимир Мисак	V. Mysak

Source:

Обіжник СУС— січень/лютий 1941

USRL/CYC Bulletin – January/February 1941

1942 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	І. Р. Соломон	I. R. Solomon
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	М. Стечишин	M. Stechishin
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Скарбник (Treasurer)	Й. Богоніс	J. Bohonis
Представник (Representative) СУНД (SUND)	В. Батицький	V. Batytsky
Представник (Representative) СУК (UWAC)	Пані О. Войценко	Mrs. O. Voytsenko
Представник (Representative) СУМК (СУМК)	Пані А. Павлик	Mrs. A Pawlyk

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК— ч.1 березень 1942

USRL/CYC Bulletin – no.1 March 1942

1943 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	І. Р. Соломон	I. R. Solomon
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	М. Стечишин	M. Stechishin
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Скарбник (Treasurer)	Й. Богоніс	J. Bohonis
Представник (Representative) СУНД (SUND)	Василь Батицький	Wasył Batytsky
Представник (Representative) СУК (UWAC)	Марія Симчич	Maria Symchych
Представник (Representative) СУМК (CYMK)	В. Сарчук	V. Sarchuk

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– лютий 1943

USRL/CYC Bulletin – February 1943

1944 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	І. Р. Соломон	I. R. Solomon
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	М. Стечишин	M. Stechishin
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Скарбник (Treasurer)	Й. Богоніс	J. Bohonis
Представник (Representative) СУНД (SUND)	І. Семенюк	I. Semeniuk
Представник (Representative) СУК (UWAC)	пані Н. Л. Когуська	Mrs. N. L. Kohuska
Представник (Representative) СУМК (CYMK)	В. Сарчук	V. Sarchuk

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– ч.1 лютий 1944

USRL/CYC Bulletin – no.1 February 1944

1945 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	І. П. Соломон	I. R. Solomon
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	М. Стечишин	M. Stechishin
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Скарбник (Treasurer)	Й. Богоніс	J. Bohonis
Представник (Representative) СУНД (SUND)	П. Крипякевич	P. Krypiakevych
Представник (Representative) СУК (UWAC)	пані Н. Л. Когуська	Mrs. N. L. Kohuska
Представник (Representative) СУМК (СУМК)	В. Сарчук	V. Sarchuk

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КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– ч.1 лютий 1945

USRL/CYC Bulletin – no.1 February 1945

1946 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	І. П. Соломон	I. R. Solomon
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	Мирослав Стечишин	M. Stechishin
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Скарбник (Treasurer)	Й. Богоніс	J. Bohonis
Представник (Representative) СУНД (SUND)	С. Мисак	S. Mysak
Представник (Representative) СУК (UWAC)	пані Н. Л. Когуська	Mrs. N. L. Kohuska
Представник (Representative) СУМК (СУМК)	А. Павлик	A. Pawlyk

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– ч.1 лютий 1946

USRL/CYC Bulletin – no.1 February 1946

1947 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	І. П. Соломон	I. R. Solomon
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	Мирон Стечишин	M. Stechishin
Секретар (Secretary)	Я. В. Арсенич	Y. V. Arsenych
Скарбник (Treasurer)	А. Скоробогач	A. Skorobohach
Представник (Representative) СУНД (SUND)	Г. Боднарчук	H. Bodnarchuk

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– грудень 1946
USRL/CYC Bulletin – December 1946

1948 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)
Заступник Голови (Vice President)
Секретар (Secretary)
Скарбник (Treasurer)
Представник
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(Representative) СУК
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(Representative) СУМК
(CYMK)

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1949/50 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Голова (President)	І. П. Соломон	I. R. Solomon
Заступник Голови (Vice President)	І. Г. Сирник	I. H. Syrnyk
Секретар (Secretary)	І. Ф. Паламарчук	I. F. Palamarchuk
Скарбник (Treasurer)	В. Таький	V. Tasky
Представник (Representative) СУНД (SUND)	Г. Боднарчук	H. Bodnarchuk

Source:

КОМУНІКАТ СУС, СУНД і СУМК– ч.1 серпень 1949

USRL/CYC Bulletin – no.1 August 1949

Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association of Canada (USRA/TYC) Presidents

1950-1952	Wasył Sarchuk	Winnipeg
1952-1956	Paul Tkachuk	Saskatoon
1956-1958	John Stratychuk	Saskatoon
1958 - 1963	Peter Lazarowich	Edmonton
1963 - 1967	Dr. Paul Kit	Toronto
1967 - 1968	Isadore Oleskiw	Toronto
1968 - 1969	Andrij Oryschak	Toronto
1969 - 1973	Metro Kereluk	Regina
1973 - 1975	Dr. Leo Faryna	Edmonton
1975 - 1977	Andrew Melnychuk	Edmonton
1977 - 1980	Otto Jereniuk	Edmonton
1980 - 1981	Richard Samoil	Edmonton
1981 - 1983	Yaroslav Skrypnyk	Edmonton
1983 - 1985	Very Rev. Merosław Kryschuk	Edmonton
1985 - 1987	Stephen Pillipow	Regina
1987 - 1991	Stephen Senyk	Regina
1991 - 1997	Dmytro Spytkowski	Beamsville
1997 - 2001	John Jurychuk	Hamilton
2001 - 2003	Andy Skrypniak	Hamilton
2003 - 2009	Dr. Tony Harras	Regina
2009 - 2013	Emil Yereniuk	Edmonton

Товариство Українців Самостійників (ТУС) Крайові Управи Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (USRA) National Executive

1950-1952 – Winnipeg, Manitoba¹

President	В. Сарчук	W. Sarchuk
1 st Vice President	П. Ковтун	P. Kovtun
2 nd Vice President	В. Таський	V. Tasky
Secretary	О. Гай-Головко	O. Hai-Holovko
Treasurer	А Крипякевич	A. Krypiakewych
Organizer	І. Юрків	I. Yurkiw
Youth Coordinator	Г. Соломон	H. Solomon

Source:

Обіжник СУС Число 7, серпень, 1950

USRL/CYC Bulletin – Number 7, August, 1950

1952-1954 – Saskatoon Saskatchewan

Past President	В. Сарчук	W. Sarchuk
President	П. Ткачук	Paul Tkachuk
1 st Vice President	Д. Максимюк	D. Maximiuk
2 nd Vice President	В. Буряник	V. Burianyk
Secretary	А. Михайленко	A. Mychaylenko
Treasurer	О.В. Процюк	O.V. Prociuk
Branch Organizer	І. Д. Стратійчук	I. D. Stratychuk
Convener of Youth	Павло Гуцуляк	P. Hutzuliak

Source:

Обіжник СУС– Число 5, липень, 1952

USRL/CYC Bulletin – Number 5, July 1952

1 This was the first elected USRA/TYC National Executive

1954-1956 – Saskatoon Saskatchewan

Past President	В. Сарчук	W. Sarchuk
President	П. Ткачук	Paul Tkachuk
1 st Vice President	Д. Максимюк	D. Maximiuk
2 nd Vice President	В. Буряник	V. Burianyk
Secretary	А. Михайленко	A. Mychaylenko
Treasurer	П. Киба	P. Kyba
Branch Organizer	І. Д. Стратійчук	I. D. Stratyckuk
Convener of Youth	В. Пилипів	V. Pylypiw

Source:

Обіжник СУС– Число 5, серпень. 1954

USRL/CYC Bulletin – Number 5, August, 1954

1956-1958 – Saskatoon Saskatchewan

Past President	П. Ткачук	Paul Tkachuk
President	Д. Стратійчук	D. Stratyckuk
1 st Vice President	Левко Фаруна	Leo Faryna (Edmonton)
2 nd Vice President	М. Савіцький	M. Savitsky (Prince Albert)
Secretary	Ф. Кіндрачук	F. Kindrachuk
Treasurer	І. Мацюк	I. Matsiuk
Branch Organizer	А. Данильчук	A. Danylchuk
Convener of Youth	В. Пилипів	V. Pylypiw

Source:

Обіжник СУС– Число 6, вересень. 1956

USRL/CYC Bulletin – Number 6, September, 1956

1958-1960 – Edmonton, Alberta

Past President	Д. Стратійчук	D. Stratychuk
President	П. І. Лазарович	P. Lazarowich
1 st Vice President	В. Підручний	V. Pidruchny
2 nd Vice President	Манолій Лупул	Manoly Lupul
Secretary	Б. Мельничук	B. Melnychuk
Treasurer	Еміль Засійбіда	Emil Zasibida
Members	В. Е. Косташ	V. E. Kostash

Source:
1960 Convention USRL/CYC Book

1960-1963 – Edmonton, Alberta

Past President	Д. Стратійчук	D. Stratychuk
President	П. І. Лазарович	P. Lazarowich
Vice President	О. В. Гордей	O. B. Gordey
Secretary	Б. Мельничук	Bohdan Melnychuk
Treasurer	Еміль Засійбіда	Emil Zasibida
Member	В. І. Косташ	Bill Kostash
Member	М. Малицький	M. Malytsky
Member	М.Р. Лупул	Dr. Manoly Lupul

Source:
1963 USRL/CYC Convention Book

1963-1965 – Toronto, Ontario

Past President	Петро Лазарович	Peter Lazarowich
President	Павло Кіт	Paul Kit
Vice President	Йосиф Ґорчинський	J. Gorchynsky
Secretary	Ізидор Олеськів	Isadore Oleskiw
Treasurer	Нестор Грабовський	N. Hrabovsky
Member	Кароль Смильський	K. Smylsky
Member	Юрій Сенчук	G. Senchuk
Member	Микола Іванець	M. Ivanets
Controller	Юрій Токарик	G. Tokarek
Controller	Петро Попіль	P. Popil
Controller	Еніїфаній Коча	E. Kocha

Source:
1965 USRL/CYC Convention Book

1965-1967 – Toronto, Ontario

Past President	Петро Лазарович	Peter Lazarowich
President	Павло Кіт	Paul Kit
Vice President	Нестор Грабовський	N. Hrabovsky
Secretary	Іван Боднарчук	I. Bodnarchuk
Treasurer	В. Мукутиук	Богдан Микитюк
Member	Стефан Іванець	N. Ivanets
Member	Стефан Давидович	S. Davidovych
Member	Макар Сушко	M. Sushko
Auditing Committee	Андрій Орищак	A. Oryschak
Auditing Committee	Стефан Никіфоруку	S. Nykyforuk
Auditing Committee	Петро Попіль	P. Popil

Source:
1967 USRL/TYC Convention Book

1967-1969 – Toronto, Ontario

Past President	Павло Кіт	Paul Kit
President	Ізидор Олеськів ²	Isadore Oleskiw
President	Андрій Орищак	Andrij Oryshchak
Vice President	Андрій Орищак	Andrij Oryshchak
Vice President	Срефан Йонка	Stephan Yonka
Secretary	Іван Боднарчук	I. Bodnarchuk
Treasurer	В. Мукутиук	Богдан Микитюк
Member	Іван Дутчак	I. Dutchak
Member	Михайло Шиповик	M. Shypovyk
Member	Нестор Грабовський	N. Hrabovsky

Source:
1969 USRL/CYC Convention Book

1969-1971 – Regina, Saskatchewan

Past President	Андрій Орищак	Andrij Oryshchak
President	Дмитро Керелюк	Metro Kereluke
Vice President	Павло Ткачук	P. Tkachuk
Secretary	О. Заставний	O. Zastavny
Treasurer	П. Киба	P. Kyba
Member	Ярослав Лозовчук	Yars Lozowchuk
Member	П. Глек	Paul Hleck
Member	О. Процюк	O. Prociuk

Source:
1971 USRL/CYC Convention Book

² Isadore Oleskiw resigned in November 1968 for health reasons. Andrij Oryshchak became President and Stephan Yonka became the Vice President (Source: USRA/TYC and SUND Bulletin No. 2 November 1968)

1971-1973 – Regina, Saskatchewan

Past President	Андрій Орищак	Andrij Oryshchak
President	Дмитро Керелюк	Metro Kereluke
Vice President	П. Глек	Paul Hleck
Secretary	Михайло Свинарчук	Mykhaylo Swynarchuk
Treasurer	Е. Клапаушак	Edward Klopoushak
Member	І. Зенчишин	I. Zenchyshyn
Member	о. О. Кравченко	Rev. Fr. Oleg Krawchenko
Member	о. Н. Мороз	Rev. Fr. N. Moroz

Source:
1973 USRL/CYC Convention Book

1973-1975 – Edmonton, Alberta

Past President	Metro Kereluke
President	Dr. Leo Faryna
Vice President	Andrew Melnychuk
Secretary	Michael Magus
Treasurer	Walter Baziuk
Member	Bohdan Melnychuk
Member	Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk
Member	Stephan Mysak
Controller	Stephan Samoil
Controller	Onifat Lukianchuk
Controller	Walter Hrynychuk
Executive Secretary	Anne Danelovich
Corresponding Secretary	Stephania Paush

Source:
Minutes USRA/TYC National Executive Meeting, January 24, 1974

1975-1977 – Edmonton, Alberta

Past President	Dr. Leo Faryna
President	Andrew Melnychuk
Vice President	Bill Dymianiw
Secretary	Stephan Maslo
Treasurer	Walter Baziuk
Member	Bohdan Melnychuk
Member	Very Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk
Member	Otto Jereniuk
Controller	Nick Bodnar
Controller	Walter Hrynychuk
Controller	Peter Prokopiw
Executive Secretary	Anne Danelovich
Corresponding Secretary	Stephania Paush

Source:

T.U.S.-S.U.N.D. Bulletin, Volume 1, Sept. - Oct., 1975

1977-1979 – Edmonton, Alberta

Past President	Andrew Melnychuk
President	Otto Jereniuk
Vice President	Bill Dymianiw
Secretary	Rt. Rev. Fr. Hryhory Wasyliw
Treasurer	Walter Baziuk
Member	Bohdan Melnychuk
Member	Very Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk
Member	Stephan Maslo
Member	Stephan Samoil
Controller	Nick Bodnar
Controller	Walter Hrynychuk
Controller	Peter Prokopiw
Executive Secretary	Anne Danelovich
Corresponding Secretary	Stephania Paush
Advisor and Journalist	Kost Telychko

Source:

1979 USRL/CYC Convention Book

1979-1981 – Edmonton, Alberta

Past President	Andrew Melnychuk
President	Otto Jereniuk ³ (to -November 12, 1980)
President	Richard Samoil (November 13, 1980 to August, 1981)
Vice President	Richard Samoil (to November 12, 1980)
Vice President	Taras Uzwyshyn (November 13, 1980 to August, 1981)
Secretary	Very Rev. Oleksander Chomiak ⁴ (to September 17, 1980)
Secretary	Andrew Melnychuk (September 17, 1980 to August, 1981)
Corresponding Secretary	Vasyl Krawetz ⁵ (to April 9, 1980)
Treasurer	Walter Baziuk
Member	Very Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk
Member	Bohdan Melnychuk
Member	Stephan Maslo
Member	Taras Uzwyshyn
Controller	Nick Bodnar
Controller	Peter Prokopiw
Executive Secretary	Anne Danelovich
Advisor	Kost Telychko

Sources:

1. 1979-1981 Звіт Крайової Управи Союзу Українців Самостійників Всеканадський З'їзд СУС, Едмонтон, Альберта
Звіт: Голови Крайової Управи 89778ТУС-СУНД – Р.П. Самоїл
2. Обіжник #7 листопад 1980
1. 1979-1981 Reports CYC National Executive General Convention CYC, Edmonton, Alberta
Report: R. P. Samoil, President National Executive USRA/SUND
2. Newsletter #7 November 1980

³ Dr. Leo Faryna passed away in 1980 and Otto Jereniuk took on the position of USRL/CYC National President vacating his position as USRA/TYC National President

⁴ Very Rev. Oleksander Chomiak passed away on September 17, 1980

⁵ Vasyl Krawetz passed away on April 9, 1980

1981-1983 – Edmonton, Alberta

Past President	Richard Samoil
President	Yaroslav Skrypnyk
Vice President	Taras Uzwyshyn
Secretary	Nicholas Bodnar
Corresponding Secretary	Eugene Harasymiw
Treasurer	Walter Baziuk
Member	Kost Telychko
Member	Very Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk
Member	Stephan Maslo
Member	Bohdan Melnychuk
Controller	George Tokarek
Controller	Peter Prokopiw
SUS Foundation Representative	William Sawchuk
Executive Secretary	Anne Danelovich

Source:

USRA/TYC National Directory 1981-1983

1983-1985 – Edmonton, Alberta

Past President	Yaroslav Skrypnyk
President	Very Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk
Vice President	Taras Uzwyshyn
Secretary	Bohdan Melnychuk
Corresponding Secretary	Eugene Harasymiw
Treasurer	Walter Baziuk
Member	Peter Prokopiw
Honourary Member	Kost Telychko
Controller	Nick Bodnar
Controller	Stephan Maslo
Executive Secretary	Anne Danelovich

Source:

1985 USRL/CYC Convention Book

1985-1987 – Regina Saskatchewan

Past President	Very Rev. Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk
President	Steve Pillipow
Vice President	Stephen Senyk
Secretary	Bill Dumanski
Corresponding Secretary	Rev. Michael Zaleschuk
Treasurer	Orest Pasioka
Member	Paul Hleck
Member	Alex Patryluk
Member	Ed Kucey

Source:

November 19, 1985 Communication to all USRA/TYC Branches in Canada

1987-1989 – Regina Saskatchewan

Past President	Steve Pillipow
President	Stephen Senyk
Vice President	Alex Patryluk
Secretary	Yars Lozowchuk
Treasurer	Orest Pasioka
Member	Paul Hleck
Member	Steve Pillipow
Member	Dr. Tony Harras

Source:

USRA/TYC Minutes of the 1987 Biennial Meeting

1989-1991 – Regina Saskatchewan

Past President	Steve Pillipow
President	Stephen Senyk
Vice President	Alex Patryluk
Secretary	Yars Lozowchuk
Treasurer	Orest Pasieka
Member	Paul Hleck
Member	Steve Pillipow
Member	Michael Zaleschuk

Source:

Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada (UOMA) Newsletter Jan.1990

1991-1993 – Hamilton, Ontario

Past President	Stephen Senyk
President	Dmytro Spytkowsky
1 st Vice President	Dr. P.T. Smylski
2 nd Vice President	John Michaelchuk
Secretary	Nicholas Netchay
Secretary	Dr. S. Klimasko
Treasurer	Dr. W. Olynyk
Member	Dr. M. Lazarowich
Member	W. Kereliuk
Member	V. Demjanenko
Correspondent	W. Marko

Source:

1993 USRL/CYC Convention Book

1993-1995 – Hamilton, Ontario

Past President	Stephen Senyk
President	Dmytro Spytkowski
Vice President	Dr. P.T. Smylski
Vice President	John Michaelchuk
Secretary	Nicholas Netchay
Secretary	Dr. S. Klimasko
Treasurer	Dr. W. Olynyk
Director	Dr. M. Lazarowich
Director	W. Kereliuk
Director	V. Demjanenko

Source:
USRA/TYC Minutes of the 1993 Biennial Meeting

1995-1997 – Hamilton, Ontario

Past President	Stephen Senyk
President	Dmytro Spytkowski
1 st Vice President	Dr. P.T. Smylski
2 nd Vice President	John Michaelchuk
1 st Secretary	Nicholas Netchay
2 nd Secretary	John Jurychuk
Treasurer	Dr. Walter Olynik
Member at Large	Dr. M. Lazarowich
Member at Large	W. Kereliuk
Member at Large	V. Demjanenko
Member at Large	Dr. Stephen Klimasko
Member at Large	Eugene Kryworuchko
Member at Large	Peter Kucharuk
Member at Large	Andy Skrypniak
Member at Large	Sam Lebedovich
Member at Large	Daniel Huzyk
Controlling Committee	Bohdan Korney
Controlling Committee	Alex Kindraka
Controlling Committee	Bohdan Radesh

Source:
USRA/TYC Minutes of the 1995 Biennial Meeting

1997-1999 – Hamilton, Ontario

Past President	Dmytro Spytkowski
President	John Jurychuk
Vice President	Andy Skrypniak
Secretary	Nicholas Netchay
Treasurer	Aleks Kindraka
Member at Large	Walter Rosizky
CYMK Liaison	Dr. Orest Talpash
Controlling Committee	M. Shypovyk
Controlling Committee	B. Kereliuk
Controlling Committee	Dr. V. Olynyk

Sources:

USRA/TYC Minutes of the 1997 Biennial Meeting

USRA/TYC Minutes for the January 31, 1998 regular executive meeting

1999-2001 – Hamilton, Ontario

Past President	Dmytro Spytkowski
President	John Jurychuk
Vice President	Eugene Kryworuchko
Secretary	Mykola Netchy
Treasurer	Aleks Kindraka
Member at Large	Anton Pohoreski
CYMK Liaison	Dr. Orest Talpash
Controlling Committee	Karl Spytkowski
Controlling Committee	Fred Skretkowicz
Controlling Committee	Alex Zawhorodny

Source:

USRA/TYC Minutes of the 1999 Biennial Meeting

2001-2003 – Hamilton, Ontario

Past President	John Jurychuk
President	Andy Skrypniak
Vice President	Emil Fedak
Secretary	Walter Rosizky
Treasurer	Peter Kit
Member at Large	Dr. Peter Kondra
CYMK Liaison	Roman Spytkowsky
Provincial TYC	Dmytro Spytkowsky
Auditor	Frank Skretkowicz
Auditor	Alex Kindraka
Auditor	Leo Atamanchuk

Source:
USRA/TYC Minutes of the 2001 Biennial Meeting

2003-2005 – Regina, Saskatchewan

Past President	Andy Skrypniak
President	Dr. Tony Harras
Vice President	Yars Lozowchuk
Secretary	Dr. Edward Klopoushak
Treasurer	Wayne Hydeman
Member at Large	Alex Patryluk
Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Brent Kuzyk
Auditor	Ed Labach
Auditor	Rudy Hrycay

Source:
USRA/TYC Minutes of the 2003 Biennial Meeting

2005-2007 – Regina, Saskatchewan

Past President	Andy Skrypniak
President	Dr. Tony Harras
Vice President	Yars Lozowchuk
Secretary	Dr. Edward Klopoushak
Treasurer	Wayne Hydeman
Member at Large	Alex Patryluk
Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Brent Kuzyk
Auditor	Ed Labach
Auditor	Sonia Bremner

Source:
USRA/TYC Minutes of the 2005 Biennial Meeting

2007-2009 – Regina, Saskatchewan

Past President	Andy Skrypniak
President	Dr. Tony Harras
Vice President	Yars Lozowchuk
Secretary	Dr. Edward Klopoushak
Treasurer	Wayne Hydeman
Member at Large	Alex Patryluk
Auditor	Ed Labach
Auditor	Sonia Bremner

Source:
USRA/TYC Minutes of the 2007 Biennial Meeting

2009-2011 – Edmonton, Alberta

Past President	Dr. Tony Harras
President	Emil Yereniuk
Vice President	Jars Balan
Secretary	Mark Ferbey
Treasurer	Dr. Will Zuzak
Member at Large	Marshall Opyr
Member at Large	Mitch Makowsky
Member at Large	Bohdan Maslo
Chaplain	Very Rev. Fr. Mykola Sawchenko
Auditor	Orest Talpash
Auditor	Eugene Topolnisky
Auditor	George Zaharia
Director of Communications	Michael Yereniuk

Source:

USRA/TYC Minutes of the 2009 Biennial Meeting

2011-2013 – Edmonton, Alberta

Past President	Dr. Tony Harras
President	Emil Yereniuk
Vice President	Jars Balan
Secretary	Dennis Kuchta
Treasurer	Gerald Kruhlak
Member at Large	Marshall Opyr
Member at Large	Michael Yereniuk
Member at Large	Bohdan Maslo
Chaplain	Rt. Rev. Fr. Stephan Semotiuk
Auditor	Orest Talpash
Auditor	Eugene Topolnisky
Auditor	George Zaharia

Source:

USRA/TYC Minutes of the 2011 Biennial Meeting

National USRA/TYC Branch Membership Information By Province

BRITISH COLUMBIA

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Kamloops																
Kelowna												7			27	28
New West.																
Surrey																
Vancouver		16		7	4	13	13		23			28	37		22	46
Vernon																
TOTALS	0	16	0	7	4	13	13	0	23	0	0	35	37	52	49	74
Branch figures unavailable																
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Kamloops			6	7	7											
Kelowna	27	29	35	33	33	27	26	22	23	25	16	16	14	15	14	19
New West.			16	18	23	18	19	15	15	15	15	16	18	14	16	
Surrey		12	27	23	13	12	16	15	35	34	25	23	22	18	15	12
Vancouver	22	29	44	25	21	20	19	18	17	16	16	16	17	17	14	11
Vernon			7	15	12	12	6	6	6	6	6	7	9	9	9	
TOTALS	49	70	135	121	109	89	61	80	96	96	78	78	80	73	68	42
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Kamloops																
Kelowna	18	17	18	17	15	14	11	13	15	15	13	13	12	13		
New West.	15	16	11		11	11										
Surrey	10	10	10	9	9	11	13		8	8	8	8	13	18		
Vancouver	11	6	2													
Vernon		4		14	13	12	10	10								
TOTALS	54	53	41	40	48	48	34	23	23	23	21	21	25	31	0	0

National USRA/TYC Branch Membership Information By Province

ALBERTA

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Edmonton	103	106		104	108	96	100	107	100	107		113	99		92	91
Edmonton District	6	8		18	17	12	5	5	4	4		46	33		28	21
Calgary	21	20		21	17	15	15	17	17	16		33	44		49	47
Vegreville	17	16		14	11	11	15	15	17	10			15		13	
Myrnam	10	10		6	7	5	8	6	6	4						
Willingdon	6	6		7	7	12	12	11	13	7						
Thorhild	4	5					3	3	3							
Pino	3	3														
Smoky Lake	7	7						2	1							
Two Hills	1	1						1	1	1						
Westlock	6	6					8		1	1						
Evansburg																10
TOTALS	184	188	0	170	167	151	166	166	163	150	0	192	191	172	192	159

Branch figures unavailable

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Calgary	75	75	46	24	20	35	22	30	30	34	30			34	34	37
Edmonton	32	37	95	83	79	70	79	66	65	65	30	43	40	57	52	40
TOTALS	107	112	141	107	99	105	101	96	95	99	60	43	40	91	86	77

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Calgary	34	22	21	25	33	33	23	25	28	28	31	28	28	18		
Edmonton	45	47	42	42	49	49	41	60	63	60	60	60	60	60		
TOTALS	79	69	63	67	82	82	64	85	91	88	91	88	88	78	0	0

National USRA/TYC Branch Membership Information By Province

SASKATCHEWAN

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Canora	6			16	18	12	17		23			35	34		35	36
Cudworth/Waka.			5									16	15	Branch figures unavailable		
North Battleford	7					12	14									
Goodeve/Ituna/Melv.				23		1	1									
Prince Albert		15				20	21		33							
Regina	22	23		37	42	50	39		50			43	44		49	45
Sakatoon		35		32	37	26	52		67			63	71		75	66
Sask. B/H															19	18
Yorkton		10		14	16	16	17		25		19	25				
At Large		14		6	6	1	13		13							
TOTALS	22	110	0	133	119	137	174	0	211	0	19	182	166	178	178	165

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Canora	26	31	37	28	28	23	19	15	15	14			11	10	11	13
Cheremosh	31	39	42	33	25	24	19	3								
North Battleford						17	21	20	12	17			17	18	14	16
Prince Albert			20	14	13	18	8	10								
Regina	47	55	60	58	55	53	54	60	57	59	45	40	37		32	32
Sakatoon	40	53	67	58	51	42	38	61	61	56	45	43	55	56	46	63
Sask. B/H							12			33						
Yorkton	22	31	26	21	19	18	14	17	14	17	17	17	18	18	18	15
TOTALS	166	209	252	212	191	195	185	186	159	196	107	100	138	102	121	139

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Canora	17	15	20	20	21	18	15	15	16	16	14	12	14	20		
North Battleford		10	5	5	4	4			1	3	3	3	3	4		
Prince Albert	10	11	10	12	13	13	13	14	8	8	8	10	8	*8		
Regina	33	37	39	43	41	37	43	33	35	33	33	32	33	30		
Sakatoon	69	61	55	45	44	51	48	41	48	48	37	43	39	32		
Sask. B/H		22	27	18	28	23		32	29	26						
Yorkton		13	11	12	11	10										
TOTALS	142	167	168	154	161	146	119	135	137	134	95	100	97	94	0	0

National USRA/TYC Branch Membership Information By Province

MANITOBA

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Dauphin		18		20	17	21	5		27			32	32		28	25
Winnipeg	22	47		52	49	29	38		54			56	53	Branch figures unavailable		
Rosburn															50	47
Flin Flon		10		6		3	10		13			13	13		10	
At Large		10				1	1									
TOTALS	22	85	0	78	66	54	54	0	94	0	0	101	98	93	88	72
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Dauphin	21	21	21	17	17	15										
Winnipeg	42	36	51	42	40	40	40	36	30	28	28	30	33	31	28	30
TOTALS	63	57	72	59	57	55	40	36	30	28	28	30	33	31	28	30
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Winnipeg	28	27	29	29	27	20	25	22	17	16	16	18	15	16		
TOTALS	28	27	29	29	27	20	25	22	17	16	16	18	15	16	0	0

National USRA/TYC Branch Membership Information

By Province

EAST

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Grimsby				13	12	12	15	18	18			18	17		18	15
Hamilton		50		54	62	66	65		75			63	84		77	63
Toronto		31		32	33	23	25		40			39	43		36	37
Long Branch		39		15	12	9	9		12							
Montreal		27		15	19	18	19		31			30	39			29
Niagra Falls		11		9	9		13		13			10	9		9	7
Oshawa		10		8	8	8			13			17	17		19	20
Ottawa		17		16	16	19	21		21			23	20		18	20
Scarborough															10	10
St. Catherine															15	15
Thunder Bay							2		3			16	17		14	13
Windsor		52		25	15		19		62			82	81		75	54
TOTALS	0	237	0	187	186	155	188	0	288	0	0	298	327	316	291	283

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Grimsby	1		14	8	6	7	5	5	4	4	5	6	6	6	4	5
Hamilton	53	53	65	57	58	63	67	42	49	60	60	60	60	56	76	66
Toronto	29	31	42	29	34	24	20	24	21	28	26	22	20	17	10	10
Long Branch	31	25	30	15	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	11	11	12	21	21
Montreal	25	21	28	17	20	21	29	26	23	21	18	12	12	18	13	1
Niagra Falls	6															
Oshawa	20	17	21	11	11	13		1	13	13	13	12	7	4	4	4
Ottawa	16	15	16	17	16	15	14	13	14	14	14	14	14	15	14	
Scarborough	13	10	13	11	9	7	11	9	7	7	7	7	8	9	7	5
St. Catherine	12	23	25	33	22	15	20	16	11	4	6	12	13	8		
Thunder Bay	1	1														
Windsor	31		32	29	20	20	23	19	17	21	20	17	17	17	14	10
TOTALS	237	196	284	219	207	195	201	167	172	185	181	156	162	156	159	122

Niagra Falls and St. Catherine merged in 1985

National USRA/TYC Branch Membership Information By Province

EAST

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Grimsby	4	5	5	5	7	7	5		5	4	3		Grimsby closed its branch in 2011			
Hamilton	66	62	64	61	57	55	59	50	41	50	34	34	34	40		
Toronto																
Long Branch							Toronto merged with Long Branch in 2000 Long Branch merged with Toronto in 2000									
Toronto/Long Branch	20	20	25	22	23	17	29	25	27	26	20	18	13	11		
Montreal																
Oshawa	10	11	10	10					5	5	5	5	6	6		
Ottawa	14								5							
Scarborough																
Windsor	15	14	15	12			10		Scarborough merged with Oshawa in 2000							
TOTALS	125	107	114	105	80	72	98	75	78	85	59	57	53	57	0	0

National USRA/TYC Branch Membership Information By Province

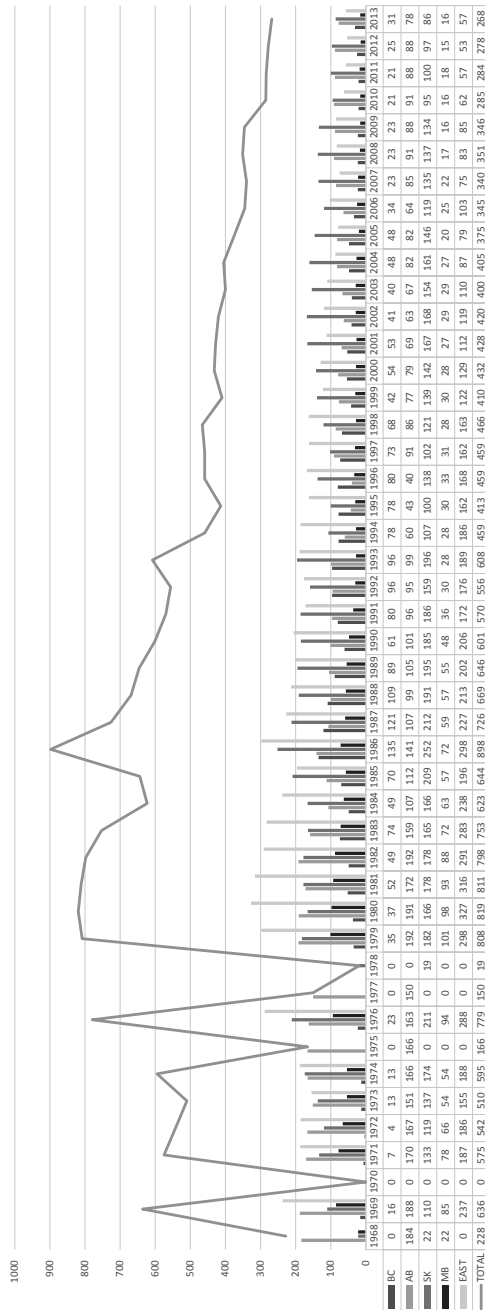
TOTALS

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
BC	0	16	0	7	4	13	13	0	23	0	0	35	37	52	49	74
AB	184	188	0	170	167	151	166	166	163	150	0	192	191	172	192	159
SK	22	110	0	133	119	137	174	0	211	0	19	182	166	178	178	165
MB	22	85	0	78	66	54	54	0	94	0	0	101	98	93	88	72
EAST	0	237	0	187	186	155	188	0	288	0	0	298	327	316	291	283
TOTAL	228	636	0	575	542	510	595	166	779	150	19	808	819	811	798	753

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
BC	49	70	135	121	109	89	61	80	96	96	78	78	80	73	68	42
AB	107	112	141	107	99	105	101	96	95	99	60	43	40	91	86	77
SK	166	209	252	212	191	195	185	186	159	196	107	100	138	102	121	139
MB	63	57	72	59	57	55	40	36	30	28	28	30	33	31	28	30
EAST	237	196	284	219	207	195	201	167	172	185	181	156	162	156	159	122
TOTAL	622	644	884	718	663	639	588	565	552	604	454	407	453	462	462	410

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
BC	54	53	41	40	48	48	34	23	23	23	21	21	25	31	0	0
AB	79	69	63	67	82	82	64	85	91	88	91	88	88	78	0	0
SK	142	167	168	154	161	146	119	135	137	134	95	100	97	94	0	0
MB	28	27	29	29	27	20	25	22	17	16	16	18	15	16	0	0
EAST	125	107	114	105	80	72	98	75	78	85	59	57	53	57	0	0
TOTAL	428	423	415	395	398	368	340	340	346	346	282	284	278	276	0	0

USRA/TYC Membership By Province



Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (USRL) Presidents

1927 - 1931	Wasyl Swystun †	Winnipeg
1931 - 1936	Myroslaw Stechishin †	Winnipeg
1936 - 1940	Peter Lazarowich †	Edmonton
1940 - 1941	Julian Stechishin †	Saskatoon
1941 - 1948	Judge John R. Solomon †	Winnipeg
1948 - 1952	John Syrnick †	Winnipeg
1952 - 1958	Julian Stechishin †	Saskatoon
1958 - 1963	Dr. Leo Faryna †	Edmonton
1963 - 1965	Theodore Humeniuk †	Toronto
1965 - 1967	Dr. Paul Ochitwa †	Toronto
1967 - 1969	Dr. Paul Kit †	Edmonton
1969 - 1973	John D. Stratychuk †	Saskatoon
1973 - 1977	Dr. Stephen Yaremchuk †	Edmonton
1977 - 1980	Dr. Leo Faryna †	Edmonton
1980 - 1981	Otto Jereniuk †	Edmonton
1981 - 1987	Andrew Melnychuk †	Edmonton
1987 - 1989	Yaroslav Skrypnyk	Edmonton
1989 - 1991	Mary Tkachuk †	Saskatoon
1991 - 1997	Stefan Franko	Saskatoon
1997 - 2005	Michael Zaleschuk	Regina
2005 - 2011	Sonja Bejzyk	Winnipeg
2011 - 2015	Dr. Tony Harras	Regina

National USRL/CYC Conventions

15 th	Saskatoon	December 1938
16 th	Saskatoon	1939
17 th	Saskatoon	1940
18 th		1941
19 th	Saskatoon	Dec 1941 / Jan 1942
20 th	Saskatoon	1943
21 st	Winnipeg	January 1944
22 nd	Toronto	May 1945
23 rd	Winnipeg	November 1946
24 th	Saskatoon	December 1947
25 th	Saskatoon	July 1948
26 th	Toronto	July 1949
27 th	Edmonton	July 1950
28 th	Winnipeg	June/July 1952
29 th	Saskatoon	July 1954
30 th	Winnipeg	July 1956
31 st	Edmonton	July 1958
32 nd	Toronto	July 1960
33 rd	Winnipeg	June/July 1963
34 th	Toronto	July 1965
35 th	Toronto	July 1967
36 th	Edmonton	August 1969
37 th	Saskatoon	July 1971
38 th	Winnipeg	Aug/Sept 1973
39 th	Edmonton	August 1975
40 th	Saskatoon	August 1977
41 st	Hamilton	August 1979
42 nd	Edmonton	August 1981
43 rd	Saskatoon	July 1983
44 th	Winnipeg	July 1985
45 th	Saskatoon	August 1987
46 th	Regina	August 1989

National USRL/CYC Conventions

47 th	Saskatoon	August 1991
48 th	Winnipeg	June/July 1993
49 th	Toronto	August 1995
50 th	Edmonton	August 1997
51 st	Regina	August 1999
52 nd	Vancouver	August 2001
53 rd	Calgary	August 2003
54 th	Saskatoon	August 2005
55 th	Winnipeg	August 2007
56 th	Regina	August 2009
57 th	Edmonton	August 2011
58 th	Saskatoon	August 2013
59 th	Calgary	2015

ADDENDA

Early History

Новий Статут Союзу Українців Самостійників

Український Голос, Вінніпег, Ман., 3-го травня, 1939

"УКРАЇНСЬКИЙ ГОЛОС", ВИННІПЕГ, МАН., СЕРЕДА, 3-ГО ТРАВНЯ, 1939.

НОВИЙ СТАТУТ СОЮЗУ УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ.

Демо про Товариства Українців Самостійників.

В попередній статті було обговорено масовість і централізованість у організації ССЦ. Це дві важкі справи, що входять в новому статуті. Третя новість у ньому це Товариства Українців Самостійників, що в скороченні носить назву "ТВС".

Що таке Товариство Українців Самостійників?

Це організація одиноків, катинів, яка залюбки організовується в відділах, так би мовити, ССЦ. Це товариство є рівноправне з відділами Союзу Українців Народних Діомів, Союзу Українців Канади або Союзу Українців Молоді Канади.

Кому воно підлежить? Котрій союзовій організації ТВС підлягає?

Товариство Українців Самостійників входить у склад Союзу Українців Народних Діомів. Воно стоїть на рівні з відділами того Союзу, а з ним підлягає Централі ССЦ. Отже в організаційних зв'язках воно має дорогу до централі ССЦ через Дирекцію ССЦ.

Зробимо таку новість тому, що ССЦД має свій чартер завізирований в Діомів Канади. Це в хрест до скороти назвимо як будуче всієї праці ССЦ в рамках чарту Союзу Українців Народних Діомів.

Треба підкреслити, що ТВС є організація, яка підлягає Союзові Українців Народних Діомів так само, як відділи того Союзу, або як підчинені відділам, згідно Жіночої Товариства, управи Союзу Українців Канади, або молодіжної організації управи Союзу Українців Молоді Канади.

Де мають повстати Товариства Українців Самостійників?

Вони мають повстати всюди в цілій нашій країні, де живуть українці, що стоять на національній становищі, крім тих околиць, чи міст, де вже є відділи Союзу Українців Народних Діомів. Коли в околиці нема ні одної нашої організації, що входить в склад ССЦ через союзові організації

ції (як ССЦД, ССЦ або ССЦМ), там обов'язково треба побачити, щоб чимось заповнити Товариство Українців Самостійників. Коли там вже є відділи Союзу Української Молоді Канади, або відділи Союзу Українців Канади, то також краще треба ще залучити Товариство Українців Самостійників. Робота ТВС і склад його членства різниться від протії зглядних організацій. Вони (робота і склад ТВС) є ідеальні, такі самі, як робота і склад членства відділу ССЦД. Вони ТВС не має місця в тих містах і околицях, де є Народний Дім, або Товариство, що входить у склад ССЦД.

Треба зібрати це додати, що в бігом часу може бути так, що в більших осередках нашого українського життя вийде повстати по два чи три відділи ССЦД, але тільки там, де того хочеться потреба буде вимагати, без шкоди для існуючих союзних товариств. Таке може комись статися по великих містах, де краще треба буде мати більше організаційних одиниць ССЦ, щоб охопити весь український загаль і побідити простір.

Де лікується відділи ССЦ?

До тепер була відділи в організації ССЦ. Вони підлягають впродовж до Централі ССЦ. Вони й могли існувати в кожній нашій околиці, чи місті, де були очікували такий відділ сформувати. Після нового статуту відділам мають негайно ліквідуватися, а на їх місцях мають повстати Товариства Українців Самостійників. Без сумніву можна передбачити, що там, де до тепер існували відділи ССЦ, повстануть Товариства Українців Самостійників з автономією ССЦД. У тих містах, де є відділи ССЦД, треба відділи ССЦ ліквідувати, а часом роз'ясненого відділу ССЦ об'єднано в єдиний в Народного Діому, чи Товариства, яке є відділом ССЦД.

Чи є яка різниця між відділом ССЦД і ТВС?

Немає ніякої. Товариство Українців Самостійників є також відділом ССЦД. Воно во зв'язанню оголошує свій

вступ до ССЦД і павтять вступити так само, як кожен інший відділ ССЦД і в усіх підчинених Союзові Українців Народних Діомів.

Яку працю має виконувати Товариство Українців Самостійників?

Воно має виконувати роботу таку саму, як і кожен Народний Дім, що входить у склад ССЦД. Вони 1) об'єднують гуртуння всіх українців у самостійницьку організацію, так дуже корисну а погляду нашого народного як і канадського; 2) стоїть на сторожі реалізації моралі; 3) дає про вихідний бік українського загально в Канаді; 4) намагається зберегти примоти окремішності і національності нашого народу тут за часом; 5) висуває способи, якими можна набувати вищообразування і освітлення українців в Канаді; 6) виступає спорт для здоров'я тіла членства; 7) намагається зберегти дружні зв'язки і братерство серед українських мас; 8) використовує кожну нагоду на те, щоб поширити ідеологію самостійників на весь наш український загаль; 9) старється с авторитетом з всіх українців в Канаді адекват себе шанувальників, самодіяльних і самостійників; 10) висуває струї громадського життя на те, щоб ними пропагувати українську ідею у круті наших співгромадян і їх інформувати про змагання наших братів на різних землях в цілі здобуття своєї держави; 11) помагає часам різними способами нести допомогу взаємно в рядах ССЦ і 12) авторитетно каріть у наших громадянстві, щоби воно служило ССЦ, але й було відірване у своїх домашніх чи соціальних або громадських справах.

Це є робота кожного Народного Діому, що входить в склад ССЦД. Тим самим робота ТВС є така сама, як робота відділу ССЦД.

Треба підкреслити, що робота цього ССЦ, а тимчасово всіх Союзних Організацій в тому Товаристві Українців Самостійників є надзвичайно важкою і корисною. Більш важко, як робота інших тутешніх організацій, які не зв'язані з ССЦ, а є або незалежні, або

входять в склад житлового, націоналістичного чи гетеманського формаций. Ця наша робота є абсолютно національною і в найвищому ступені підпорядкована інтересам нашої прибраної батьківщини Канади. ССЦ став на тій становищі із самого початку, стоїть тепер і має бути його міцні в будуччій. Додамо того, що наше становище є найвищим, а погляду наших народних інтересів і інтересів Канади, є те, що другі організації або гурти здійснюють свою роботу під нашу програму. Але був час, коли вони нас називали найбільш злочинними назвами і принижували нами всіма виданими зброями.

Най не було ані одної нашої околиці, міста, чи містечка, у яких бракувало б Товариства Українців Самостійників, чи відділу ССЦД, в додатку з такими нашими організаціями, як ССЦМ, чи Жіноче Товариство, що входить у склад Союзу Українців Канади.

Чи ТВС має мати свої будівлі?

Товариство Українців Самостійників мусить мати приміщення для своєї праці. Отже мусить кожному мати будинок, найкраще свій власний, для успішного ведення роботи, закріпленої своїм статутом.

Масово маємо, що ті поселення допоможуть аргументи наш статут та здійснити багатьох наших свідомих громадян до праці для нашого власного хіста, нашої могутньої організації ССЦ і нашої нової батьківщини. Коли ж є ще які неясності, то просимо сати згадати до централі ССЦ. Вони востраються по дати докладні пояснення в таких справах. А в разі: треба згадати наших діячів, як з... хочом такі надіслати.

Член Екзекутиви.

New Charter of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League (SUS) (English Translation)

Ukrainian Voice, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 3 May 1939

SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATION

The previous article discussed the size and centralization of the SUS organization. These are two important matters, which are reflected in the new charter. The third change in it is the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Associations, which are abbreviated as “TUS.”

WHAT IS A UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATION?

It is an organizational entity, a cell which comprises the organism of the SUS, in a matter of speaking. Such an association is at the same level as branches of the Union of Ukrainian People's Homes, the Union of Ukrainian Canadian Women, or the Union of Ukrainian Canadian Youth.

Whom do they report to? To which union organization is TUS subordinated?

The Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association [TUS] is part of the Union of Ukrainian People's Homes [SUND]. It is at the same level as branches of that Union, and as such is subordinated to the SUS National Executive [Centralia]. Thus, with respect to organizational relations, its path to the SUS Centralia is through the Board of the SUND.

This change was made because SUND has its charter incorporated in the Dominion of Canada. And this is a step towards coordinating in future all the activities of the SUS under the framework of the charter of the Union of Ukrainian People's Homes [SUND].

It should be emphasized that TUS is an organization subordinated to the Union of Ukrainian People's Homes in the same way as are branches of that Union—or as branches, i.e., Women's Associations, are subordinated to the executive of the Union of Ukrainian Canadian Women [SUK], or as youth organizations are subordinated to the executive of the Union of Ukrainian Canadian Youth [SUMK].

WHERE WILL UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATIONS BE ESTABLISHED?

They should be established everywhere throughout our dominion where Ukrainians live who [are principled regarding our national affairs]—except for those places or cities where there is already a branch of the Union of Ukrainian People's Homes. When in a given locality there are none of our organizations that are part of SUS through its union organizations (such as SUND, SUK, or SUMK), it must be arranged for a Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association to be established there as soon as possible.

If there already is a branch of the Union of Ukrainian Canadian Youth there, or a branch of the Union of Ukrainian Canadian Women, then in any case a Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association must be established there, as well. The work of the TUS and the makeup of its membership are different from the work of the abovementioned organizations. [On the other hand], they (the work and makeup of TUS) are identical to—the same as—the work and makeup of members of branches of SUND; thus, TUS has no place in those cities and localities where there is a People's Home, or an Association that is a part of SUND.

It should perhaps also be added that as time passes, it may happen that in larger centres of our Ukrainian life, someday there may be two or three branches of SUND, but only where a crucial need demands this, without harming existing union associations. This might someday occur in large cities, where it will be unquestionably necessary to have more SUS organizational entities, in order to encompass the entire Ukrainian totality and cover its extent.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE SUS BRANCHES?

Until now, the SUS organization had branches, which were subordinated directly to the SUS Centralia. They could also exist in every neighbourhood of ours, or city, where there were people willing to form such a branch. After the new charter [is promulgated], the branches are to be immediately liquidated, and in their place the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Associations are to be established. Without a doubt, it can be foreseen that where there were SUS branches until now, Ukrainian Self-Reliance Associations will be established, except for those places where there already is a branch of SUND. In those places where there are SUND branches, the SUS branches must be liquidated [anyways], and members of the disbanded SUS branch should without exception sign up to the People's Home, or to the Association that is a branch of SUND.

IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SUND BRANCH AND A TUS BRANCH?

There is none. A Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association is also a branch of SUND. During its establishment, it declares its membership in SUND and pays dues, the same way as every other branch of SUND—and in every matter it is subordinated to the Union of Ukrainian People's Homes [SUND].

WHAT IS THE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT BY A UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATION?

It should carry out the same kind of work as any People's Home that is part of SUND. In particular: (1) it brings together a group of all Ukrainians into a self-reliance organization—so very beneficial from the national as well as Canadian point of view; (2) stands on guard for religion and morals; (3) facilitates the cultural awareness of the Ukrainian masses in Canada; (4) strives to preserve the distinctive and individual characteristics of our people, an ocean away [from our native land]; (5) seeks the means by which Ukrainians in Canada can be most successfully presented and educated; (6) promotes sports for the physical health of its members; (7) strives to strengthen friendly ties and brotherhood among Ukrainian communities;

(8) takes advantage of every opportunity to disseminate the ideology of the independentists among our entire Ukrainian community; (9) strives to transform all Ukrainians in Canada into people who respect each other, their sovereignty and their differences; (10) seeks out streams of community life, in order to promote the Ukrainian idea through them to various circles of our fellow citizens, and inform them about the struggles of our brethren in our native lands with the goal of achieving our own state; (11) assists members by various means to provide mutual assistance in the SUS ranks; and (12) to create an obligation in our community to serve in SUS, but to also simultaneously be exemplary in its domestic or social and civic affairs.

That is the work of each People's Home that belongs to SUND. Thus, the work of TUS is the same as the work of a SUND branch.

It should be emphasized that the work of SUS as a whole, and by the same token of all the Union organizations, including the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association, is extraordinarily important and beneficial. [It is] more important than the work of other local organizations that are not linked to SUS but rather are independent or part of Catholic, nationalist, or hetmanist formations. This work of ours is absolutely national, and to the highest degree is governed by the interests of our adopted homeland, Canada. SUS has stood on this principle from the very beginning, it continues to stand today, and will not change it in the future. Proof of our principles being the proper ones, from the point of view of our national interests and the interests of Canada is that other organizations or groups are copying their programs from ours. But there was a time when they called us the most mendacious names, and ascribed some imagined intentions to us.

May there not remain a single neighbourhood of ours, nor city, nor town in which there is no Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association, or branch of SUND, in addition to such organizations of ours as SUMK or the Women's Association, which is part of the Union of Ukrainian Canadian Women!

IS TUS SUPPOSED TO OWN ITS OWN BUILDINGS?

A Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association must have premises to work in. Therefore, it must absolutely have a building—its own would be best—to successfully carry out the work specified in its charter.

We hope that these explanations will assist in the understanding of our charter, and will encourage many of our [nationally] conscious citizens to work for our particular benefit, our worthy organization SUS, and our new homeland. If there are still any clarifications required, we would request that inquiries be sent to the SUS Centralia, which will do its best to provide detailed explanations in such matters. Moreover we will be pleased to accept the comments of our activists, if anyone should wish to send them to us.

Members of the Executive

Тонезінок, 31^{го} Жовтня 38Перові збори bicycling C.Y.C.
т. Вуїнінська.

Збори відбулися при участі 10 членів.
П. Вуїнінську (голову) порад до відання
що наші касир (т. Кідренчук), здеб'яну
до відвідати з міста опісля треба
виступити касира до кінця року.

Внесення т. Лазаровичем і др. Тов.
доро, т. Павло Мельник згодився при-
няти цю функцію.

П. Вуїнінську пропонує шоста із
Зіннінська (в справі з'їзду з'їзду)
т. Зіннінська.

Тоді пропонує шоста із Васьківську
в справі іменного залового з'їзду.

Окрім сего, він розповів перу новинки
між ними і про міжку Вуїнінська (у)
по Америці і Канаді.

Відбувся дискусія над з'їздами і
їх датами. Рішення мати з'їзд т.
Вуїнінська вдня 31^{го} грудня і 1^{го} з'їзду.

Навдалось дискусія в справі Авре-
мерковій пропозиції що до вибору
срільми C.Y.C.M.K.

Голова пропонує як мед брнн
наше відношення до Союзу Був. Бонків і
до Тов. Ами Тос.

П. Лазарович відмовився до Союзу Був.
Бонків і тої самої ідеології і не з'являю
конкуренційного орг., опісля треба їх грає
важливі як своїх членів. А що до Тов. Ами
Тос. то они вперші ніяк не отримали з
з'їзду з Союзом Укр. Кук. м. Був. Бонків

прабуювати їх свої, бо до сїї пори
ми нідо не належає; до вської
популярної організації не приєдна-
лись ми не знаємо де вони сидять,
не можемо їх прискіювати їх свої.

Дуже багато зібрав слово в армі-
ї організації його спону і кілька
кис вказав, що ми не могли не
замітити.

На сїм зборі зкінчено.

Minutes: Edmonton USRL/CYC
Edmonton Branch – October 31, 1938
(English Translation)

Regular meeting of the SUS Edmonton branch

Meeting took place with attendance by 10 members.

Mr. Lukianchu[k] (chair) informed those present that our treasurer (Mr. Ki[n] drachuk) submitted his books because he is leaving town, so a treasurer must be elected until year-end.

As moved by Mr. Lazarowich and Dr. Gowda, Mr. Pavlo Melnyk agreed to accept this position.

Mr. Danylchuk read a letter from Winnipeg in the matter of the Convention (winter) in Winnipeg.

He also read a letter from Saskatoon about their winter convention.

Besides this, he described a couple of news items, including the trip by Sulyk (of the UNF) across the US and Canada.

A discussion took place about the conventions and their dates. It was decided to hold the Edmonton convention on the dates of 31 December and 1–2 January.

Another discussion developed regarding Avramenko's proposal to make a film about SUMK.

The chair inquired as to what our relationship is to be to the Union of Former Combatants and to the Olha Basarab Society.

Mr. Lazarowich replied that the Union of Former Combatants is of the same ideology, and is in no way a competing organization, so they should be treated as our own members. And regarding the Olha Basarab Society, in the first place they should unite with the Union of Ukrainian Canadian Women, then we would treat them as our own, because they still do not belong anywhere and have not joined any central organization, so we don't know where they stand, and we cannot treat them as our own.

The chair also took the floor to speak on the organizational fund and on membership fees that have not yet been paid.

That being the final matter, the meeting was adjourned.

Неділя 5-го лютого 1939

Збори Тов. Укр. Республіканців
в Едмонтоні.

Збори відбулися в залі Інституту
наприкінці лютого 30 присут-
них і 3 мін. год. по повідомленню.

Президенти були Вадим Н. Д.
Сорочинський секретарем В. Мачаного.
Секретарем Н. Мозаровим зрештешував
справу і мін. сир. зборів.

На миттєвній згоді С.У.Р. в Радію
примено зрештешував зрештешу-
вати організацію С.У.Р. в Товариство
Українських Республіканців.

Дирекцією статуту діють заархиро-
вано і перш. секретарем в друкарні РЗР.

Рин подорожув на Сорок Укр. Сир. не
отривав на шкільності мови, а на
шкільності, отже виступи С.У.Р. ніким
не знаєми зрештешував зрештешу-
вати мови в Едмонтоні відноситься
сьогоднішнього дня і ніким не перебу-
вав мови 30-35.

На підставі нового статуту Т.У.Р.
мнє сир. товариства буде зрештешу-
вати мови як найбільше діало оди-
нши, які поговорюються і спілаться
зрештешувати і ідентифікують Т.У.Р.

І так же в Народний Дія мнє не-
маємо до С.У.Р. то його мови
автоматично отже мови
Т.У.Р. а до мови Нар. Дія мнє не-
маємо до Тов. Укр. Сир.

Грома наймове 5 мови мови зор.

відділ Т.У.С., і всі товариства і
кар. Вони організовані від тепер
закази Т.У.С. Будуть керуватися лиш Т.У.С.

В Единотоні досі не було кар. Кар.
щоби був членом С.У.Н.К., отже по-
трібно тут організувати тов.
уірр. Самих ініціатив і посприяти
зданню при малу як найбільше нас
наших прихильників, що погоджують
ся з нашою ідеалістичною і дати їм
у працювати в товаристві по її руці.

Відтак програмат пару тижнів з ро-
бою статуту і з'ясував сам, що
тов. уірр. Самих повинно не лише про-
водити роботу будівного відділу Т.У.С.,
але оно повинно своєю роботою розши-
рити і здати при собі все своєю
не зрозумілість міста Единотону,
якщо порівняти з нашою ідеалістичною і
найближчою ціллю своєю тов. в місті
повинно бути будова великого кар.
Далі, який би був центром уірр.
життя в Единотоні.

Голова підкреслює розрив
таб і повставало ішло яка різниця
будови між членом С.У.Н.К. чи Н.К.
а безпосереднім членом Т.У.С.?

Голова і о. Уршич; Від тепер
не буде безпосередніх членів Т.У.С.,
з них буде належати до найбільшого
місцевого відділу Т.У.С.

Вона також вказує кар. Далі до кон-
трасти Т.У.С. і \$10.00, а отже скільки
центрально призначити це буде зале-
жатиме від вибору, чи відібрати
центрально.

- 7 п.м. Н. В. Інге
- 8 В. А. Гунер
- 9 п. Гайовський
- 10 п. Василишин
- 11 п. Гончук
- 12 ф. Медвинський
- 13 І. П. Лазарович
- 14 п.м. Стрижівський
- 15 Стешин
- 16 В. Андрусів
- 17 п.м. Андрусів
- 18 І. Сторельський
- 19 п.м. Гриница
- 20 п.м. Сторелька
- 21 Вас. Мойсей
- 22 Н. Демко
- 23 п.м. Демко
- 24 гр. Собєа
- 25 Місиків
- 26 П. А. Пауш
- 27 Лукіянчук
- 28 майор Мельник
- 29 п.м. Пилипчук
- 30 полк. Мацаров

Описи вигував будів з уряду на
38 рік з таким вислідом:

- | | | |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| п. Гайовський | - | чолова |
| Вас. Мойсей | - | зест. чолова |
| П. А. Пауш | - | рекорд. секретар |
| п.м. Василишин | - | спр.м. секр. |
| Н. Демко | - | касієр |
| Стешин | - | біднометар |
| Гончук | - | попедер |

Майорсе все зоряд був виданий
через експедицію.

Minutes: Edmonton USRL/CYC
Edmonton Branch – February 5, 1939
(English Translation)

The meeting took place in the auditorium of the Institute, with over 30 participants attending, at 3 o'clock of the afternoon.

The chair was elected as Mr. I. Gorecky, and the secretary as D. Maceluch.

Representative Lazarowich referred to the matter and aim of this meeting.

During the past SUS Convention in Saskatoon it was decided to reform and reorganize the organization SUS into the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association [TUS].

A charter was developed that was registered with the State Secretary in December 1938.

He explained that the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League was not relying on quantity of members but quality; thus, SUS branches never made any effort to obtain many members, and our branch in Edmonton was limited with regard to membership and never exceeded 30–35 in number.

Based on the new TUS charter, the aim of this association will be to unite the largest possible number of individuals as members who agree and resonate with the TUS ideology.

And so, where there is a People's Home that belongs to the SUND, then its members will automatically become members of TUS, and where there is no People's Home, our aim will be to organize a Ukr. Self-Reliance Assn.

At least 5 members are required in order to organize a TUS branch, and all societies and People's Homes organized from now on, because of the TUS, will only be called TUS.

In Edmonton, there hasn't yet been a People's Home that is a member of SUND, so here it will be necessary to organize a Ukr. Self-Reliance Assn. and make an effort to gather as many of our followers as possible as members—those who agree with our ideology, and give them the opportunity to work in the association as they are able.

Then he read out a couple of clauses from the new charter and concluded by saying that the Ukr. Self-Reliance Assn. should not only continue the work of the former SUS branch, but it should also expand this work and attract all the [nationally] conscious citizenry in the city of Edmonton that agrees with our ideology[. And the supreme aim of this association in the city should be to build a large People's Home, which would be a centre for Ukr. life in Edmonton.

Mr. Chairman thanked the representative and asked him what was the difference between a member of SUND or [People's Home] and a direct member of TUS?

Mr. Lazarowich and Rev. Hrycyna [answered]: From now on there will be no direct

members of TUS, but each of them will belong to the closest local branch of TUS.

The annual member's fee of the People's Home to the TUS Centralia is \$10.00, and what amount will be designated by the Centralia now will depend on the requirements and expenses of Centralia.

Mr. Chumer: Does this charter apply to all TUS [branches] in Canada, or only here in Edmonton?

Mr. Lazarowich: In all of Canada.

Mr. Lukianchuk suggested that the membership fee should be affordable, low enough so that everyone could become a member, and later it could be increased, if needed.

The Chair suggested someone make a motion as to whether an association like TUS was needed here in Edmonton.

Mr. Wasylyshyn and Mr. Yanda moved that our SUS branch continued to carry out its work under the new charter of the Ukr. Self-Reliance Assn.

Mr. Danylchuk moved that besides the SUS members, others should be attracted who are our followers.

Mr. Lazarowich amended Mr. Wasylyshyn's motion, namely: for a branch of TUS to be established here in Edmonton.

The results of voting: 9 for, 0 against.

The Chair read out the aims of TUS.

Then Rev. Hrycyna asked what was meant about gathering self-reliance Ukrainians? and replied himself that it should not be understood to mean only members of SUS or of its allied organizations but every Ukrainian who supports and agrees with the SUS ideology.

Dr. Verchomin and Mr. Yanda moved that the member fee should be \$1.00 each annually. Voting results 20 for, 0 against.

Then there was a general registration for membership in the Ukr. Self-Reliance Assn. The following people signed up:

1. Dr. Verchomin
2. Mrs. Verchomin
3. Mrs. A. Shewchyshyn
4. Rev. E. Hrycyna
5. Mr. Danylchuk
6. Mr. D. Yanda
7. Mrs. D.E. Yanda
8. V.A. Chumer
9. Mr. Gayowsky
10. Mr. Wasylyshyn
11. Mr. Panchuk
12. H. Stechynsky

13. I.P. Lazarowich
14. Mrs. Sechynsky
15. Stashyn
16. V. Andrusiw
17. Mrs. Andrusiw
18. I. Goretsky
19. Mrs. Hrycyna
20. Mrs. Gorecky
21. Was. Moisei
22. N. Demko
23. Mrs. Demko
24. Dr. Gowda
25. Myskiw
26. P.A. Pausch
27. Lukianchuk
28. Petro Melnyk
29. Dm. Pyliuk
30. Dan. Maceluch

This was followed by the election of an executive for 1939, with the following result:

- Mr. Gayowsky Chair
- Was. Moisei Deputy Chair
- P.A. Pausch Recording Secretary
- Mrs. Verchomin Financial Secretary
- N. Demko Treasurer
- Stashyn Librarian
- Panchuk property manager

Nearly all the executive was elected by acclamation.

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Audit Committee: Dr. Verchomin, Mrs. Yanda, N. Stachynsky

Mr. Lazarowich suggested that the name of this branch should be adopted as “Ukr. Self-Reliance Association in Edmonton.”

This prompted a brief discussion and afterwards, upon the motion by Messrs. Lukianchuk and Dr. Verchomin, the name of “Ukr. Self-Reliance Association” was adopted by all voters (except one).

Mr. Danylchuk suggested that a report be prepared for the next meeting, and also that planning for presentations or concerts and reports should be put on the future agenda.

Mr. Chumer: Where will this association have its premises?

Mr. Lazarowich: The executive should investigate regarding premises and inform the members about it.

Mr. Wasylyshyn suggested that a position of korespondent (press representative) should be elected (he himself held this position in the Edmonton SUS branch last year).

Mr. Chumer was elected press representative.

Mr. Gayowsky, the newly elected chair, took the floor, thanking those who elected him and asking all members for cooperation so that the work of this association would be crowned by success.

As moved by Messrs Yanda and Lazarowich, the meeting was adjourned.

D. Maceluch

З В І Т Голови Централі ТУС - СУНД

від липня 1963 до липня 1965 р.

ВСТУП - Початкових два місяці нашої Централі ми посвятили для орієнтації. Тому це не перший раз нам прийшлося провадити центральним тілом, нам треба було:

1. Навчитися думати і діяти широкими всеканадійськими категоріями, а не як досі місцевими чи навіть провінційними.
2. Наші перші засідання відбувалися на оселі КиУв. Засідали всі разом: ЦеСУС, ЦеТУС, Інститут св. Володимира, літні курси українознавства, ЦеСУК і ЦеСУЖ та ще до того і Провінційна Егзекутива на Східну Канаду. На початок то може й так було добре, щоб познайомитися з нашими різними проблемами. Але надалі ми мусіли наші засідання троха посортувати. І посортували. ЦеСУК і ЦеСУЖ почали відбувати їхні окремі засідання. Відтак Сх. Егзекутива приготувала З'їзд і спрямували її осідок до Монреалю. А ЦеСУС і ЦеТУС-СУНД далі засідали разом, принаймні одного вечора: ЦеТУС починала в 7.00 год. вечора, а ЦеСУС в 8.00 год. цього самого вечора. Такий порядок однак також показався непрактичним задля нашого предківського опізнення.
3. Тому почавши 20 травня, 1964 р. ЦеТУС-СУНД почала відбувати засідання окремо, другої середі кожного місяця, хоча й з малими виїсками.

ЕМАНІПАЦІЯ ТУС - це змуг увести в життя статутну предбачену тотальність ТУС-СУНД.

Тому що більшість членів ЦеТУС були з Торонта і тому що в ЦеСУС в Гамільтоні не було подостатком місця для всіх і тому що це було більше практичним, 6 листопада 1963 р. ми рішили примістити ЦеТУС-СУНД в Інституті св. Володимира в Торонті. Відтак наступні особні наші засідання. З поділом каси нам забрали довше, але остаточно і цього ми доконали. Тепер ми діємо рівнобіжно з жінками і чоловіком, а координуємо нашу працю в ЦеСУС. Це координацію треба не більше виробити, щоб складові організації предбачали проекти їхньої праці до ЦеСУС, а тоді виконували їх, щоб в той спосіб ми всі знали, коли і що робимо. Це не даліше треба вкрісталізувати в освідучій календарі нашої праці.

ОБІЖНИК ТУС - СУНД - Хотів як не виглядало неможовірно, ми хотіли підчинитися волі З'їзду ТУС-СУНД в Вінніпегу, в липні 1963р., ми були готові НЕ ВИДАВАТИ наших обіжників ТУС - СУНД. Однак завдяки точнішим інформаціям від Д-ра Л. Фарина і п. К. Телічка (і других), ми даліше продовжували видавання обіжників ТУС-СУНД. В листопаді 1963 р. виїшов наш черговий обіжник. За цілий цей час ми їх видали 7 чи 8. Щоб вони були більш практичними, ми почали додавати в скороченні зміст українського обіжника по англійськи. Позитивні зауваження членів признали нам рацію і заохоту робити це даліше, бо обіжник це екомунікація і нам треба комунікуватися тою мовою, яку теперішні члени найбільше розуміють. Це систему варто продовжувати.

Зміст обіжників, в додатку до поточних інформацій з життя нашої організації, включав заохоту і сугестію на слідуєчі проекти:

1. Піддержувати матеріально і морально УНРаду
2. Відбувати Шевченківські свята
3. Переводити дискусійні збори на тему Демократичності і Демократії
4. Складати фонди на Фундацію СУС
5. Відбувати Франківські і Петлюрівські свята
6. Переводити окружні з'їзди, відвідувати оусідні відділи
7. Відбувати збори для відзначення старших і заслужених членів відділу
8. Приготовити проекти для святкування 100-ліття Канади
9. Допомогати СУЖКівцям у їхній праці
10. Відбувати Провінційні з'їзди
11. Сугестію для збільшення членства через доповнення молодими членами
12. Піддержувати Український Голос і Вістник
13. Організувати колядки самим або з СУЖКівцями
14. Вироблення "Адресаря" ТУС - СУНД
15. Збірка фонду на видання Історії Українців в Канаді, творення місцевих комітетів, то що.

Виконання цих проєктів ми лишали в більшій чи меншій мірі для ініціативи і уяви управл. відділів. Нам чейше не можливо доглядати, щоб все як слід було виконане на місцях. Кожен відділ знаючи свої обставини і можливості нехай сам дасть осядок їхньої кооперації з Централю.

ЗАСІДАННЯ ЦЕТУС-СУНД -

Централа наша відбула 14 власних засідань, 12 в Торонті, а по одному в гостинних домах п. І. Олеськова в Гамільтоні і Д-ра К. Сельського в Веланд. Програми і писемні повідомлення до позамісцевих членів я приготував сам з мінімальними сугестіями решти членів Централі. Засідання відбувалися звичайно з опізнаннями та в присутності більше або менше членів Централі, але завжди в присутності нашого Ділового Секретаря, п. І. Боднарчука, котрий при кінці заступав п. І. Олеськова, під час його відсутності задля не доволі кріпкого здоров'я. До того додайте факт, що Др. Горчишський пішов до ЦесУС, як заступник секретаря, щоб заступити не цілкомитого здорового Д-ра С. Кляшакса, а відтак з початком березня сам захоріх.

На наших засіданнях ми порушували такі справи як: - окрузки з'їзди - відвідування і посилення місцевих відділів - підготування до 100-ліття Канади - Двоомовність і Двокультурність - членство в комітеті 100-ліття - поміч для СУМК - обіжники - відзначення заслужених членів ТУС - Конференції в Вінніпегу - в липні 1964 р. і в травні 1965 р. - контекст на відзнаку ТУС - дозимитне членство ТУС-СУНД, адресар ТУС - членські видатки - видання ораторів в англійській мові а то й двоомитного - рент за канцелярію - брошура про ідеологію ТУС в англійській мові - фундація СУС - видання Історії Українців в Канаді - Загальний З'їзд і сполучені з тим комітети - поїздки - поправки до статуту ТУС-СУНД - осядок нової Централі ТУС - резолюції - і т. п. Засідання я старався переводити ділово з дискусіями, але по можності без балачок.

ПОЇЗДКИ І РЕПРЕЗЕНТАЦІЇ - Поїздки ми відбували спорадично, часом на запрошення, часом за пачком. В липні 1963 ми пачкували відвідати всі наші відділи в Саскачевані, одиак цей пач так скоро змився як рішався. Особито робити дошку пачкувану поїздки по відділам мені не ставало часу. Одиак я бажаю відвідати якнайбільше відділів. Можливо протягом слідуючих два роки таке мені вдасться. Помімо того ми поодинокі чи групопо відідали всі відділи на сході Канади, навіть в Кенорі і Форт Вільям. Я замітив, що багато праці не треба положити, щоб наше членство було задовольно поінформоване хотайби про нашу структуру або навіть ідеологію. Обіжниками можливо можна троха зробити, одиак не багато, бо щоб щось краще пояснити, треба більше написати, а біда в тім, що ніхто не хоче багато читати не то по українськи але навіть по англійськи. Тому треба багато середників приміновати, щоб вповні осягнути нашу ціль.

Уважаю, щоб, як можливо, не перетягувати наших членів вибираючи їх до кількох управ, бо вони не будуть цілкомити в жадній з них. Фізично не можливо. При виборі нової Централі ТУС-СУНД прошу спеціально звернути на це увагу.

На прикінці хочу зложити подяку членам ЦЕТУС-СУНД за їхню кооперацію, як рівнож ЦесУС і Централю других осядкових організацій. Спеціально подяку осядає нашим членам за їхні поради, на котрі ми так багато опиралися, як рівнож загальному нашому членству ТУС-СУНД, бо без їхньої осядної опівпраці і піддержки централа булаби верх без фундаменту.

На майбутнє бажаю нашої організації більшого не розвити в парі з вирозумілістю, пошанов і солідарністю з другими осядковими організаціями Союзу Українців Самостійників.

З братнім привітом.

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Торонто, 8 липня, 1965р.

ЗВІТ ГОЛОВИ ТОВАРИСТВА УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИХ... (Т У С)
І СОЮЗУ УКРАЇНСЬКИХ НАРОДНИХ ДОМІВ (С У Н Д)
в діяльності від липня 1965 до червня 1967 років
представлений на Домініанському З'їзді ІВ-ІБ липня
1967 року в Торонті, Онтаріо.

І. ВСТУП :

Останні два роки, може більше як колибудь інше, позначилися поживленням праці і перебудовою відділів нашої організації. Замітне є явище, що на місце старших, як на Сході так на Заході Канади, прибувають молодші члени. В них може бути менший гін і запал до продовження тої самої праці, що їхні батьки започаткували, однак факт є незаперечний, що до нашої організації вони таки горнуть. Нам треба подбати, щоб праця теперішніх відділів була якнайбільше подібна якійсь до праці попереднього роду відділів нашої організації.

Якуж функцію виконувала наша Домініанська Централь в житті нашого Товариства ? Погляньмо.

2. ПЛАН ПОЖИВЛЕННЯ ПРАЦІ ПО ВІДДІЛАХ:

Вкоротці по З'їзді два роки тому Централь взялася до вкладки плану праці для наших відділів. Провідними думками того плану були:

- а. подбати, щоб відділи мали завжди щось до роботи
- б. зробити Централь осередком інформації потрібною для нашої організації
- в. заставити відділи до постачання тих інформацій
- г. доставляти відділам потрібні інформаційні матеріали.

Під кінець 1965 року Централь затвердила слідуєчий план поживлення праці ТУС - СУНД:

- I. Відзнаки ТУС - зарядити конкурс для вироблення такої відзнаки
2. Виробити нагороди чи пам'ятки з такою відзнакою ТУС (шпильки до краваток чи манжетів, запальнички, пера і т.п.)
3. Виробити особні членські картки з відзнакою ТУС
4. Почесні грамоти для заслужених членів вручати підчас спеціальних на це зорганізованих зборів
5. Опуст чи прислуга (фейвор) виведені для членів в наших бізнесменів чи професіоналістів (впорядкувати адресар)
6. збирати біографії членів до архіву ТУС
7. Відзначення заслуг членів (вищий ступінь до 5 літ - змінити краску тла під відзнакою ТУС
8. Перевидати статут ТУС в обох мовах і пояснити його членам
9. Видати брошуру про структуру СУС і пояснити членам з наголосом на ТУС
10. Поїздка членів Централі в близький або й дальший терен
11. Поїздка організатора ТУС в дальший терен
12. Поміж-відділовий конкурс праці ТУС
13. Організувати (через Провінційні Екзекутиви) окружні з'їзди
14. Висилати членам цікаві памфлети, інформації
15. Завести курси у вихованні для старших
16. Завести лекції розговорної української мови
17. Організувати відділки сусідніх відділів з відчитами, дебатками, промовками, концертами, , турнірами спортивними
18. Відбувати спільні засідання чи претри зі складовими організаціями.

19. Заряджувати стрічі зі студентами там де є університети чи інститути
20. заряджувати морально стрічу чи обід з СУМКівцями
21. Зобов'язувати членів зробити щось для відділу чи СУМКівців (короткий, цікавий вілчит, доповідь, виставку, вечірок і т.п.)
22. Читати щось цікавого з Українського Голосу чи якоїсь книжки на сходинах Товариства
23. Цікавитися і приймати участь в праці церковних громад
24. Боронити добре ім'я члена перед другими.

Багато з тих точок ми перевели в життя з більшими чи меншими успіхами. Інші ще чекають свого дня і відповідних до цього людей.

3. ОБІЖНИКИ :

За цих два роки ми видали 9 двомовних обіжників, які служили як посередники між Централей і нашими відділами. З нашими Провінційними Егзекуривами, в додатку до обіжників, ми рішили вдержувати безпосередній, писемний зв'язок. В обіжниках ми порушували дотеперішні програмні виконання, як свята Шевченка, Франка, Петлери, державности, листопадового зриву, книжки; біжучі - Конгрес КВК, Провінційні і Окружні з'їзди, річні збори, членські збори, членські виладки, 75-ліття Українців в Канаді, Експо '67, 100-ліття Канади, 40-ліття ТУС, теперішній З'їзд; ми вживали до кооперації з нашими братніми організаціями і церквою; ми заохочували до збірки на Історію Українців в Канаді, вивчення української мови, до допомоги і проводу СУМКівцям і т.п. Ми проголосили контексти і визначили нагороди на емблем ТУС та спогади піонерів.

4. ВИДАВНИЧА ПРАЦЯ : Ми видали:

- а. Статут ТУС в українській і англійській мовах
- б. Програмку на свято І. Франка
- в. Перше число журналу для молоді "СУМКІВЕЦЬ"
- г. Рішили і зарядили видати промову посла Н. Мандзюка, яку він виголосив на з'їзді в Вінніпегу в 1966 році
- г. Рішили і зарядили видання промови п. Б. Стечишина, яку він виголосив на Всеканадському З'їзді СУС в Торонті в 1965 році
- д. Виробили почесні грамоти ТУС

5. ПОЇЗДКИ І ВІДВІДИНИ :

- а. Наш Діловий Секретар, п. І. Боднарчук, об'їхав Східню Канаду
- б. Запланували мою поїздку по Манітобі на 21 - 26 червня, 1966 р. що, на рекомендацію Манітоскої Егзекутиви, відкликали з Провінційних Виборів
- в. Запланували поїздку п. І. Боднарчука в осінь 1966 року до Манітоби, яку в останнім моменті, з необхідних причин, треба було відкликати
- г. Я відвідав відділ в Грімсбі з нагоди листопадового свята '65р.
- г. Я відвідав Саскатун з нагоди відкриття нового Інституту Могили і Ужнього Провінційного З'їзду
- д. Я і п. Н. Грабовський відвідали Віндзор з нагоди відкриття нового дому Т-ва Просвіта і відіслали нараду з місцевим управом Товариства Українців Самостійників
- е. Взяли участь в Конгресі КВК в Вінніпегу осінню 1965 року і в Конференції СУС з нагоди Конгресу
- е. п. Н. Грабовський відвідав Оттаву з нагоди Пров. З'їзду Східньої Канади, рівнож в жовтні 1965 р.
- ж. Відвідали Наєгра Фалс з нагод Окружнього З'їзду С.У.К.

5. а. Відвідали Отаву з нагоди З'їзду Східньої Канади СУС осінню 1966 року

и. Відбули Передз'їздову Конференцію в Вінніперу на весну 1967 р.

і. Відвідали відділ ТУС в Монреалі в квітні 1967 р. з нагоди Їхнього 35-літнього Дня

Одним словом, ми старалися бути всюди, де нас уважали потрібними не зважаючи на час і кошти. Рівнож ми не накидали своєї присурності в других місцях, ніколи і нікому.

6. РЕПРЕЗЕНТАЦІЯ В ЦЕНТРАЛІ СОЮЗУ УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ (СУС)

Протягом цих двох років я був присутній на кожному засіданні (крім одного) Це СУС і на численних засіданнях З'їздового і других комітетів СУС, де моя присутність була побажана. Завсіди я виявляв повну кооперацію і тішився повним довірям Голови Це СУС, Д-ра П. Охитви, з котрим я був в тісній консультації та заступав його, де було потрібно і можливо, за що тут складаю йому ширю подяку.

7. ЗАКЛЮЧЕННЯ:

Ми закінчили доволі успішно нашу каденцію. Дещо довершили, а дещо осталось до виконання для слідуючої управи. Беручи до уваги факт, що ця народня праця робиться у наш вільний від буденних обов'язків, не всілі було більше виконати. Рівнож не від річи буде замітити, що з наших 22 засідань, на 8 з них ми не мали вкворуму членів управи присутніми і ані на одному засіданні були ВСІ присутні. Недуга, вакації, обов'язки чи ще щось були відповідальні за таку низьку участь. Ми однак завершили організацію своєї канцелярії. Ми, як другі складові організації СУС, маємо тепер свою канцелярію, свого Ділового Секретаря, свого скарбника зі своїми касовими книжками і своєю, навіть не порожню, касою. З цієї нагоди уважаю своїм прийним обов'язком подякувати всім членам ЦеТУС - СУНД за Їхню співпрацю, а зосібна, мойому землякові, Богданові Микитюкові, котрий, хотай молодий в нашій організації, а цей до того на кінець не дуже здоровий, виявив багато ініціативи і запалу у виконанні своїх обов'язків. Подяка рівнож належить нашим Провінційним Управам, всьому нашому членству, всім нашим дорадникам (головно пп. К. Теличкові, В. Буриновичові, В. Сарчукові, І. Сириновичові і іншим), священству, як рівнож високим церковним властям. Нашим братнім організаціям, Союзіві Українок Канади, Союзіві Української Молоді Канади та всім Інститутам, щиро спасибі за Їхню кооперацію та піддержку. Нашим наслідникам, новій Це ТУС-СУНД, лишаємо ще доволі недокінченої праці та наші ширі сподівання, що вони поведуть нашу організацію до ще вищих вершин - що дай, Боже !

З правдивою пошаною,

П.Кит
Павло Кит, Голова
ТУС - СУНД.

Тоґонто, 8 липня, 1967 р.

M. Kereluke and Rev. Fr. Oleg Krawchenko:
For your information: What is TYC?

ЩО ЦЕ Є
ТУС
?

Головні члени і прихильники Товариства Українців Самостійників !

Оце випускаємо для інформації маленьку брошульку про наше Товариство, яке існує вже через кільканадцять років. Тут знайдете різні питання і відповіді про ТУС і якщо у вас виникне питання, до якого немає у цій брошурі, ми просимо вас написати до Домініальної Управи ТУС а ви напевно одержите задовільну відповідь.

ЩО ЦЕ Є ТОВАРИСТВО УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ ?

Товариство Українців Самостійників, це народня організація канадських українців, яка стоїть на засадах самостійності власних сил, не підпорядковується ніяким політичним партіям в Канаді чи поза Канадою. Товариство Українців Самостійників (ТУС) поставило перед собою три головні основні завдання:

1. САМОПОНАТА
2. САМОДІЯЛЬНІСТЬ
3. САМОСТІЙНІСТЬ

Основу самостійності також можна поділити на три точки:

- (а) Самостійність одиниці, організації і народу
- (б) Самостійність думки і діла
- (в) Самостійність у справах політичних, економічних і релігійних.

ЯК ПОВСТАЛА ОРГАНІЗАЦІЯ ТОВАРИСТВА УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ (ТУС) ?

Народовецька група, яка робила велику національну українську культурну працю, оформилась у 1927 році в Союз Українців Самостійників (СУС). До СУС тоді приєднались: Союз Українок Канади (СУК), Союз Української Молоді Канади (СУМК) і провадили культурно освітню працю. Коли виникла думка, щоб ідеологічно об'єднати ці організації під одним центральним проводом, рішено оскувати організацію, в якій знайшли б організаційне оформлення також і мушини - самостійники. Тоді основано окрему організацію Самостійників під назвою Товариство Українців Самостійників, як організацію для мушин а Союз Українців Самостійників залишено як центральне об'єднуюче тіло для ідеологічно пов'язаних організацій у формі координаційно - центрального представництва.

ЧИ ТОВАРИСТВО УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ МАЄ СВІЙ СТАТУТ ?

Організація ТУС має свій статут, який був ухвалений і затверджений на спільній сесії загального з'їзду СУС в Торонті, Онтаріо дня 9-го липня 1960 р.

ЯКУ ОРГАНІЗАЦІЙНУ СТРУКТУРУ МАЄ ТОВАРИСТВО УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ (ТУС) ?

Організаційна структура ТУС поділяється на такі головні проводи:!

- (а) Головна центральна (Домініальна) управа або центральний провід.
- (б) Провінційні проводи ТУС, яких є чотири.
- (в) Місцеві відділи ТУС і рядове членство.
- (г) Безпосередні члени де немає відділів ТУС.

ЧИ ЦЕНТРАЛЬНЕ ПРЕДСТАВНИЦТВО СОЮЗУ УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ Є БЕЗПОСЕРЕДНІМ

КЕРІВНИМ ПРОВОДОМ ТОВАРИСТВА УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ ?

Центральне Представництво СУС не є безпосереднім наказовим проводом Товариства Українців Самостійників в справах діяльності. Голова центральної (домініальної) управи ТУС входить до Центрального Представництва (СУС) Союзу Українців Самостійників як представник від організації мушин (ТУС), в подібному як голова Союзу Українок Канади від жінок. В інших словах можна пояснити, що голови всіх ідеологічно пов'язаних організацій: ТУС-СУНД, СУК, СУМК, і також

Інститутів, творять центр Союз Українців Самостійників, який лише координує ці організації в різних спільних нарадах чи громадській праці.

КОЛИ І ЯК ВИБИРАЮТЬ ЦЕНТРАЛЬНИЙ ПРОВІД ТУС ?

Центральний провід ТУС вибирають на загальному головному з'їзді ТУС, який відбувається щодва роки в місцевості, в якій ухвалить всі організації, які входять до центрального представництва ТУС.

ЯКИЙ Є СКЛАД ГОЛОВНОГО ПРОВІДУ ТОВАРИСТВА УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ ?

Головний центральний провід ТУС вибирається в такому порядку !

- (а) Голова
- (б) Заступник голови
- (в) Секретар
- (г) Скарбник
- (д) Члени управи (три особи)

СКІЛЬКИ Є ПРОВІНЦІЙНИХ ПРОВІДІВ ТУС ?

Провінційних провідів ТУС є чотири:

- (а) Східний провід (Онтаріо і Квебек)
- (б) Манітобський провід ТУС (Манітоба)
- (в) Саскачеванський провід ТУС (Саскачеван)
- (г) Західний провід ТУС (Алберта і Бритиш Колумбія)

ЯК І КОЛИ ВИБИРАЄТЬСЯ ПРОВІНЦІЙНИЙ ПРОВІД ТУС ?

Провінційний провід ТУС вибирається на головному провінційному з'їзді ТУС, який скликає собі кожна провінція незалежно від інших провінцій.

ЯКІ Є ГОЛОВНІШІ ВІДПОВІДАЛЬНОСТІ ПРОВІНЦІЙНОГО ПРОВІДУ ТУС ?

Провінційний провід ТУС керує самостійницькою організацією ТУС в своїй провінції:

- (а) Організує і приймає нові відділи ТУС в організаційну систему.
- (б) За порозумінням центральної управи ТУС, укладає план праці на кожний рік для своїх відділів ТУС в своїй провінції.
- (в) Подає до центральної управи ТУС свої річні звіти з діяльності.
- (г) Скликає окружні і провінційні конференції ТУС.
- (д) Дбає, щоб річний бюджет був виконаний місцевими відділами ТУС.
- (е) Дає загальні вказівки в культурно-громадській праці ТУС в своїй провінції і допомагає своїм відділам ТУС на ниві української культури.

МЕТА І ЗАВДАННЯ ТОВАРИСТВА УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ (ТУС)

- (а) Організувати українців Самостійників для успішного розвитку самостійницьких ідей ТУС.
- (б) Підтримувати Українську Греко-Православну Церкву в Канаді, яка дійсно є автокефальна і соборноправна, що повстала з волі українців Канади.
- (в) Інформувати своїх співжителів Канади про українську визвольну справу при допомозі преси і різних видань, та вказати що українці є чесні і корисні громадяни Канади.
- (г) Відбивати всякі погані опинії чужинного світу проти українського народу і України; обороняти і ширити добре українське ім'я в широкому світі та боротись проти ворожих елементів комунізму.

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- (д) Розвивати і плекати добре і здорово-моральне громадське життя в Канаді.
- (е) Плекати і розвивати українські народно-церковні традиції українського народу та дбати,щоби українська культурна спадщина не пропала а збереглась на все,серед українського покоління в Канаді.
- (є) Закладати українські школи і курси українознавства,як для молоді так і для старших.
- (ж) Допомогати молоді СУМ і сумківським літним оселям у їхній праці за збереження українства в Канаді.
- (з) Піддержувати морально і духово український нарід в його боротьбі за відбудову незалежної соборної української держави.

В ЯКИЙ СПОСІБ ТОВАРИСТВО УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ ВИКОНУЄ СВОЮ ПРАЦЮ ?

Головний провід ТУС керує працею і розподіляє її по провінціям.

- (а) Опрацьовує і пропонує плани праці для всіх провінційних проводів ТУС
- (б) Видає інформативний "БЮЛЕТЕНЬ ТУС-СУНД"для свого членства, в якому інформує про різні справи зв'язані з громадською і культурною працею Товариства Українців Самостійників.
- (в) В міру потреби заряджує і скликає окружні наради чи конференції даних округ чи провінцій.
- (г) В спільних нарадах СУС встановлює б'юджетний план для всіх провінційних проводів ТУС і загальною красивий б'юджет цілої організації ТУС.
- (д) Допомогає фінансово сумківській молоді в її організаційно - культурній праці.
- (е) Допомогає в розбудові літніх осель, в яких сумківська молодь знаходить відпочинок,як також навчається на курсах Українознавства
- (є) Поширює і дбає,щоби розвиток української мови був поширений як найбільше серед нашої молоді в різних видах навчання і щоби члени ТУС плекали розвиток української мови в родинному оточенню свого дому.
- (ж) Турбується справою збереження нашої української ідентичности у різних видах культурного традиціоналізму.
- (з) З точки фінансових можливостей,дбає про видавничу діяльність української літератури і видань потрібних для шкіл у виді підручників.Поширює українські видання в публичних бібліотеках по різних центрах Канади.
- (к) Тримає постійно зв'язок з другими організаціями,які входять до центрального представництва СУС.

ЯКЕ Є ВІДНОШЕННЯ ТУС ДО УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ ГРЕКО-ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ ?

Товариство Українців Самостійників завжди сприяло розвитку релігійного виховання і цінило УГПЦеркву як дійсно національну церкву,яка в'яжеться з тисячолітньою історією українського народу.ТУС дальше стоїть на позитивному становищу,що УГПЦерква є українською національною церквою українського народу і не є під чужим керівництвом та знарядом використання для чужих ідей.Товариство Українців Самостійників давало та буде давати всяку моральну і матеріальну поміч на розбудову Української Греко-Православної Церкви в Канаді.

ЯКЕ Є ВІДНОШЕННЯ ТУС ДО УКРАЇНСЬКИХ ПРАВОСЛАВНИХ ІНСТИТУТІВ СВ.ІВАНА ІМ. П.МОУІЛИ І СВ. ВОЛОДИМИРА ?

Тому що Інститут ім.П.Могили був першою українською кузницею, в якій гартувались початкові кадри українського самостійницького руху в Канаді, Товариство Українців Самостійників визнає наші виховні Інститути як корисні інституції культурного самостійницького виховання нашої молоді, для кращого культурного розвитку наших сил в Канаді.

ЯКІ СТАРАННЯ РОБИТЬ ТУС В ЦІЛІ ЗБЕРЕЖЕННЯ УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ

ЕТНІЧНОЇ ГРУПИ В КАНАДІ ?

Організація ТУС всіма силами поширює програми навчання української мови; своїми зверненнями завжди звертає увагу українському студентству і молоді, щоб вони вивчали українську матірню мову. Підтримує програми різних курсів Українознавства, парохіяльних і Рідних Шкіл, в яких навчається українська дітвора. Співпрацює з Союзом Українок Канади та Радою Українських Шкіл (РУШ) в цілях навчання дітей в українських школах. Дбає, щоб навчання української мови було поширене в державних школах Канади.

ЧИ ТОВАРИСТВО УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ Є ПОЛІТИЧНА ОРГАНІЗАЦІЯ ?

ТУС не є політична організація а лише народньо-громадського характеру. ТУС не забороняє своїм членам брати участь в політичному житті Канади чи належати до політичних партій державного устрою канадської держави. ТУС дає повну свободу своїм членам у виборі партійної приналежності в канадській доміняльній, провінційній чи муніципальній політиці.

ЯКЕ Є ВІДНОШЕННЯ ТУС ДО УКРАЇНСЬКИХ ПОЛІТИЧНИХ ПАРТІЙ АБО ОРГАНІЗАЦІЙ ?

Ставлення Товариства Українців Самостійників до українських політичних угруповань залежить від ідеального наставлення цих угруповань до самостійної незалежної української держави і чесною політичною думки. ТУС шанує і підтримує всякі позитивні діла політики, якщо ця політика стремить за відновлення незалежності української самостійної держави на демократичних принципах державного устрою. ТУС шанує також ті партії, які об'єдналися в УНРаді і з цією Радою може співпрацювати через свій репрезентативний центр СУС і також Комітет Українців Канади, як єдиний репрезентативний центр канадських українців.

ТУС І ЙОГО ВІДНОШЕННЯ ДО КОМІТЕТУ УКРАЇНЦІВ КАНАДИ !

ТУС вважає, що Комітет Українців Канади є потрібним центром для всіх канадських українців, бо він об'єднує і репрезентує всі українські національні громадські організації в Канаді. Наше становище до КУК є позитивне і наша організація ТУС є зареєстрована в КУК через центральне представництво Союзу Українців Самостійників.

ТУС І ЙОГО ВІДНОШЕННЯ ДО СВІТОВОГО КОНГРЕСУ ВІЛЬНИХ УКРАЇНЦІВ.

Товариство Українців Самостійників визнає Світовий Конгрес Вільних Українців громадським репрезентативним українців громадян різних країн перманентного поселення. Товариство Українців Самостійників повинно бути зареєстроване через своє центральне представництво Союз Українців Самостійників в цій громадській світовій організації та через Комітет Українців Канади, щоб забезпечити собі постійне місце репрезентативу канадських українців у секретарії Світового Конгресу Вільних Українців.

‘ТУС І УКРАЇНА !

На дослідно - плянувальній конференції СУС, яка відбулась в місяці лютому 1971 року в місті Саскатуні і в якій взяли участь делегати від всіх ідеологічно пов'язаних організацій при СУС, як також члени центральної управи ТУС та провінційних проводів, були внесені у формі резолюцій точки такого змісту:

- (а) СУС стоїть на засаді, що всесторонній поступ і добробут українського народу та належне йому місце в світі можуть бути тільки забезпечені незалежною суверенною державою, створеною волею самого народу в історичних межах його етнографічних земель.
- (б) СУС вважає, що формальні зв'язки з урядом УРСР в ділянках; культурній, науковій, спортивній, академічній та інших ділянках, повинні бути ведені через Федеральний уряд Канади. СУС повинен постійно впливати на Федеральний уряд, щоб канадські українці були відповідно репрезентовані в складі офіційних канадських делегацій.
Для розбудови таких зв'язків СУС вважає, що потрібно вибрати консульських представників поміж Оттавою і Києвом.
- (в) СУС як організація, не повинна в'язати себе різними видами зв'язків з представниками Радянської України, але й не мати застережень супроти участі індивідуальних членів у неофіційних зв'язках ведених приватними установами чи фірмами; за такі зв'язки СУС не несе ніякої відповідальності.

Наколи ці повиде згадані три точки були прийняті загально самостійницькими організаціями при СУС то Товариство Українців Самостійників вважає ці точки правосильними і прийняло їх за принципи нашого відношення до України.

ТУС І УКРАЇНЬСЬКА НАЦІОНАЛЬНА РАДА !

На цій же Дослідно - Плянувальній Конференції СУС було обговорене наше відношення до Української Національної Ради в такому змісті:

- (а) СУС визнає державний центр УНРади правним носієм концепції державної суверенності українського народу. СУС заохочує своїх членів давати йому моральну і матеріальну підтримку.

Товариство Українців Самостійників погодило цю точку своєю репрезентацією на цій конференції і вважає принципово цю точку за правий погляд цілої організації ТУС.

ТУС І УКРАЇНЬСЬКА ПРЕСА !

ТУС є зарепрезентоване тижневим органом "Український Голос", який видає видавничу спілку "Тризуб". Свої ідеологічні та всі інші громадські справи ТУС завжди висвітлює їх на сторінках цього часопису. Іншими виданнями організації при СУС є журнал "Сумківець" та журнал "Промінь", які репрезентують молодь СУЖ і Союз Українок Канади.

ЧЛЕНСТВО ТОВАРИСТВА УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ !

Членом Товариства Українців Самостійників може стати кожний мушина української народности у віці 18-ть років і вище, який погоджується з ідеологією, програмою і працею ТУС, вносячи свою заяву разом з приписаною членською вкладкою і вписовим. Кандидат стає повним членом ТУС, якщо його записано на

список та затверджено центральною управою (проводом) ТУС.

БЕЗПОСЕРЕДНІ ЧЛЕНИ ТУС !

Поодинокі прихильники програми ТУС, які хотіли б бути в рядах самостійників а не мають задовільного числа осіб для з формування відділу, можуть належати до найближчого відділу ТУС, або можуть бути безпосередніми членами, через провінційний провід Товариства Українців Самостійників.

ВІДПОВІДАЛЬНІСТЬ ЧЛЕНА ТУС !

- (а) Кожен член ТУС повинен поглиблювати своє знання і розуміння ідеологічно - програмових ідей Товариства Українців Самостійників.
- (б) Член ТУС повинен брати участь в сходинах, вічах, зборах та з'їздах ТУС і цікавитись українським культурним життям та читати українські видання і пресу.
- (в) Член ТУС повинен бути відповідальним супроти своєї організації і дотримуватись ідеологічних правил і обов'язків, які покладає організація на нього.
- (г) Член ТУС повинен поширювати ідеологічні принципи, програму та видання ТУС, серед українського громадянства Канади.
- (д) Член ТУС повинен відноситись знаменно пошаном до управи свого відділу, провінційних та центрального проводу та бути морально чесним супроти своїх друзів в організації.
- (е) Обов'язком кожного члена є платити свої членські вкладки на час кожного року.
- (є) Кожен член ТУС повинен передплачувати пресовий орган "Український Голос", який репрезентує ТУС в загальному житті серед етнічної преси в Канаді.
- (ж) Кожен член повинен дбати про добре ім'я своєї організації ТУС і української спільноти серед мозаїки етнічних груп в Канаді.

ЧЛЕНСЬКА ВКЛАДКА ТУС !

Висоту і розподіл членських вкладок встановляє загальний з'їзд ТУС. Членська вкладка є розподілена на три частини: для місцевого відділу ТУС, для провінційного проводу ТУС і для центрального проводу ТУС. Членські вкладки є головним фінансовим засобом існування організації. Гроші із членських вкладок ідуть на різні організаційні культурно-освітні цілі як: видання книжок і брошур, поміч нашої молоді чи то в літніх оселях, курсах українознавства чи в інших формах діяльності, поміч українським школам, як також на організування українських бібліотек в культурних центрах і багато інших видів діяльності на полі збереження української культури в Канаді.

ЧИ ЦЕНТРАЛЬНИЙ ПРОВІД ТУС Є ПЛАТНИМИ ПРАЦІВНИКАМИ ?

Ні ! Центральний провід ТУС працює на добровільних засадах для загального добра української спільноти в Канаді.

ЧИ ТУС СПІВПРАЦЮЄ З ІНШИМИ УКРАЇНСЬКИМИ ОРГАНІЗАЦІЯМИ В КАНАДІ ?

ТУС через свій репрезентативний центр СУС є заступлений в Комітеті Українців Канади і через цей Комітет співпрацює з іншими українськими організаціями, коли вимагає загальна справа українського громадянського чи політичного аспекту відносно українців в Канаді.

Центральний Провід ТУС в Канаді.

Цю інформацію про ТУС вложили
М.Керелюк
З.Орест

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

What is TYC?

TYC (Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association) is a Ukrainian Canadian organization which is self-reliant but is non political, fostering amongst its membership the principles of self-reliance, self-help and self-respect.

How did TYC originate?

In 1927 a Ukrainian National group was formed to foster the Ukrainian culture in Canada under the name of CYC (Ukr. Self-Reliance League). At that time two groups composed CYC-The Ukr. Women's Association (CYK) and the Ukr. Canadian Youth Association (CYMK) which fostered the essential Ukrainian culture. Later a men's group came into existence as one of the components of CYC-The Ukr. Self-Reliance Association (TYC), thus the three groups were coordinated under one mother organization-"CYC". TYC has its own separate constitution which was adopted at a CYC Conference in 1960 in Toronto. The other two components also have their own separate constitutions.

What is the structure of TYC? (Executives)

1. Dominion Exec. 2. Provincial Exec. 3. Local Branch Exec. 4. Membership Dominion TYC, CYK, CYMK, CYND, and Institute Presidents are members of the coordinatig Body CYC.

When and how is Dominion TYC Executive elected?

The Executive members namely-President, Vice Pres., Sec., Treas., and three members-at-large are elected every two years at CYC Conference (wherever it is held, as agreed by all component organizations of CYC), by TYC paid-up members, who attend that Conference.

Presently four sections in Canada make up Dominion TYC- Eastern Canada Exec. (Ontario & Quebec); Manitoba Prov. Exec.; Saskatchewan Prov. Exec., and the Western Canada Exec. (Alta & B.C.). The Provincial or Sectional Executives are elected at their Prov. Annual Conference every two years.

What are the Provincial TYC Executive's responsibilities?

1. To promote the organization and ratify new Branches in its province.
2. With the approval of Dominion TYC Exec., to promote suggested plans and programs for its Branches in the province.
3. To report to Dominion TYC on all its undertakings during the year.
4. To call and arrange Branch and Provincial Conferences.
5. To see that Branch Budget to the Prov. Exec. is fulfilled.
6. Makes recommendations to local TYC Branches, to maintain the Ukrainian culture, identity and language.
7. To encourage its members to support the Ukr. Greek Orthodox Church of Canada, all Ukrainian Institutes, St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg, in the spiritual and moral teachings of all its people, and the Ukrainian Press and media such as Ukrainian Voice, Herald, Symkevitz and Promin.

What attitude does TYC take towards the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church?

It is the only church that TYC is affiliated with. TYC has always supported and took great interest in the growth and the functional life of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church. TYC observes that U.G.O.C. is the only real Ukrainian National Church which is a truly democratic institution and in no way under any foreign influence. TYC members give full support morally and materially to the Ukr. Greek Orthodox Church of Canada.

Membership- Male- 18 years and over of good character and community standing and who is willing to subscribe and live up to TYC Constitution.

Classification:

1. Active, 2. Associate, 3. Life, 4. Honorary

Types:

1. Novice- introductory period to TYC Constitution.
2. Inconsistent or Casual- one who is active only casually or temporarily to satisfy his personal interests.
3. Active- takes active participation in all TYC functions
4. Member-at-large- may be active or semi-active, who does not belong to any particular Branch. Pays his fees to Provincial Exec.
5. Anonymous- (sympathizer)- who assists financially and morally, but for private reasons wishes to remain anonymous.

Why do members enrol in TYC? (Various reasons)

1. Fellowship and fraternalism
2. Ukrainian National awareness of culture & language
3. Is in agreement of full support to Ukr. Greek Orthodox Church, Institutes, Summer Camps, Ukrainian and Sunday Schools.
4. Wishes to support and give full recognition in promoting Ukrainian culture, language and identity.
5. Wishes to promote the teaching of Ukrainian in Elementary and High schools through TYC efforts.
6. Has interest in Ukrainian matters in general (natural instinct)
7. In few instances to be in the group where his friends are. (sense of belonging)

Desirable

Traits and characteristics in Leaders and Executive members

1. Drive; 2. aggressiveness; 3. persistence; 4. good human and public relations;
 5. personality; 6. maturity; 7. persuasiveness; 8. individuality; 9. tactfulness
 10. motive; 11. good planner; 12. philosophical
- "A good active organization is like an electric clock- we know it functions but it is silent!"

I. CONFERENCES:

1. Dominion CYC convention was held in Winnipeg-August 31.
New CYC President is -Dr. S. Yaremchuk- Edmonton
2. Dominion TYC Conference was held in Winnipeg- August 31 and Sept. 1
New Dom. TYC President is Dr. L. Faryna- (See report in Ukrainian) Edmonton
3. Sask. Prov. TYC Annual Conference will be held in Saskatoon- Nov. 9 & 10
(Note the attached tentative Conf. Agenda)-It shall be very interesting. We expect you to attend. We invite you. You invite your friends.
4. Congress of the Ukrainians in the Free World (CKVU) will be held in Toronto on Nov. 1-4.

II. TYC deserves priority on the Community efforts list:

Our members are urged to devote a proportionate amount of time and effort to TYC organization and its projects. We realize that our members may be active in other organizations or Service Clubs. Our concern is that TYC should not be relegated to the bottom of the list.

III. TYC Constitution- has been revised. The text will be presented at the Annual Prov. TYC Conference in Saskatoon.

IV. Canada's National Ukrainian Festival in Dauphin, Man.-Aug. 2,3,4,5,1973
Bitacmo!- The Welcome to the Eighth Annual National Ukrainian Festival was fantastic. Please procure and read the "WEEKEND" magazine of Sept. 22 found in all major papers--eg. Winnipeg Free Press, Vancouver Sun etc.

V. New Branches and New Members

The Sask. Prov. TYC Exec. is inviting the organization of Branches in areas where one doesn't exist at present. We are continually looking for new contacts and new memberships. We invite members-at-large to contact us in the Prov. Exec. Our Branches have increased by 50% and so have our membership in Sask. increased by 50% in 1973. Our organization looks very healthy and encouraging. We invite memberships from Kamisack, Shebo-foam Lake, Meacham, Glaslyn, Bankend, Ituna, Melville, Hudson Bay, Mipawin, Sturgis-Stenen, Wadena and Lloydminster. How about forming a Branch?

VI. Ukrainian Church Summer Camps-1973

1. Trident Ukr. Orthodox Church Camp-Crystal Lake- Canora, Sask.
-Two courses- July 8-22-(89 students); July 22-Aug. 5(42 students) Ages-8--
-Camp Director- T. Korol and over
2. Green Grove Ukr. Orthodox Church Camp-Wakaw, Sask. Ages 8-14
Both camps were a great success. The students enjoyed the camps.
-Sask. Prov. TYC Exec. contributed \$50.00 to each camp Exec. The money to be used for camp needs. Congratulations and thanks for all your efforts.

ЗВІТ ГОЛОВИ ТУС-СУНД, від серпня 1975 до серпня 1977

Я подаю вам цей звіт голови з деяким ваганням, мої шановні ТУС члени і симпатички. Я признаюсь у цьому з глибокою щирістю, бо ж я свідомий того, що його усудять ті, що годяться з його змістом і ті, що не годяться. Мимо того, яка не була б критика, я прийму її з тією щирістю, в якій буде висказана. Тому, що я тільки людина, „міг не виконати того, що повинен був, а зробив те, чого не повинен був чіпати“. Така, однак, є доля президента-голови якоїсь організації і я не винюю.

Мимо факту, що я служив як заступник голови в Крайовій Управі ТУС /1973-1975/, я не мав уявлення про вагу відповідальності, що припала мені як голові коли, на з'їзді, 22-го серпня 1975 року, в Едмонтоні, делегати вважали, що я гідний вести провід організації, яка має за собою славу історію. Я прийняв цей пост і, мимо деяких невдач, що трапились в часі моєї каденції, для мене була гордість служити своїй організації і працювати разом із складовими організаціями Союзу Українців Самостійників, як рівно з із Українською Православною Церквою в Канаді.

Всі ви, я знаю, нетерпеливо чекаєте почути про наші успіхи. Поза звичайних 20 засідань нашої Управи, я учав на збори Управи ТУС, СУС Фундації і місцевого відділу, в часі мого урядування. Я був учасником Провінційних З'їздів ТУС у Вінніпегу, Саскатуні і Едмонтоні, а також на двох важливих конференціях СУС, що відбулись в Саскатуні і в Вінніпегу. Далі, я був запрошений давати доповіді в часі святкування Дня Подяки, в Едмунд, Альберті, під час ТУС бенкету в Саскатуні і під час з'їздового бенкету в Вінніпегу.

Хотят ми не мали змоги бути учасниками Конференції СУС у Віндоорі і Ошаві, ми мали там наших представників. Панна Геліна Магус, голова Крайової Управи СУМК, представляла нашу Управу в Ошаві, а недавно, Д-р Степан Яремчук, голова СУС, був нашим представником на конференції в Торонто. В часі конференції, в Ванкувер, наші представники були Д-р Степан Яремчук і пані Анастасія Шемелик, голова Союзу Українок Канади. Наші делегати звітували, що наради були дуже успішні а з дискусій виникли практичні пропозиції, що до праці між членством. Всюди, де тільки я поїхав, мене громадянство щиро й тепло прийняло і це розвіяло той дух безнадійності, що дов-

ний час гнітив мене в часі урядування. Я щиро вдячний всім тим, що запрошували нас на з'їзди й конференції і нашим урядникам /повище згадані/, що гідно представляли Управу ТУС, всюди де ми не мали змоги бути самим.

По моїй скромній думці, найважливіше наше досягнення, за два роки урядування, була організована Кампанія Пожертв на Фундацію СУС, що офіційно закінчилась у п'ятницю, 29-го жовтня 1976 року. Ця Кампанія продовжується аж до часу Ювілейного З'їзду СУС, в Саскатуні. Хотят я був трохи незадоволений сумою зібраних пожертв, члени Комітету Кампанії вважали, що вона пройшла успішно тому, що від часу створення нашої Фундації, в 1965 році, це була перша добре організована Кампанія, в цілі збудування Фундації СУС. Якщо попередні Управи були б заряджували подібні кампанії, ми сьогодні були б дуже близько до завершення першої мети, що започаткував її основоположник, пан Теодор Гуминюк, з Торонта, мільйон-долларової Фундації.

Я не можу згадати про Кампанію на СУС Фундацію, без щирого признання панові Василеві Демянові, голові комітету, що є одночасно заступник голови. Він виявив надзвичайний організаційний хист в організуванні цієї Кампанії. Провінційна Управа тоже нам багато допомогла у переведенні Кампанії і цим членам належить наше щире признання. Я хочу також скласти найщирішу подяку, від всіх нас, Їх Блаженству, Блаженнішому Митрополитові Андрєві, за його заклик до до духовенства нашої Церкви, щоб піддержали Кампанію по всіх громадах. Цю допомогу ми глибоко оцінюємо.

Друга важлива ціль Управи була: започаткування спроб завести курси для учителів, котрі навчають у Недільних Школах, а також і диківські курси, в Колегії Св. Андрєя, в Вінніпегу. На зборах 18-го лютого 1976, Управа ухвалила певну резолюцію в цій справі, яку ми переслали до Централі СУС: Управа була згідна з нашою думкою і переслала резолюцію, разом із окремим листом, до Консисторії УГПЦ. Ти з вас, що читають офіційний церковний орган "Вісник" напевно вже бачили повідомлення, що курси зарядженні для всіх тих, що цікавляться одною чи другою програмою навчання. Моє глибоке бажання є - щоб наші громади підшукали охочих і надійних осіб і допомогли їм скористати з цих курсів. Я вірю, що ми повинні над справою належно застановитися.

Наша участь у Провінційних З'їздах і конференціях дала нам нагоду зробити оцінку праці, яку виконує членство по всій Канаді. Я мушу бути чесним із собою і заявити, що хотия ці збори членства були до деякоу міри успішні, я бачив між учасниками дуже мале число молодих людей. Як бувало і в минулих роках, наше жіноцтво перевищало нас, ТУСівців, на кожному кроці; навіть наша молодь /у СУМКу/ дає певні ознаки відродження а ми, чоловіки, крокуємо в бідненькій третій позиції!

З огляду на повищий стан, наша Управа ухвалила відбути всеканадську Кампанію, із метою підсилити наші ряди новим членством. Кампанія мала б була, офіційно, відбутися в місяцях листопаді і грудні 1976 та січні 1977 роках. Мушу признатись, що Управа сподівалась побачити ряди скріплені бодай 500 новими членами та, на жаль, наші сподівання не здійснились. Наслідком браку співпраці між провінційними управами та Централем ми цю нагоду проволокли: наше членство не зросло, а для мене це не віщує на добре. Причина? Ми не допилювали місійноу праці. Про це дещо пізніше.

Головна причина, що я спостеріг за два роки мого урядування, яку я вважаю головним чинником нашоу невдачі йти вперед, є те, що наші чоловіки не мають поняття які є складові організації СУС, та та які їхні цілі і напрями. Щоб поправити цей стан, бодай частинно, ми видали "Членський щоденник"; де зміщені "Цілі і напрями СУС", між іншим. Ми розіслали "щоденник" до провінційних езекутив, для роздачі між членством у даній провінції. Тому, що ми не отримали ні одного слова про цю книжечку, доводить мене думати, що поза обкладинку, майже ніхто не приглянувся до неу ближче. Не може існувати поступова організація, в якій членство немає поняття про її цілі і напрями. Такий стан доводить тільки до поступового погіршення в наших рядах; один тільки Бог знає як нам тяжко приходитьсь затримати й те членство, яке сьогодні це з нами.

За два роки мого урядування, я бачив дуже мало підсилення місцевих відділів або створення нових. Я розумію, що є певні недомагання, які спричинили цей жалюгідний стан, про що спімну дальше в звіті. Одна причина є брак місійноу праці між нашим членством, але гірша причина є те, що загально кажучи, наші Українські Греко-Православні миряни не можуть зійтися і створити плани акцій, щоб

збільшити число членства та відділів.

Однак, мимо повищеного „в нашому тілі це жезріє життя". Недавно створено відділ у Тандер Бей, Онтаріо. Завдяки старанням пана Ореста Заставного, цілковита ре-організація ТУС відбувається в околиці Вакав, Саскачевані. Більші відділи ТУС ведуть добру працю. Мушу похвалити відділ в Реджайні за їхню визначну діяльність. Їхня тайна? Всі члени там постійно зайняті в різних комітетах. Бюлетени відділу дають нашій Управі причину вважати, що це /неофіційно/ найбільш активний відділ ТУС у Канаді. Але відділ в Реджайні не одинокий. В Саскатуні, Йорктон і Канорі членство також дуже активне.

В Альберті, Едмонтон, Калгарі, Віллінгдон-Ендрю і Вегревія члени докладають всіх старань, щоб затримати ТУС при житті і роблять все можливе в користь Церкви і громади на місцях. Манітоба має Вінніпег, Давфін і Флін Флон. Всі відділи часто сходяться і вітаються певними успіхами. А як на Сході Канади? Тут життя кипить. Відділи в Віндсорі, Гамільтоні, Грінсбі, Ніягара Фалс, Торонто та інші є дуже активні. Все повище ми знаємо з преси і кореспонденції. Ми не забули про Монреал – тут маємо практичних членів, з довголітнім досвідом і українське життя глибоко вкорінилось у цьому найбільшому місті Канади.

Наші провінційні езекутиви, в більшості, не дописали в наших сподіваннях. Це не тому, що вони не активні, але тому, що між Крайовою Управою ТУС а провінціями не було належної комунікації; ми дуже рідко коли знали, що вони дійсно робили або планували. Все ж таки, треба признати, що Езекутива на на Сході Канади має найкращий ре-срд, корд, відносно комунікації із Крайовою Управою. Вони тощпи повідомляли нас про їхні плани і програми. Пан Ю. Торошенко, голова і пан Сірій, секретар, завжди писали нам про погляди відділу й ми мали змогу їм деколи допомогти.

Тому, що Провінція Езекутива на Альберту льокується в Едмонтоні, голова завжди був присутній на зборах Централі. Таким чином він знав про про наші плани а ми, взаїмно, про всілякі зарядження Езекутиви. Першого року мого урядування пан Степан Самоїх був провінційним головою і Езекутива виконувала знамениту роботу.

Пан Пилипів, голова Провінційної Управи ТУС на Саскачеван, пан Соломон, голова на Манітобу і пан Дзюбенко, на Бритійську Колумбію,

охоче допомагали, в разі потреби. Я щиро їм вдячний за всі прислуги, бо воно значно облегчало працю Централі ТУС. Це, в коротці, звіт за дворічну каденцію – судить цю працю як вважаєте.

Але я не можу закінчити свій звіт тільки з вищеподаним: Буду-чи членом СУС на протязі 46 років, від часу коли я вперше вступив в ряди СУМК і, жертвуючи в цих роках на потреби СУС і Церкви, я вважаю, що маючи довголітний досвід, можу сміло подати деякі рекомендації. Якщо ми над ними застановимося, і введемо їх у життя, це скріпило б організацію і Церкву, принаймні, не пошкодить. Мої рекомендації?

Перше, я вважаю, що причина нашої немоці є те, що ми насправді ще не навчилися діяти спільно. Не дуримо себе в цьому висновку. Багато з вас, як і я, знають, що це незаперечний факт. Я не раз бачив, що поодинокі члени йдуть своєю дорогою, діють поодиноким, замість зійтися разом і спільно вирішати програму праці. Я вже бачив, що церковний провід часто ігнорує світський провід і ухвалює свої рішення, що не раз ображує всіх нас бо, сказати б по правді, чи ж ми не є Церквою? Так, нам бракує спільних зусиль. Якщо ми браття однієї організації і однієї Церкви, й коли наші цілі й напрями йдуть паралельними стежками до тої самої цілі, тоді мусимо й спільно працювати. Залишимо вже поняття, що „я все знаю“, воно заведе нас тільки до упадку.

Далі, я не бачу, й ніхто ще досі не переконав мене всупереч – як можемо ми забезпечити наше існування, нашу ідентичність, якщо не знайдемо бодай двох постійних організаторів, котрі переїхали б Канаду від моря до моря кілька разів, щоб заворнути до „своїх“ всіх „блудних овець“, що блукають у містах і містечках і занедбали свої організації, свою Церкву. Заангажувати таких організаторів це одиноким спасінням для нас, бо іншими способами ми нічого не досягнули.

– Ага! – скажете, – але це буде нас чимало коштувати!

Так, буде нас коштувати, але воно принесе нам більші дивіденди, чим інші проекти, на які ми сьогодні витрачаємо гроші, і тут знову приходить питання СУС Фондації. Коли ж то ми вже досягнемо нашу ціль – збірку мільйона доларів, що буде спасінням для Православних Українців у Канаді? Коли ж то ми прийдемо до розуму і, з характеристикою жидів, щедро фундуватимемо наші інституції, котрі

забезпечить наше існування? Коли ж то наші прославлені /і багаті!/, люди в наших рядах виявлять, що вони насправді заслуговують на всякі почесні, і зложуть ширі пожертви на ті справи, які вони нібито обороняють? Обставини ще ніколи не були для нас більш сприятливими. Ми маємо гроші, але ми будемо радше „пити, їсти й веселитися, бо завтра вмираємо!“ Ви були учасником не одного похорону, а чи ви коли бачили, щоб банкову книжку і матеріальні надбання хоронили з покійником? А Уряд забирає сотки тисяч доларів із спадщини, але за життя завжди були переконливі причини, чому не можна було жертвувати на потреби своїх організацій. Так, ми маємо гроші. Чи ви знаєте, що в нас є між 200 до 300 Українських Православних мільйонерів? З цього, ви напевно догадуєтесь, що я пробую вам пояснити, і я не перепрошую нікого за мої слова. На жаль, це тільки початок моєї теми.

Одню із мрій Управи СУС Централі була - створити відділ ТУС і СУМК в кожній місцевості, де існує відділ Союзу Українок Канади. Кажете, що це неможливе? Спробувати можна. Можливо не було б успіху на сто процент, але в більшості, так вдалось би. Якже? Почерез спільні старання між духовенством а світськими організаціями, на місцях. На жаль, ТУС рекорди виказують, що більшість наших священиків не є членами ТУС. Інформації, в крайовій канцелярії, доказують, що деякі священики лояльні до інших організаційних угруповань. Можливо, що вони й не свідомі того, що це ТУС /СУС/ довів до відродження нашої Церкви та будування наших інститутцій в Канаді та, що коли вони прибули до цієї країни, для них вже був „готовий стіл і їжа готова на ньому“. Життєвий шлях має дві сторони - „давай і бери“ процес від якого НІХТО не звільнений. Оце є та важлива діяльність, яку мусимо поліпшити і збудити народ з теперішньої апатії.

Наприкінці, я почувавсь до обов'язку висказати свою думку. Хтось сказав, що це є характеристика доброго провідника. Я не можу самий дати оцінку мого хисту, що до провідництва, тільки ви можете це зсудити. Але, як уступаючий, я маю останнє слово. Я ніколи не піду ні на які компроміси коли це йде про наше відношення до організацій поза складовими організаціями СУС, бо я добачу тут велику небезпеку, що багато із наших передових провідників не добачують. Я буду сам йти, або заохочувати інших, у компроміс, на полі Православ'я між мирянами а духовним проводом, бо це моє життя! Воно було,

є і завжди буде частиною мене самого. Ось тут саме та „площа“ до якої ми мусимо уважно й глибоко приглянутись, а тоді зібрати наші сили разом, якнайскоріше, заким сучасна байдужність не заведе нас в обійми наших опонентів. Забагато наших людей в наших організаціях захоплені кличами „єдності“ і „братерства“ в загальній українській громаді в Канаді. Це дуже добре тоді, коли ми хочемо чи мусимо показати спільний фронт на політичній арені. Воно є інше питання, коли це включає Церкву, і я вважаю, що не треба мені даліше над цим розводитися.

Ми зробились надто апатичні, збайдужілі. Збайдужілі тому, що ми стали невідьниками наших матеріялістичних надбань! Ми втрачаємо наше розуміння духовних вартостей і справжнього призначення людини Богом на цьому світі. Ми розважаємо своє фізичне тіло, забуваючи, що є обов'язки які треба виконувати, в церковних і світських ділянках, які повинні стояти на першому місці в нашому житті. Багато з тих, кого ми вважаємо як передових провідників в наших організаціях, є насправді лицеміри, гіпокрити. Для многих, важне, щоб показатись перед світом у блиску слави і пошестей, а щоб за цією сіткою приховувати свої правдиві, внутрішні почування. Я мігби подати багато прикладів, щоб оправдати мої заяви, але тут не місце їх виявляти.

Бог створив Українську Православну Церкву і її вірних для Його цілей. Якщо ми маємо жити, тоді ті, що прийдуть по нас, мають добру основу по якій йтимуть вперед. /Я маю надію, що таку основу ми створимо під час З'їзду в Саскатуні/. Ми мусимо пробудитися, закатати рукави і „впорядкувати свій дім“. Наколи буде наш дім в „порядку“ ми подумаємо всякі труднощі і наших опонентів і – продовжимо наше існування. Ми знову здобудимо наше правильне місце в українській громаді, як це було давніше. Це місце я хочу щоб ми затримали. Протилежне ставлення до стану „нашої хати“ доведе нас до загального розкладу в Канаді і я ні на хвилинку не вважаю, що це „пуста балака“ з моєї сторони. Я вірю, як всі повинні вірити, в слова сл. п. Митрополита Іларіона, що „служити народові, то служити Богові“. Це не означає тільки палкі балачки, що дуже популярні сьогодні, але справжня, мозольна праця.

Піонери СУС мали дуже мало матеріяльних засобів, або високих наук, але це були циро віддані одиниці, з глибокою вірою в Бога, що знали ким вони були та які цінності треба було зберегти для свого

народу в діаспорі - все те ми сьогодні маємо. Подумайте лише, що могли б ми тепер досягнути, коли б ми мали дух наших попередників!

Отож, прошу вас, зробіть "інвентар" того, чим могли б ви допомогти нашим світським і церковним організаціям. Якщо ви задоволені тим, що ви віддаєте для справи, гаразд. Якщо ні, не можу я вам казати, що маєте робити, але зробіть це ТЕПЕР! Все те, що ми передискутуємо і ухвалимо на Ювілейному З'їзді СУС /що включає Союз Українок Канади/ вирішить нашу майбутність. Що можете ви вкласти, щоб забезпечити нашу майбутність?

Складаю мою сердечну подяку членам Управи, котрі в один чи інший спосіб улегшили тягар праці на моїх плечах. Особливу подяку складаю п. В. Демянові, за знаменитий спосіб перерахування Кампанії СУС Фундації і п. В. Базюкові, скарбникові, за його нагляд над фінансами. Дякую також пані М. Самоїл /раніше секретарки Інституту Св. Івана/ за все друкування, що вона виконувала для нас; пані Анні Данилович, котра мимо слабого здоров'я, тримала всі канцелярські рекорди в порядку - за її допомогою ми, в кожній хвилині, знали де ми стоїмо; пані Стефанії Пауш, секретарці Союзу Українок Канади, за друкування наших обіжників в українській мові. Їхню поміч ми високо оцінюємо.

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Хочу закінчити цитатом якого не треба пояснювати:

"Я пройду по цьому світі тільки раз. Отож, якщо я можу зробити комусь ласку, або вчинити добре діло, хай зроблю це тепер. Хай цього не відкладаю або занедбую, бо я вже сюди не поверну".

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NATIONAL T.U.S. EXECUTIVE

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It is with a bit of hesitation that I submit to you, my fellow T.U.S. members and sympathizers, my president's report. I say this with all sincerity because I realize that judgment will be passed on its contents by many which will be either of a positive or negative nature. However, I assure you that in spite of the nature of the criticism that may be cast upon it, I will receive it as sincerely as it is offered. Realizing that I am only human, I might have "left undone some things that I ought to have done and did some things which I ought not to have done". Such, however, is the fate of a president of any organization, and I am no exception.

In spite of the fact that I had served on the National T.U.S. Executive for two years (1973 - 1975) as Vice-President, little did I realize the extent of responsibilities I was to assume as president, when at the National T.U.S. Convention held in Edmonton on August 22, 1975, the delegates deemed me worthy to lead this organization which has such a proud history behind it. I accepted the position, and in spite of the many frustrations experienced during my term in office, it was an honor for me to have served my organization and work with other components of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League, as well as with the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada.

You are all anxious, I know, to read about our accomplishments. Besides the regular 20 meetings held by your executive, I attended S.U.S Executive, S.U.S Foundations and local branch meetings during my tenure of office. I attended provincial T.U.S. conventions in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Edmonton, and two very important S.U.S. conferences in Saskatoon and Winnipeg. Besides the above, I was invited to and spoke at a Thanksgiving Day service in Andrew, Alberta; spoke at a T.U.S. Banquet in Saskatoon; and at a provincial convention banquet in Winnipeg. Although we were invited to attend the Eastern S.U.S convention at Windsor and Oshawa we were unable to attend but did have S.U.S. representatives there. Miss Helen Magus, National Sumk President, represented the S.U.S Centralia at Oshawa, while at a recent conference held in Toronto and sponsored by the Eastern S.U.S. Executive we were represented by Dr. S.L. Varemchuk, National S.U.S. President.

Mrs. H. Shemeluch, National President of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, and Dr. S. L. Yaremchuk represented us at a S.U.S. convention in Vancouver, B.C. Our delegates reported all conventions as being very successful and that many of the issues discussed were resolved to the satisfaction of all. Wherever I went, I was warmly received which helped to dispel some of 'the gloom and doom' that I felt for the longest time in my office. I do wish to thank all those sending us invitations to attend their conventions and conferences and also thank those people (whom I mentioned earlier) for so ably representing us at conventions and conferences we ourselves could not attend.

In my humble opinion, your executive's greatest accomplishment in its two years of office was the organization of the S.U.S. Foundation Campaign which culminated officially on Friday, October, 1976, but is continuing until the National Convention in Saskatoon. Although I was disappointed by the moneys donated, the Campaign Committee regarded the campaign a success, because since the Foundation's inception in 1965, this was the first organized campaign of its kind that was ever brought into being for the purpose of building up the S.U.S. Foundation. Had previous executives done likewise, we would have been very close to the million dollar goal set by its founder Mr. T. Humeniuk of Toronto.

I cannot cease my talk about the S.U.S. Foundation Campaign without lavishing great praise on Mr. William Dymianiw, the Campaign Chairman and your first vice-president. He showed exceptional organizational ability in organizing the campaign. The provincial executives gave us their support in conducting this campaign and must be given credit for contributing to its success. Further, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Andrew, who petitioned the priests of our church to support our campaign and was with us 'all the way'. His support was deeply appreciated.

The second important accomplishment of your executive has been its initiating a movement to have St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg institute courses for Sunday School teachers and cantors. At a meeting held on February 18, 1976, the executive passed a resolution concerning the above matter, forwarded it to the

S.U.S. Centralis, which, in turn, having supported the intent of the resolution forwarded it, with an accompanying letter, to the consistory of our church. Those of you who read our church's official organ "The Herald" will have noticed in recent issues that such courses will be given to all those who are interested in either of them. I only hope that our parishes make every effort possible to send promising people to study one of the two courses offered. This, I believe, is one opportunity that should be fully taken advantage of.

Our participation in provincial conventions and conferences gave us an opportunity to evaluate the work done by our membership Canada-wide. I have to be honest and say that although these gatherings were successful to a degree, I saw very little or 'no new blood' attending these affairs. As has been for so many years, our ladies 'outshone' us at every step, and only the youth has shown signs of revival, while we men came in 'a poor third'.

As a result of the above, the executive decided to hold a Canada-wide membership drive to see if it could replenish its ranks with new reinforcements. November and December, 1976, and January, 1977 were the months officially designated for this purpose. Here I must confess that the executive looked forward to seeing T.U.S. ranks increase by 500 members. But such was not to be the case. Due to the lack of 'teamwork' between the provincial, local, and national executives we really 'blew' this one. As a result, our membership has not increased and this, to me, is an ill-omen. Reason? We failed to do some mission work. But more about this later.

One thing which I noticed during my two years in office, and I believe to be the major cause of our failure to progress, is the ignorance of our men about what our S.U.S. components are, and what their aims and objectives are. To alleviate this situation a bit, we printed a Membership Diary in which we listed the 'Aims and Objectives' of T.U.S., among others. We sent these out to the provincial executives for further distribution within their province. The fact that not one remark was made about this booklet leads me to believe that outside the cover, hardly anyone looked at it closely. One cannot have a progressive

organization where ignorance of aims and Objectives of the said organization prevails. Such a state can only lead to a further deterioration of our ranks, and heaven only knows that we have been hard pressed to retain even these. Throughout the two years in office, I have noted little, if any progress, in the strengthening of our locals, or new ones being formed. I have learned the many reasons for this state of affairs and which I will touch upon later. One reason is the lack of the missionary spirit in our ranks, but a greater reason is that the general Ukrainian Greek Orthodox laity cannot seem to get together to plan strategy on how to increase our branches and membership. But in spite of the above, there is life 'in our body'. Recently a branch was formed in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. O. Zastawny of Cudworth, Saskatchewan a complete reorganization of T.U.S. is taking place in the Wakaw, Saskatchewan area. The larger T.U.S. branches have continued their good work. I cannot help but cast some accolades for the Regina, Saskatchewan local for its good work. The secret? Keeping their members busy working in committees. The local's monthly bulletins have certainly given your executive no other alternative but to think (unofficially) that here probably is Canada's number 1 T.U.S. Branch. But Regina is not alone. Saskatoon, Yorkton and Canora are equally active. In Alberta Edmonton, Calgary, Willingdon-Andrew and Vegreville are doing their best to see that T.U.S. stays alive and is contributing to the welfare of its church and the community where it is located. Manitoba has Winnipeg, Dauphin and Flin Flon. All three branches meet regularly and seem to enjoy some measure of success. And Eastern Canada? It is very much alive. Branches in Windsor, Hamilton, Grimsby, Niagara Falls, Toronto, and others are very active. All this we have been able to conclude by what we read in the press and correspondence sent to us. We haven't forgotten Montreal. They have some 'tried and true' members who make things hum in Canada's No. 1 metropolis.

Our provincial executives, in many instances, failed to reach our expectations. This is not necessarily because they were inactive but because their communication with the National T.U.S. Executive was poor, and we never really did know what they were doing or planning. However, I must give credit where credit is due by mentioning the Eastern Canada Executive as having the best record as far

as communicating with us was concerned. It never failed to inform us about . . their plans or any programs they planned to formulate. Mr. G. Toroshenko, President, and Mr. Siry, Secretary, made Eastern Canada's views known and thus we were able to be of some assistance to them. Being located in Edmonton, the Alberta Provincial T.U.S. president always attended our meetings so that he knew what we had in mind and vice-versa. During my first term in office Mr. S.D. Samoil was president of the Alberta Executive and did a commendable job. Mr. Phillipow, President of the Saskatchewan Executive, Mr. Solomon, President of the Manitoba Executive and Mr. Dzuibenko, President of the B.C. Executive all offered their support when called upon to do so. I thank them all for making the executives and my job a little easier.

This, in brief, was what was accomplished in two years in office as president. Judge it as you see fit.

But I cannot end my report here. Being a member of S.U.S. for 46 years, when I joined SUMK in 1931, and having contributed all these years of my life to S.U.S. and the church, I feel, in view of my experience, that I can make a few recommendations here, that might, if perused and acted upon, do our S.U.S. organization and our church a world of good. Certainly they won't harm them. What are my recommendations?

One reason I feel we are weak is that we haven't really learned to work as a team. Let us not be hypocrites about this aspect of the situation. Many of you, as well as I, know that this is an undebatable fact. I have seen all the component members of S.U.S. go off in their own direction, look after their own affairs and make their own decisions without getting together with one another to discuss and reach decisions together. I have seen our church leadership ignore our governing lay body and make its own decisions, which affected us all, because after all, aren't we the church? Yes, team work is lacking. If we are all brethren of the same lay and church organizations, and if our aims and objectives run in a parallel line and strive towards a common goal, then team work is a must.

Let us get away from this 'I know it all' business. It will only lead to our ruin.

Further, I cannot see, and I have not been convinced otherwise by anyone, how we can safeguard our identity and existence if we don't find at least two organizers on a permanent basis to cover Canada coast-to-coast many times over and bring into the fold 'all the lost sheep' that are floundering around in our cities and towns and have neglected their own maternal lay organizations and church. Having organizers is our only salvation because nothing else seems to be working at the moment.

Ah! you say, but this will cost money. It will cost us but it will bring more dividends than some of the things we spend money on these days. And here again enters the S.U.S. Foundation. When will we realize that the million dollar goal will be our Ukrainian Orthodox only Salvation in Canada? When are we going to come to our senses and inherit the Jewish characteristics of funding our institutions so that we can safeguard our existence? When are some of those highly publicized (and rich) people in our ranks going to show that they deserve the status given them by contributing generously to the cause they are supposedly defending? We've never had it so good. We have the money but we would rather 'eat, drink, and be merry' because tomorrow 'we'll die!'. How many funerals have you attended? Did you see the deceased's bank book and material possessions with him? And yet many of these had hundreds of thousands of dollars taken away from their estate by the government, but when they were alive they had all kinds of excuses why they couldn't donate to the organizations they supposedly believed in. Yes we have the money. Did you know that we have between 200 to 300 Ukrainian Orthodox millionaires? By now you have surmised what I am trying to say, and I am not apologizing for anything I've said. Unfortunately, I just got nicely started on this topic.

One of the dreams of the S.U.S. Centralia was to see that there was a T.U.S. and SUHK local in every parish where there was a Ladies SOVCOZ branch. Impossible you say? Not necessarily! The results may not prove to be 100% but it can be done. How? By full co-operation between our priests and lay bodies at the local levels. Unfortunately, T.U.S. records show that the greater percentage of our priests are

not even members of T.U.S. Information received at the National office reveals that some of our priests have 'other organizational loyalties. Perhaps they don't realize that T.U.S. (S.U.S.) members revived our church and institutions in Canada, and they came when 'the table was already set and the food laid upon it'. Life is a two-way street, a give and take process from which NO ONE is exempt. Here is an area that needs to be improved then we will improve our present apathetic state.

Finally, I would be somewhat remiss if I didn't speak my mind. Someone once said that that was one of the characteristics of a good leader. I cannot evaluate myself as to my leadership qualities, only you can do that. But as the out-going president I must have the final say. I am not a compromiser when it comes to our relationships with Ukrainian organizations outside of S.U.S., because I see dangers in that, that many of our prominent leaders fail to see. I can and will encourage compromise in our own Ukrainian Orthodox lay and church areas because 'that is mine'. It has, is, and will always be a part of me. Here is the area where we must take a long hard look at and bring our forces together quickly before our present apathy leads us into 'the arms' of our opponents. Too many people in our organization have been obsessed with this 'oneness' and 'fraternal' business in the total Ukrainian community in Canada. That is fine when we wish to present a united front in the political area. It is a different question when the churches are involved, and I hope I do not have to elaborate.

We have become apathetic. Apathetic because we have become 'slaves of our materialistic acquisition'. We have lost all sense of values and the real purpose for which God created us. We have been entertaining our physical selves and forgot that there are things to be done at the lay and church fields that are of paramount importance to us. Many of those who are considered prominent leaders in our organizations are hypocrites. It is, with many of them, 'all show' and a means by which they can hide their true, inner feelings. I can cite many examples to prove my statements but this is not the place to do so. God created the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox church and laity for a purpose. If we are to exist, and those that follow us have a base upon which to carry on, (and I hope that that base is set at the convention in Saskatoon) then we must wake up, roll up our sleeves

and put 'our house in order'. If 'our house is in order', we will surmount all difficulties and take care of our opponents and survive. We will again take our rightful place in the Ukrainian Community as we once did. That is the position I want us to retain. A negative attitude to the condition 'in our house' will lead to our total disintegration in Canada, and don't think for a moment that this is 'wild talk' on my part. I believe, as you should, that in the words of our late Metropolitan Ilarion 'to serve your people is to serve God'. This doesn't mean 'lip service' as is so common today, but real, honest-to-goodness work. Pioneers of S.U.S. had little material wealth, little education but they were dedicated people, they knew who they were and what they were trying to preserve, and with faith in God gave us all we have today. Think of what we could do today if we had the spirit of our predecessors! So I say to you take an inventory of what you have done for your lay and church organizations. If you are satisfied with your efforts, fine. If not, I do not have to tell you what you have to do, only you will have to start doing it NOW! What is discussed and planned at the S.U.S. and Ladies 50th Anniversary sessions will determine our future. What are you going to contribute to safeguard our future?

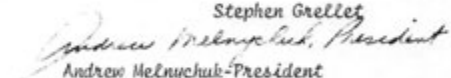
I would like to thank all the executive members who in one way or another helped make my load a little easier than it might have been. I would especially like to thank Mr. Dymianiw for the excellent manner in which he conducted the S.U.S. campaign, and Mr. M. Bazuk, the Treasurer, for his meticulous handling of our finances. In addition to the above, I would like to thank Mrs. S. Samoil (former secretary at St. John's Institute) for the typing she did for us; Mrs. A. Danelovich, who despite poor health, kept our records up to date in the office, thus enabling us to know where we were at at a certain time; Mrs. S. Paush, secretary, for typing our few bulletins in Ukrainian. Their help was very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank DR. S.L. Varemchuk, S.U.S. President, and Dr. L.H. Faryna, S.U.S. Secretary, for the advice and help they gave me during my term in office. It was very much appreciated..

May I end this report with a quotation that is self-explanatory.

"I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there can be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again!"

Stephen Grellet


Andrew Melnychuk-President
National T.U.S. - SUHD Executive

ЗВІТ ГОЛОВИ КРАЙОВОЇ УПРАВИ ТУС-СУНД з серпня, 1977-79

Перебираючи обов'язки голови Крайової Управи ТУС-СУНД на Дві-лейному З'їзді СУС в місті Саскатуні в днях 17-21 серпня, 1977 року, через брак часу новообраного Голову небуло покликано до слова. Однак у своєму короткому звіті хочу його представити.

З глибини душі моєї, хочу Вам подякувати за довір'я до мене, вибираючи мене на Голову Крайової Управи Товариства Українців Самостійників. Я віддав себе в користь організації для добра української справи з обраним зарядом. В склад Крайової Управи ввійшли такі:

Попередній Голова	-- Андрій Мельничук
Голова	-- Отто Єринюк
Заст. Голови	-- Василь Диминів
Рекордовий Секретар	-- Митр. Прот. Григорій Василів
Скарбник	-- Володимир Базюк
Члени Управи або директори	-- Прот. М. Крижук Богдан Мельничук Степан Масло Степан Самоїл
Голова Пров. Управи на Альберту	Василь Савчук
Контрольна Комісія	-- Микола Боднар Петро Прокопів Володимир Гринчук

Пізніше на нарадах Крайової Управи ТУС-СУНД, прийнято Анну Данилович на ділову секретарку, а на кореспонденційну секретарку, Стефанію Пауш. Рівнож до Управи прийнято, як дорадник і кореспондент Українського Голосу, Костя Михайловича Теличка.

Анна Данилович, як Ділова Секретарка Крайової Управи ТУС, провадить картотеку по провінціях і відділах; тримає їх річний рекорд в складі /або файли/; записує в нову картотеку нових членів по відділах і провінціях; як рівнож висилає всім управам чи індивідуально особам по заплаченню членської вкладки подяку і членську картку. Рівнож, як хтось упокоїться, висилає картку співчуття. Анна Данилович, також, тримає рекордову книжку де є всі листи та обійми зареєстровані.

Після упокоїння нашої кореспонденційної секретарки, б.п. Стефанії Пауш, добровільно згодився обійняти як кореспонденційний секретар бувший голова, Андрій Мельничук.

На першій нараді Крайової Управи ТУС-СУНД, перевибрано Василя Диминого, щоб обняв позицію і очолив збірку СУС фундації на Канаду, як рівнож заступаючи мене в мої відсутності.

Рівнож цього дня, вибрано Голову Програмового Комітету, Андрія Мельничука. В комітет ввійшли: о. Прот. М. Крижук, Степан Самоїл, і Степан Масло. Їм допомагали Отто Єриняк, Голова Централі, і Василь Диманів, Заступник Голови.

Зауваги та рекомендації щодо точок програми--ними були слідуєчі: о. Г. Гикавий, Бурнабі, Б.К.; М. Гикавий, Вінніпег; Проф. А. Михайленко, Саскатун; Н. Лабик, Канора; Др. П. Кіт, Торонто.

Нашим бажанням було, щоб всі наші складові організації могли бути скоординовані й працювали спільно на добро нашої Української Греко-Православної Церкви в Канаді, наших організацій та українського суспільства.

Крайсва Конференція Провінційальних Голов, Секретарів ТУС-СУНД.
з Учасств Окремих Провідних Осіб Складових Організацій СУС.

Наради відбулись в днях 20 і 21-го травня, 1978 року в Інституті Св. Івана в Едмонтоні. Всіх учасників на конференції було 23 особи, а серед них представники всіх провінцій Канади:

Онтаріо й Квебек	-- М. Німчук, Голова А. Погорельський, Секретар
Манітоба	-- М. Гикавий, Секретар
Саскачеван	-- Т. Байда
Альберта	-- Василь Савчук
Бритійська Колумбія	-- М. Гомола
Риджайна	-- М. Свинарчук

Рівнож від Союзу Українок Канади брали участь Анастасія Радомська, Голова Союзу Українок; Василина Бойко, Голова Провінційної Екзекутиви Союзу на Альберту; та визначні члени ТУС з міста Едмонтона.

Першого дня з ранку, звітували представники Провінційних Управ ТУС-СУНД. Із звітів і дискусій виявлено, що в цілому, в провінціях провадиться достатня самостійницька праця. На нараді було виявлено, що в кожній провінції дуже слабо організується нових відділів ТУС та вписування нових членів в існуючих відділах ТУС, зокрема з молодого покоління колишніх СУМКівців і прихильників нашої самостійницької організації.

На нараді було запропоновано, щоб у майбутньому, Управи місцевих відділів ТУС, обирались на один рік; провінційні управи на два роки; а Всеканадські управи на чотири роки. Тому, що нім нова управа візьметься до роботи то вже приходить час готуватись до з'їзду і здавати звіт а робота жадна не оброблена.

Учасники наради вважають, що до Дирекції Інститутів повинні обиратись особи що є членами складових організацій СУС. А також, не приймати студентів не-українців або не-православного віровизнання, що в процесі учбового року негативно відбивається на праці з студентами.

Першого дня пополудні Андрій Мельничук, попередній Голова Централі ТУС-СУНД, представив учасникам наради програму для всіх відділів в двох мовах. Учасники конференції взяли точку за точкою і програму удобрили. Крайова Управа ТУС зложує щиросердечну подяку Андрієві Мельничукові й його комітетові за таку ревну роботу.

Вечірня сесія СУС ФУНДАЦІЯ--провів Василь Димянів як Голова Збірковому Комітету Фундації СУС; спів-доповідав Василь Савчук, Голова Провінційної Управи ТУС-СУНД на Альберту. Рішено нарадою, щоб збірку починати негайно а закінчити до дня 27-го жовтня з відповідним бенкетом, пов'язуючи його з 40-літтям ТУС.

Слідуючий день неділя, дня 21-го, всі делегати конференції взяли участь на Богослуженні в Катедрі Св. Івана. По обіді, в годині 2-гі продовжували сесії--40 років існування ТУС; справа молоді; Інститути й маєтковий стан Інститутів--куди переходить їх майно в разі припинення їх існування.

Конференція уповноважила М. Свинарчука як одного з членів--директорів Фундації СУС, розглянути можливість збірок на СУС Фундацію підчас похоронів /особливо визначних наших діячів/.

Репрезентація на зовні КУК, СКВУ, і другі організації повинна відбуватись в порозумінні з Централєю СУС а не складовими організаціями й так далі.

Крайова Управа ТУС. Управа Централі мала повних засідань, цебто зборів 19 і не менше спільних; різних комітетів, цебто СУС Фундації й Програмового Комітету; брав участь і учавав на всі збори Централі СУС за винятком двох де заступав мене Василь Димянів і Андрій Мельничук.

Зорганізовано двох зборів всіх складових організацій СУС-СУМК, ТУС-СУНД, Союз Українок, і УГПЦ на чолі з Владикою Архієпископа Борисом Західної Єпархії. Ці спеціальні збори дали нам нагоду працювати спільно й координувати себе.

Був вибраний як делегат СУС на Конгрес КУК. Виїжджав на запрошення Провінційних З'їздів з доповіддю до Вінніпегу, Торонта, Йорктон, і два рази в Едмонтоні. Дня 16-го жовтня, 1977 року мав доповідь до СУМКівської Молоді в Едмонтоні підчас Провінційного З'їзду складових організацій СУС.

На 60-ліття Дня Інституту Св. Івана брав участь в ньому з привітом від Крайової Управи ТУС-СУНД.

На запрошення Церковної Управи Келгаської громади, виїхав з промовою та привітом від усіх складових організацій з приводу надбання нової аудиторії при Церкві Св. Володимира.

Як член ТУС, старався бути на зборах відділу і брати участь на всіх зборах за винятком моїх виїздів. Моя праця в Крайовій Канцелярії--Я старався бути зчаста так як це було можливо: вечерами два рази в тиждень а часом і чотири рази.

Видали чотири обіжники двомовні--перші два видрукувала Стефанія Пауш, другі два секретарка СУС, Фівонія Пелех. Ділові секретарці, Анні Данилович, Кореспонденційні секретарці б.п. Стефанію Пауш, і секретарці Централі СУС, Фівонію Пелех, Крайова Управа ТУС-СУНД складає щиросердечну подяку за їхню працю на добро організації.

Складаю щирю подяку Редакції Українського Голосу та редакторів, М. Гикаву, за розміщення наших крайових новинок в Голосі на час без жадної задержки.

Сердечну подяку складаю на цім З'їзді Голові Централі СУС, Др. Л. Г. Фарині, за поміч мені та за напрям провадження Централі ТУС. Між Головою Централі СУС і мною була співпраця і добре відношення та повна кооперація.

Щиросердечну подяку складаю Голові Союзу Українок Канади, Анастасії Шемельк-Радомські, за співпрацю й координацію наших Централь.

Всім членам Крайової Управи ТУС-СУНД за ревну дво-річну працю, складаю щиросердечну подяку.

З правдивою самостійницькою пошаною до Вас,
За ЦЕНТРАЛЮ ТУС-СУНД НА КАНАДУ

Отто Бринюк, Голова

І-го серпня, 1979

ЗВІТ ДІЯЧОЇ ГОЛОВИ ЦЕНТРАЛЬНОЇ УПРАВИ ТУС-СУНД

Зміни управи в Централі ТУС-СУНД після з'їзду в Гамільтоні були надзвичайні, і до якоїсь міри латкуваті. Перше, управа не мала заступника голови аж до грудня 1979 коли ко-оптовано Р. П. Самоїла. Друге, після покійня о. Прот. Хом'яка, Андрій Мельничук взяв обов'язок рекордового секретаря. Третє, після упокійня голови СУС, д-ра Л. Фарини, голова ТУС, Отто Єринек взяв головуство СУС, а його місце заступив Р. П. Самоїл. Тарас Юзвинин тоді заступив місце Р. П. Самоїла. Місце кореспонденційного секретаря, покійного Василя Кравця, не було заступлено. Значиться, що ті зміни відбулися на постійне виконання завдань з'їзду в Гамільтоні.

Але всеж дещо виконано. Біжучі справи були доглянені і інформації про них були подані в обіжниках під числом 5, 6, 7 і 8 /8-ий був, через перегляд, висланий без числа й дати/.

Нарада /Конференція Крайової Управи ТУС/ з Провінційними Управами в Едмонтоні 15-го і 16-го березня 1980 року мала присутніх 30 членів. Хоч дискусії відбувалися над такими допитливими точками як: а/ відновлення народних домів; б/ дисципліна й реальний підхід до з'їздових постанов; в/ асиміляція та її сповільнення, і.т.д. Вислід з тих нарад покищо не є задовольняючий. Поговорили, подискусували й поїхали. Теми й зміст дискусій були високої якості. Український Голос помістив про що говорили--але ніякої дальшої дискусії і послідовності з тих нарад не виринуло.

Праця членства, окрім кілька особистих відділів, не розширилася. Поміч для сумківців майже нема що згадати, хоч декілька одиниць причинилися до великої праці--і з знаменитим успіхом. При допоміжі СУС і Консисторії У.П.Ц. вислано Тараса Удола на розслідування що бракує Сумк котрий лиш десь не десь стоїть в здоровім положенні. СУС Фундація, також, мало що зросла. Похорон д-ра Левка Фарини, бувшого Голови СУС, трохи зворушив жертвенність на Фундацію.

Можливо що, як взяти під увагу тенденційність на асиміляцію поверх 75% то справа ТУС-СУНД є "задовольняюча" як каже одна резолюція з з'їзду в Гамільтоні. Але як ми не погодимось що справа є задовольняюча,--то цей з'їзд '81 року мусить зостановитись на "основні зміни і цінності" всіх складових організацій Союзу Українців Самостійників і тих установ з якими СУС співпрацює.

Моя особиста заувага є щоб ми як найскоріше застановились над справою асиміляції й задерження своєї ідентичності. Лиш тоді ми будемо мати більше зрозуміле і прихильне поле для нашої культурно-освітньої роботи.

Бажаю з'їздові успіх у всіх нарадах для більше щасливої будучності.

Р. П. Самоїл, Голова Централі ТУС-СУНД

КРАЙОВА УПРАВА
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ЗВІТ ГОЛОВИ КРАЙОВОЇ УПРАВИ ТУС, 1981 - 1983

Несподівана і трагічна втрата, яку понесла українська громада в Канаді, смерть голови СУС д-ра Левка Фарини -- внесла неспокій в організаційне життя СУС, а головню в життя Товариства Українців Самостійників. Після статуту, ТУС мусів відпустити свого голову, в між-з'їздовому часі, на голову СУС. Ці зміни прийшли саме в час, коли Самостійницький Едмонтон мобілізував свої сили для зорганізування чергового з'їзду СУС. З'їзд застав Кр. Управу ТУС зложеною в більшості з людей не вибраних на Гамільтонському з'їзді, але з людей доброї волі й організаційної дисципліни, які добровільно взяли на себе обов'язки, а одним з них був Ричард Самоїл, попередний голова Кр. Управи ТУС, якому досі не віддано належного признання за віддану працю в нашому Товаристві -- за працю в найтяжчому часі з організаційної точки погляду. Ці події спричинились до того, що на з'їзді 1981 р. прийшлося вибирати провід ТУС -- його голову -- з людей неприготованих до цієї праці нормальним ходом подій, але з людей, які з почуттям обов'язку перед Самостійницьким Рухом погодилися взяти кермо нашого Товариства.

Я, як нова людина в провіді ТУС, зауважив, що проблеми попередніх років створили потребу скріпити організаційну систему, налагодити зв'язки з Провінційними Управами та Управами Відділів, упорядкувати список членів. На мою думку -- намічені завдання ми виконали. На з'їзді доповім докладніше про працю Кр. Управи, про стан нашого Товариства. На цьому місці подам до Вашої уваги головні події:

1. Ми ствердили, що праця Кр. Управи не може бути успішною, якщо не буде активних, добре-зорганізованих Провінційних Управ. Прикладом може бути Схід Канади, де сьогодні організаційно ми стоїмо найкраще, де маємо найбільше число активних відділів. Після нашого статуту, Кр. Управа є відповідальна до певної міри за діяльність Пр. Управ, і може покликати до Пр. Управ нових людей, коли дана Пр. Управа не є діяльною або коли не зумілося з тих чи інших причин сформувати Пр. Управу. Така назначена управа діє до найближчого провінційного з'їзду. За минулих два роки Кр. Управа ТУС "вмишталась" два рази в провінційну діяльність; в Саскачевані 1981 р. та в Альберті 1982 р. В обох випадках були труднощі з оформленням Пр. Управи. Кр. Управа скликала конференції активу ТУС -- і муму ствердити з великою приємністю, що знайшлися Самостійники, які з почуттям обов'язку та відповідальності перед Рухом зголосились до праці в Пр. Управах Саскачевану та Альберті.

Бритійська Колумбія організаційно входила до Альберти-Б.К., хоч за нашим статутом мала право на свою Управу. За старанням Кр. Управи на Провінційному З'їзді в 1982 р. Брит. Колумбія вибрала провізоричну Пр. Управу в складі трьох осіб, яких завданням є скликати провінційний з'їзд в цьому році й вибрати Провінційну Управу Б. К. та вповні взяти в свої руки організаційне життя нашого Товариства на захід від Скайлястих Гір.

2. Перевіряючи картотеку членства, ми ствердили, що вона не відзеркалювала правдивого стану нашого Товариства. Також зауважили ми, що ні Пр. Управи ні Управи Відділів не присвятили належної уваги неактивним та "загубленим" членам; від довгого часу ця проблема не була одною з перших тем-розмов між Кр. та Пр. Управами. Екзекутивній секретарці ТУС, п-і Анні Данилович дано завдання скласти нові списки членів. Завдяки кооперації секретарів та скарбників відділів, які розпочали розшуки за "загубленими" членами - сьогодні ми маємо упорядковану картотеку членів, яка відповідає дійсному станови нашого Товариства. Здається, що в перше видали ми адресар нашого Товариства для ужитку членів ТУС та інших організацій СУС. За видання цього адресаря належить признання п-і А. Данилович та панам Е. Гарасимові та нашому неофіційному друкареві В. Савчукові. Розшуки за "загубленими" членами та старання за-активізувати тих, які відійшли від праці в ТУС дали також інші позитивні наслідки: число членів, які вплатили свої вклади значно збільшилось. Ось статистика:

24/XI/1980	заплачені	25%	членів	--	не заплачено	75%
24/XI/1982	"	70%	"	"	"	30%

Треба зазначити, що в 1980 р. було багато залежностей за минулі роки, то в 1982 залежностей за попередні роки було дуже мало. Сподіюсь, що на з'їзді буду мати більш докладну статистику.

3. Стверджено, що СУС, а через те й ТУС, не надавав належної уваги подіям в загально-громадському житті, подіям які нас обходять. Було рішено більш активно реагувати на ті події; наприклад--ми, ТУС, а через нас і інші організації Самостійницького Руху подали визначну допомогу протестаційній акції проти горезвісної мови світу комішенера офіційних мов Канади, акції зорганізованої п-ом Миколою Світухом з Оттави. Як нам відомо--мапу перевидано, справлено в ній помилку першого видання, відданню належне місце українській мові.
4. Кр. Управа не може присвоювати собі "кредиту" за те, що powstaли нові Відділи, що деякі Відділи значно збільшили число активних членів /Ванкувер збільшив членство понад два й пів рази/. Але сподіюсь, що Ви погодитесь з думкою, що створена Кр. Управою атмосфера викликає зацікавлення, охоту та потребу включитись в організаційну працю.

5. Попередній з'їзд СУС доручив ТУСові перевести кампанію на СУС Фундацію. Було кооптовано Василя Савчука до Кр. Управи ТУС як голову збіркового комітету на Альберту. Акція збірки на СУС Фундацію була не активною багато років. У минулих двох роках заактивізовано багато збірок на потреби нашої Церкви, на потреби організацій приналежних до СУС на загальноукраїнські установи. Ними такого стану пан В. Савчук виявився зі свого обов'язку добре. Залишаю йому нагоду повідомити Вас про вислід кампанії на збірку грошей на СУС Фундацію яку він очолював.

Не згадую в цій звітній про мою діяльність як першого заступника голови Централі СУС. Про це буду говорити на сесії СУС підчас з'їзду, про це напевно згадає голова Централі СУС, пан Андрій Мельничук. Для нашого зацікавлення згадаю тільки, що брав активну участь в приготуванні проєкту змін статуту СУС. Став я на становищі, що статут СУС мусить ясно підкреслити, що ми є громадська організація православних українців Канади. На засіданнях Централі СУС пропагував потребу модернізації друкарні Українського Голосу. Радий, що цю думку поділяє Дирекція Видавництва Тризуб і сьогодні кампанія за фондами на модернізацію друкарні є в повному русі. Як репрезентант до статутової комісії КУК допомагає д-р П. Кондрі в збереженні принципу договореності в новому проєкті статуту КУК. Далше вповні підтримував активність голови Централі СУС, Андрія Мельничука, та з рамени Кр. Управи ТУС уможлилював йому організаційні поїздки.

Сьогодні організаційно ТУС є сильний; відділи активні, членство охоче до праці. Нам потрібно тепер проводити який попровідити Товариство до успіхів, зуміє використати ентузіазм. Я, із задоволенням віддам мій скромний організаційний досвід як шире допомогу новому голові Кр. Управи ТУС. Завдання номінаційної комісії є підняти людину, яка хотіла б віддати свій час та знання ТУСові. Обов'язком комісії є підібрати йому людей до помічів. У моїх особистих планах є за-активізуватись в праці мого Відділу, моєї провінції. У нас є мало охочих до кореспонденційної активності; хочу стати дописувачем до нашої самостійницької преси.

Я вдячний за співпрацю членам Кр. Управи. Кожен дав свій час, свої здібності. Але мушу відзначити одну особу - нашого ексекютивного секретаря, керівника нашої організаційної канцелярії, паню Анну Данилович. Такої відданної людини, працюючої, лояльної -- як то кажуть "зі свічкою не знайти". Без Вас, пані Данилович нам не можна було виконати завдань, добитись успіхів. Шире Вам має СПАСИБІ!

Виявляю на цій місці подяку за довіру, яким мене обдарували голова Централі СУС, пан Андрій Мельничук, та секретарка СУС, пані Фіона Пелех. Я це дуже ціную.

Ярослав Скрипник, Голова ТУС

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TYC REPORT

TO: TYC CONVENTION DELEGATES

We would like to highlight the principal activities of the National Executive of TYC during its past term 1983-85.

1. Interaction with TYC Locals

One of the most beneficial activities took the form of periodic visits by the President to a number of TYC locals such as: Calgary, Regina, Saskatoon, Hamilton, Windsor, Toronto, Montreal, Oshawa and Grimsby. These exchanges served to strengthen our conviction that our self-reliant ideology is alive and flourishing, and that work is being carried out at these levels. The addition of two new locals, one in British Columbia and one in Long Branch, attest to this.

2. Annual Conferences

The National Executive of TYC held, in conjunction with CYC Central, yearly conferences in 1984 and 1985. These gatherings served a very informative function and acted as a forum for the discussion of our problems and challenges.

3. Administrative Functioning

The Executive is pleased to point out that the everyday administrative functioning of TYC head office was carried out smoothly and effectively during the past term. This was due to the efforts of our Executive Secretary, Mrs. A. Danelovich, and to the co-operation from the Executive of CYC Central. Regular meetings of the National Executive were also held where strategy for resolving issues was formed and implemented. In addition, regular newsletters were circulated as were contributions to the CYC Bulletin.

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Special thanks go out to the Provincial Presidents for their efforts: John Kolaska in British Columbia, Rev. J. Puk in Alberta, T. E. Kucey in Saskatchewan, H. Kuksa in Manitoba, and P. Yaworsky in Eastern Canada.

On behalf of the National Executive of TYC we thank you for your co-operation during the past term and we offer our encouragement and pledge our full support to the incoming Executive from Regina.

Very Rev. M. Kryschuk
President

B. Melnychuk
Rec. Secretary

E. Harasymiw
Corr. Secretary

КРАЄВА УПРАВА
ТОВАРИСТВА УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ
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National President's Report

1985 - 1987

First let me express my sincere gratitude to members of the TYC National Executive for their help, the CYC National Executive for their support and cooperation and to the general membership of TYC throughout the country for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in the past two years.

Our organization is undergoing a quiet, but progressive revitalization which will re-establish its position in the Ukrainian community in Canada for the future.

Over the past two years, in addition to regular Executive meetings the National Executive has also sponsored a major National Presidents' Workshop. The latter was held in response to discussions and suggestions that came from Provincial annual conferences and such special meetings as the Devon Conference. In reviewing the conference reports the National Executive sensed that there was a desire to review and rethink the direction the organization was going in as a whole. Our discussions, which finally culminated in the Presidents' Workshop, covered the following topics:

a) A policy which would encourage and foster the development of TYC

ЗВІТ КРАЄВОГО ГОЛОВИ ТУС
1985-1987

На сам перед сердечно дякую членам Краєвої Управи ТУС за їх працю, Управі СУС за кооперацію та спів працю і всьому членству ТУС за спів працю продовж останніх двох років.

Наша організація переживає час певного відновлення. Як завжди такий час в організаційному житті вимагає багато холодокривності та витривалості.

Краєва Управа в додатку до місячних засідань відібрала Краєвий Семінар Голів. Переглядаючи звіти з Провінційних З'їздів та інших засідань як наприклад Девон відчувалося потребу на основну перевірку нашої організаційної праці, щобто цілей, програм та способу праці.

Ця перевірка охопила обговорення наступних справ/точок:

- 1/ Побільшення числа відділів так, щоб в кожній громаді був відділ ТУС;
- 2/ Активізація членства при відділах;
- 3/ Зміна Статуту;
- 4/ Приготовлення правилника праці для Краєвої, Провінційних Управ та відділів;
- 5/ Справа двомовності з огляду на зріст числа не українськомовних членів і потенційних членів;
- 6/ Зміна назви організації;
- 7/ Перевірка спів відношення і сфери праці ТУС і СУС

branches in every parish where practicable;

b) A policy whereby our organization receives its direction from the grassroots membership;

c) The revision of our Constitution for the National and Provincial levels of organization;

d) The need for and nature of handbooks relating to organizational operations at the local, provincial and national levels;

e) Reformulating our language policy to reflect the bilingual nature of our membership at the present time;

f) Adoption of a new name for the organization; and

g) Review of the CYC Constitution to ensure that CYC operates as an umbrella body and does not usurp the role and functions of TYC.

Our present membership is around nine hundred. This is probably ten percent of the number of Ukrainian Orthodox men that there are in our Church. This means that there is a great mission and potential before us for membership growth. To help the National Executive plan and assist in promoting membership expansion the it has appointed John Kolasky as a Special Assistant to the National Executive. It was felt that the National Executive needed to benefit from John's experience in British Columbia which saw the formation of six new branches and over one hundred new members recruited into TYC in a relatively short period of time.

The office of president is

Наше членство начисляє около дев'ят сот членів. Це представляє около десять відсотків українських Православних мужин в Канаді. Отож перед нами стоїть великий виклик розбудови членства.

Беручи під увагу успіх Івана Коляски в Бритиш Колумбії в зорганізованню нових відділів Кривої Управа назначила його як Спеціального Дорадника в справі розбудови членства.

Головство Кривої Управи вимагає багато енергії і часу. Особливо треба багато присвятити часу для їзди/відвідин відділів і управ. В останніх двох роках мені не вистарчало часу щоб виїжджати на скільки я б бажав. Отож всі поїздки були зосереджені в західній Канаді. Треба що нова Управа присвятила часу на відвідини Східної Канади в найближчому часі.

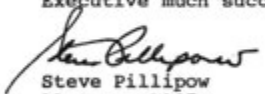
Я належу до відділу що міняє голову майже кожного року. Від 1961 року відділ в Ріджайні мав двадцять осіб за голів. Я бачу який позитивний вплив це мало на життя відділу. Багато членів мало нагоду зробити свій вклад до розбудови відділу і завжди є вплив нових свіжих ідей. Маючи це на увазі я рішив незалишатися як голова на це одну каденцію.

Знову дякую всім за поміч і за захоплення мене при праці продовж останніх двох років, а нові Управі бажав много успіхів.

very demanding and it requires much dedication of energy and time. My time constraints prevented me from travelling to Eastern Canada. More attention must be given by the new National Executive to keeping closer contact with branches and the Provincial Executive in Eastern Canada.

I have personally belonged to a TYC branch which follows a practice of changing presidents every year or second year. Since 1961 the Regina TYC branch has had over twenty presidents. This has allowed many people to make their contribution to providing leadership and has also facilitated the flow of fresh new ideas. With this in mind I am relinquishing the post of president and will not seek re-election for another term.

Thank you each and everyone for your support and encouragement over the past two years and I wish the new Executive much success.



Steve Phillipow
11 June, 1987



TO: DELEGATES AND MEMBERS OF TYC

In July of 1985 a new and somewhat inexperienced executive undertook the responsibility of trying to revive and instill a new dimension into our organization.

We all know that as an organization:

- a) our numbers are decreasing
- b) our age group makeup is getting older
- c) our ability to impact is weakening
- d) other organizations are being formed to try and fill the voids
- e) the continuing trend can only result in extinction, a memory or a short page in future histories or a file in some archives

Resolution became ethics which were repetitious problems that simply exist in expressing our failure of inaction and/or simple solutions to our problems. I am sure you have heard expressions such as "if only we had the money" or "if only we could get an organizer" or "if only we could get our priests to give us support". Yet we never want to look at ourselves. We are never prepared to critically analyze ourselves as an organization for the fear of somehow attaching blame to one another. Let us dispense this attitude and be recognize for what we really are and look at methods that are effective to achieve the things we desire.

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From the time this organization was formed in 1938 we have been like a child which asks "what can we do next?", rather than saying "what do we do next?".

If we are to make some degree of progress in becoming the organization that we desire and which others will wish to identify with and in turn make their contributions to our common cause, each one of us must resolve to be part of the solution by adopting practical methods and committing ourselves to make the necessary personal adjustments in our thinking and our actions. We cannot for a moment allow ourselves to think that anything we discuss or decide will resolve any of our problems. A theory is nothing more until it is put into practice. We must each be part of the implementation. No organizer can do the work for us. Instead each one of us must be an organizer and then we must return to our communities and recruit other organizers like ourselves. None of the things we decide will be instant fixes. However successful, our deliberations can never be regarded as a package of fast food solutions. We can only hope that they will form the basic ingredients for a further commitment on the part of all of us to discipline and dedication. Dedication to a concept is not enough. The resolve must be dedication to action that is carried out with discipline.

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One of the key ingredients lacking in our organization is discipline. Discipline in every level. The National Executive must carry out certain functions in a timely manner. On the other hand, Provincial Executives and Local Clubs must, in a disciplined and timely manner, carry out their duties and they must communicate and respond to one other and the National Executive in a timely manner. If we can, by some measure, be effective in resolving this problem, we will, as an organization, be successful.

In the past, it has been the perception that all leadership in our organization must come from the top. The membership was only expected to follow the wise counsel that they received by occasional circulars and at conventions. This method may have been valid and effective when the membership consisted to a large part of peasant stock who were farmers and labourers and lacked formal education. Today the membership consists of farmers, labourers, blue collar workers and professionals who are as well or better educated than our leaders of 50 years ago. They no longer look to or respond to some far off self appointed leaders. For these and numerous other reasons it is necessary to apply different approaches. Our organization can no longer rely on an appeal to duty. Too many are not listening. The emphasis must shift from leadership of the selected few to the grass roots. Our organization must shift its emphasis and reliance on local clubs, not the top

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leadership. We have been teaching self-reliance, but as an organization we developed a membership that depends on its leaders (who may no longer exist) to look after our inability to attract and grow at the local level. It is time for this thinking to be reversed.

The reversal of thinking will not occur unless we apply different methods. Some of these different methods may appear to challenge some of the basic principles, but this need not necessarily be the case. Self-reliance is certainly a valid philosophy for the Ukrainian Community. Canadians of Ukrainian descent have done so well in the community and have achieved acceptability on an individual basis to the extent that the individual feels self-reliant. He or she no longer feels the need for their Ukrainian Community. The need to satisfy the sense of belonging still exists. The difference is choices. Choices are made today for reasons of personal, selfish, what's in it for me, motives, not duty. Churches, organizations and political parties that have found the methods for satisfying the needs of the individual today are in a growth pattern. If we can shape our local branches into the kind of organizations that can appeal to and satisfy the needs of the individuals at the local level, all of the other good things that we wish to accomplish will follow.

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Let us consider and adopt some of the methods and means which TYC can implement in order that:

- a) TYC locals will increase
- b) TYC membership will increase in existing locals
- c) TYC as an organization and concept will become a viable, dynamic and effective instrument in the Ukrainian cause in Canada and elsewhere

We believe that we must become the kind of organization at the local level, which in turn will become that kind of organization at the provincial level and national level, which will satisfy the needs of its membership. An organization that people wish to be associated with. Many of us may feel that it is enough to meet, pass resolutions and wait for the next meeting. That is no longer enough if we hope to gain in numbers and strength. We must become an organization of **DOERS**, not one that simply talks about doing things. If we are to become an organization of doers, then we must start by implementing a number of changes in our organization that encourages action. Your National Executive is asking for your council and support to commence the implementation of changes. Your approval must not only be by the passing of resolutions but a commitment to return to your local clubs and immediately start carrying them out into action.

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Your National Executive will be presenting a number of recommendations for serious discussion, approval and implementation. While all of them may not receive full endorsement, it is hoped that the final result will be the start of positive action.

In your handouts today you will find a summary of statistics which, in a nutshell, shows the "health" of this organization. The inactivity in my opinion is very clearly demonstrated under the column "Gross Receipts". This column describes whether you are a "doer" club or a philosophical self-serving organization.

I believe I need not elaborate further on problems that exist. This executive undertook a position which has become controversial in some circles. We do not intend to apologise for this circumstance. Quite simply, many of our actions resulted from feedback such as the "Devon Workshop", the Bi-annual Presidents Workshop, the Provincial CYC Conferences and from general feedback of other organizations. Quite clearly the purpose of all actions of this executive are geared to the following.

- 1) To adopt programs which interest and encourage the participation of the 25 to 50 age group.
- 2) Revise the constitution which portrays us as a doer-server club whose actions are responsible to individual members (grass roots).

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- 3) Adoption of an official position which recognizes the need to be bilingual --- Ukrainian and English
- 4) Preparation of organizational tools such as handbooks, brochures, communications aids and training directives for local, provincial and national levels.
- 5) Development of a "new" image.

From the above, the executive has embarked on the following.

- 1) Appointed a 3 man committee to prepare a revised constitution for your consideration at the annual convention.
- 2) Authorized Mr. Yars Lozowchuk to draft and prepare material for a handbook. The first draft is presently being reviewed by the executive and will become available to the membership this fall.
- 3) Appointed J. Kolasky from Vancouver to assist the executive in the preparation of brochure material and generally act on behalf of the national executive during his extensive travels throughout Canada (Public Relations Officer).

During my term I have attended over 24 TYC executive meetings, 7 conferences and given 6 major papers to various organizations. In all of this activity, both my objectives and this executive's objectives were to somehow improve the status of TYC. We truly love this organization and do not want it to disappear with the 20th Century.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation of support to my executive, Mr. Melnychuk, Mr. Kolasky, Mr. Herasymuk, Mr. Franko, Mr. Kuksa and Mr. Radesch. Also a special thanks to Mr. Lozowshuk for spending many hours in preparing much of the materials and documentation for the executive in the last year.

Thank you everyone.



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ЗВІТ ГОЛОВИ КРАСВОЇ УПРАВИ ТУС
за 1987 - 1989 рр.

Останні два роки були справді повними визовів для Красвої Управи Товариства Українців Самостійників. Список спірних питань, справ, проблем і вимог часом здавався безконечним; однак, з вашою підтримкою і заохотою ми продовжували.

З початку нашої каденції ми рішили засвоїти комітетну структуру для розв'язання потреб нашої організації. Комітети, з головами поданими в дужках, є наступні: Програмовий /Ярослав Лозовчук/, Статутний /Павло Глек/, Фінансовий /Орест Пасіка/, Зв'язковий /Антін Гарась/ і Адміністративний /Олекса Патріляк/. Для збільшення заангажування нашого членства, ми створили діючі комітети поза канцелярією Красвої Управи у Вінніпегу і в Едмонтоні.

Вінніпезький Комітет /Прот. о. О. Кравченко і Ярослав Луцюк/ опрацьовує приготування двомовних службових книжечок /Хрещення, шлюб і похорону/ як частину проєкту 1000-річчя Хрещення України, в той час як Едмонтонський Комітет /Євген Гарасимів/ опрацьовує культурну програму. Я певний, що результат праці цих комітетів покажеться найбільш цінним для нас всіх.

Наступний підсумок дасть вам зразок активності Красвої Управи підчас останніх двох років:

1. Приблизно 36 засідань Управи мали б мати до 17 серпня.
2. Статут виправлено згідно з дерективами 3'їзду 1987 р. і з Дворічною Конференцією голів. Він буде пропущений на 3'їзді 1989 р. для дискусії й ухвалення.
3. Приготовлено Підручник, що покажеться дуже позитивним помічником для відділів. Цей підручник також буде пропущений на 3'їзді 1989 р.
4. Домагання 3'їзду створити Мовну Комісію ми передали до Українсько-Канадського Комітету Розвитку, щоб він започаткував потрібну розвідку для цілої українсько-канадської громади.
5. Розвиток зорової ідентичності для нашої організації просувається вперед.
6. У співпраці з Українською Православною Церквою і складовими організаціями в Реджайні устатковано канцелярію, випосажену комп'ютером, фотомножником і частинним секретарем для полегшення виконання потрібної праці.

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Back row: Steve Phillipow, Yars Lozowchuk, Paul Hleck, Q.C.; Front row: Orest Pasieka, Steve Senyk, Alex Patryluk. Missing: Dr. Tony Harras.

7. Протоколи, листи й кореспонденція Краєвої Управи друкується в українській і англійській мовах.
8. Ми виготовили один обіжник.
9. Як ваш голова, я учавав на всі, за винятком одного засідання – це СУС, в додатку до Конференції СКВУ в Торонті.
10. Ми влаштували Дворічну Конференцію Голів від 14 до 16 квітня 1989 р. в Реджайні. Протокол цієї Конференції ми розіслали всім Головам.

Високим досягненням під час моєї дворічної каденції як голова Краєвого ТУС була Дворічна Конференція Голів. Рівень участі в цій конференції видався прекрасним – присутні показали позитивний провід; зосередили увагу на позитиви. Я горю надією, що такий самий настрій опанує наш з'їзд в серпні.

Для досягнення нашої мети працюймо з відкритими умами. Пам'ятаймо, що ми є здібні вплинути на зміни і це є наша відповідальність, наш збірний обов'язок провідників на краєвому, провінційному і місцевому рівнях постачати позитивний провід.

На закінчення, дякую членам Управи за їхню піддержку і віддану, повну посвяту, працю продюж минулих двох літ. Я уважав привілесом служити як ваш Голова. На все добре Вам всім.

З братерським привітом,

Степан Сенік, Гол. Кр. Управи

Реджайна
липень 1989



NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT
1987 - 1989

The past two years have certainly been challenging for the National Executive. The list of issues, concerns, problems and demands at times seemed to be without end; however, with your support and encouragement we persevered.

At the beginning of our term of office a decision was made to adopt a committee structure to address the needs of our organization. The committees, with the chairperson noted in brackets, are as follows: Program (Yars Lozowchuk), Constitution (Paul Hleck), Finance (Orest Pasieka), Communications (Tony Harras) and Management (Alex Patryluk). In order to increase involvement of our members, working committees beyond the office of the National Executive were also struck in Winnipeg and Edmonton.

The Winnipeg committee (V.Rev. Krawchenko and Gerald Luciuk) is working on the preparation of bilingual service booklets (baptism, wedding and funeral) as part of a Millennium project, while the Edmonton committee (Eugene Harasymiw) is working on a cultural program. I am confident that the products of these committees will prove to be most valuable for all concerned.

The following print form summary will provide you with an indication of the National Executive's activity during the past two years:

1. Approximately thirty-six executive meetings will have been held by August 17, 1989.
2. The constitution has been revised in accordance with the directives of the 1987 Convention and the 1989 Biennial Presidents' Conference. It will be presented at the 1989 Convention for discussion and approval.
3. A handbook has been prepared which should prove to be a most useful guide for our clubs. The handbook will be presented at the 1989 Convention.
4. The 1987 Convention request to create a Language Commission was referred to the Ukrainian Canadian Community Development Committee to initiate the required study on behalf of the whole Ukrainian Canadian Community.
5. Development of a visual identity for our organization is in progress.
6. In cooperation with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and affiliated organizations in Regina, an office equipped with a computer, photocopier and a part-time secretary has been set up to facilitate the work that needs to be done.
7. Minutes, letters and related correspondence of the National Executive are being printed in Ukrainian and English.

8. One newsletter was prepared.

9. As your president, I attended all, with the exception of one, meetings of C.Y.C., in addition to the C.K.B.Y. Conference in Toronto.

10. A Biennial Presidents' Conference was held in Regina, April 14 - 16, 1989. The minutes of this conference have been distributed to all presidents.

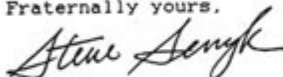
The highlight during my two year term as your president was the Biennial Presidents' Conference. The level of participation at this Conference was considered to be excellent - the group demonstrated positive leadership: it focused on the positives. I trust that this same spirit will prevail at our Convention in August.

In order to achieve our objectives, let us work with open minds. Let us be reminded that we can influence change and that it is our responsibility, our collective responsibility, as leaders at the national, provincial and local levels to provide positive leadership - leadership that gets things done.

In closing, I wish to thank my executive members for their support and dedicated work over the past two years.

It has been a privilege to serve as your president. Best wishes to all of you.

Fraternally yours,



Steve Senyk
President

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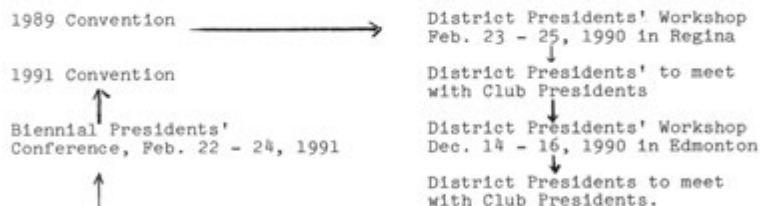
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ЗВІТ ГОЛОВИ КРАЙОВОЇ УПРАВИ ТОВАРИСТВА ПРАВОСЛАВНИХ
УКРАЇНЦІВ КАНАДИ ЗА 1989-1991 РР.

Goal achieving organizations have a clear sense of mission, realistic objectives, a committed and motivated membership and an effective communication system. Based on this belief of what constitutes an effective organization, your National Board has worked diligently over the past two years. Our term of office was eventful and rewarding. At times it was also frustrating.

The following communications model was adopted at the commencement of our term of office:



It was through this process, prior to and following the 1989 Convention, that major undertakings such as the name change of our organization, bylaw revisions and other initiatives were introduced, discussed and acted upon. Feedback from the participants indicated a high degree of satisfaction with this communications process.

The following summary indicates the National Board's activity during the past two years:

- * Approximately thirty-two board meetings will have been conducted by August 1991.

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- * The District Bylaws and the Club Bylaws have been revised. It is noteworthy that within a period of two years all of our bylaws (General Bylaws of Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada, District Bylaws and Club Bylaws) have been revised.
- * Copies of the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association Club Handbook were mailed or personally delivered to all District Boards and Club Boards (two copies per club).
- * Three new clubs were established in the following centres: Rosburn, Manitoba; North Battleford, Saskatchewan and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
- * Two District Presidents' Workshops and one Biennial Presidents' Conference were organized in preparation for the 1991 Convention.
- * A logo has been designed by Allan Nimchuk of Calgary and will be presented at the Convention.
- * The first draft of the bilingual service booklet on the wedding has been completed by a special working committee in Winnipeg.
- * Project "Nadeeya" has been launched - further details will be provided during the Convention.
- * I initiated and received in excess of 150 long-distance telephone calls to carry out business of our Association.
- * I attended the majority of scheduled CYC meetings as well as the CYC provincial conferences in British Columbia and Eastern Canada.
- * All District Boards were contacted by letter to raise funds for the purpose of assisting CYMK projects.
- * While complete reconciliation in the adoption of our Association's name change has yet to be achieved, I am confident that this will come about with understanding and time.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my board members for their dedicated work, constant support and total interest in the welfare of our Association. Thank you for being such a great team to work with!

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your president. May God bless all of you!

Yours fraternally,

Steve Senyk
President

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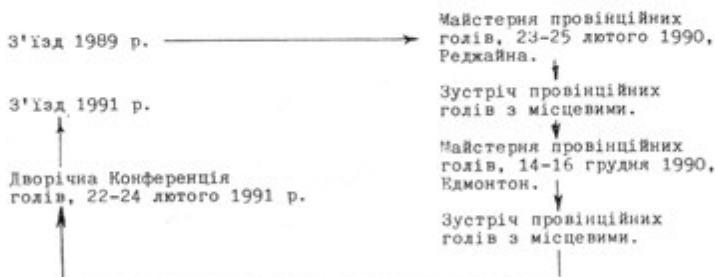
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ЗВІТ ГОЛОВИ КРАЙОВОЇ УПРАВИ ТОВАРИСТВА ПРАВОСЛАВНИХ УКРАЇНЦІВ КАНАДИ ЗА 1989-1991 РР.

За цей пройдений час, головними завданнями наших відділів ТПУ було побудити членів до ефективного співпрацювання у системі, шляхом вірного порозуміння обов'язків, доручень. Базуючись на цьому Крайова Управа на протязі 2-х минулих років мала старанну роботу, яка була повна подій успіхів і також невдач, що в свою чергу проходила по наступній комунікаційній моделі:



Одночасно, до і після з'їзду у 1989 році - це час важливих зобов'язань, а саме зміна назви нашої організації, статутів законів та інше, що ми поставили перед собою, були введені, обговорені і діють. Зворотній зв'язок учасників приніс користь і позитивних результатів.

Нижче подаємо діяльність нашої Управи за останні 2-ва роки:
- до жовтня 1991 року провели 32 засідання Крайової Управи,
- переглянули статутів закони провінційних і місцевих управ / головний статутів закон ТПУ, провінційні і місцеві /,
- були розіслані до всіх провінційних і місцевих відділів по дві копії посібника,

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- утворили три нові клуби: у Росбурні, Манітоба; Норф Бетлфорд, Саскачеван; Саскатун, Саскачеван,
- були підготовлені дві майстерні провінційних голів і одна дворічна Конференція, що присвячувалися до з'їзду,
- знак на з'їзд розробив Олександр Німчук з Калгар, який буде представлено там,
- комітет з Вінніпегу підготував двомовну брошуру порад для весільного обряду,
- розпочали проект "Надія". Деталі плануємо обговорити на з'їзді,
- був присутній на засіданнях Централі СУС, як і також на провінційних Конференціях СУС Б.К. і Східної Канади,
- по бізнесових справах Управа ТПУ мала 150 телефонних розмов, / до і від/ поза межами міста,
- розіслали листи до голів відділів для того, щоб зібрали фонд на СУМКівські проекти,
- повне узгодження, щодо зміни назви нашої організації, то ще не вирішено, але я вірю і певний, що це прийде з часом і порозумінням.

На закінчення, я хочу подякувати моїм членам Управи за їх працю, постійну підтримку і спільні інтереси для добра нашого суспільства. Дякую Управі за повне співпрацювання у роботі. Я мав честь і привілеї висловитися за нашу Крайову Управу. Прову Божого благословення.

З братерським привітом,
Степан Сенник, голова Крайової Управи ТПУ.



Степан Сенник, Гол. Кр. Управи, Дмитро Шиньковський, новообраний Гол. ТУС/ТПУК Східної Канади

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April 1991

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Steve Senyk

Dear Members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's
Association

Vice President
Alex Panyuk

ХРУСТОС БОКРЕС! БОІСТУНЬ БОКРЕС!

Secretary
Yaroslav Lomowchuk

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the minutes of the President's Biennial Conference which took place in Regina on February 22-24, 1991. Please make as many additional copies you may require for your club membership.

Treasurer
Orest Pasieka

I feel that the President's Biennial Conference was most worthwhile. The participants represented their respective districts and clubs in a commendable manner. In-depth analysis of issues, constructive criticism, positive suggestions, collaboration and compromise prevailed throughout the conference. We missed, unfortunately, the contribution of those presidents who were unable to attend the conference.

Directors
Paul Hlack
Steve Philipow
Michael Zaleschuk

By way of this letter, I wish to encourage all District Presidents to ensure that they meet with their respective Club Presidents to review the initiatives identified at the President's Biennial Conference, and to focus on the ways and means by which "grassroots renewal" may be instilled.

I also wish to draw your attention to the motions that were carried by the President's Biennial Conference. The motion regarding our Association's name change is particularly significant. The motion makes reference to the January 1990 newsletter under my signature in which examples were provided on how our new name is to be used. The following excerpt from the newsletter will provide you with the background and context within which the above motion was made.

The name of our organization was changed to the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association at the National Convention in August 1989.

It is recognized that the adoption of a new name by any organization may be accompanied with mixed feelings. These feelings may range from denial and disappointment by some, to positive acknowledgment and genuine acceptance by others. Let us remember that our solid ideology and allegiance to the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada has not changed.

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The following are some examples, in response to recent requests, of how our new name is to be used:

Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Club of Regina
(name of club)

Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Order of St. John
(name of club)

Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Veselka
(name of club)

Ukrainian Orthodox Men's TYC Club
(name of club)

With regards to the motion that an advisory committee be appointed which would prepare the terms of recognition, and a list of names of 100 Ukrainian Orthodox men living or deceased in Canada as part of the Centennial project, I am pleased to report that all of the individuals suggested as committee members have graciously agreed to carry out this important task. Dr. Paul Kit will serve as chairperson of the advisory committee.

I trust that all of our district and club executives are making reference to and use of the UOM Handbook. Please ensure that the Handbook is passed on to the new executives. Your feedback on the Handbook is also requested. We want to ensure that it is kept updated, and that it meets the needs of our organization.

The Biennial CYC Convention is scheduled to take place in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan August 7-11, 1991. Please make a prominent note of the Convention date on your calendar. May I encourage you to select your delegates well in advance of the Convention. It is important that every club and district executive be represented. Please refer to the National Bylaws for further information and direction regarding convention obligations.

With this letter I am enclosing a copy of "Bylaws for Branches" which was approved at the President's Biennial Conference. In fact they are the branch bylaws that were approved at the National Convention in 1973. The enclosed bylaws show the deletions made to the 1973 model while the highlighted portions show the additions. The only change of substance can be found in Section 2. Previously active members were required to be of Ukrainian descent. This requirement has now been deleted to recognize the number of inter-marriages occurring among our Ukrainian people and will permit husbands of our daughters and others to become members, so long as they agree to support the objects. The remaining changes are adopted so as to rationalize the club bylaws with the bylaws of the incorporated The Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada. The enclosed bylaws will be reviewed at the National Convention to be held August 7 - 11 of this year.

With the revision of the club by-laws, we have now completed an organizational structure commenced in 1973. At the last national convention new by-laws were approved for the national organization. At the President's Biennial conference held February 23 - 25, 1990 bylaws for Districts were approved. In the case of the District and Club bylaws modifications can be made to meet local circumstances so long as they are approved prior to their adoption by the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada.

Suggestions for the UOM agenda of the CYC Convention, beyond those listed in the attached minutes, should be forwarded to your respective district executives UOM office. They in turn will forward them to the National Board of UOM. We would like to finalize our agenda by the end of May 1991.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Zlyg in August.

With best wishes and kind regards, I remain yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steve Senyk".

Steve Senyk, President
National Board
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Dear Mr. Yereniuk,

Further to my recent letter which was mailed to the District Presidents and Secretaries and to the Club Presidents and Secretaries, I feel another letter is necessary in the light of a letter which was sent to District Presidents by the British Columbia Provincial Executive, and the advertisement that was placed in two editions of the Ukrainian Voice by the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TYC), New Westminster, B.C., Branch. A copy of the British Columbia Provincial Executive letter is enclosed for your information.

On behalf of the National Board of the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Canada, I wish to convey to you the pertinent details regarding the name change of our Association. It is important that these details be understood by all concerned and be in hand when your respective delegates come to the Zizg in August 1991.

The new name of our Association has stirred up a great deal of discussion over the past two years. While a good number of our membership favors the change, others do not. Such a dynamic is understood and appreciated. Unfortunately, some of the pejorative remarks about the process which led up to the name change have created misunderstanding and a degree of ill will. The following brief background information is intended to set the record straight.

Approximately nineteen years ago at a National TYC Seminar a consensus was expressed to proceed with the search for a new name that would tell people who we are -an organization of Ukrainian Orthodox men. While this not be the entire answer to our organization's problems and concerns, a name change was felt to be a significant part of the larger whole.

Further to the above it was also believed that a name change was necessary to not only revitalize our organization, but also to attract other Ukrainian Orthodox groups to join our organization. As all of you are well aware, we have far too many organizations in our small and declining Ukrainian Orthodox community in Canada.

Our Association is at the crossroads. We will survive and grow only if we begin to pool our skills, work creatively and cooperatively, permit new ideas to be tried out and to "grow wings". We will certainly stultify our Association if we choose to become obsessive guardians of the status quo.

When the National Board of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance (TYC) was moved to Regina in 1985, the Board felt it was important to try out some new models/ideas in providing leadership. We felt it was important to work through the District Presidents and their respective members, who would in turn work with Club Presidents. The idea was to work toward becoming an organization of doers with people involved at all levels, but particularly at the grassroots level of operation. We wanted to make sure that people would not work at cross-purposes, that it was important to develop an informed membership - one that would understand and work toward achievement of fellowship and salient organizational goals. Toward this end it was decided to conduct District Presidents' Workshops and National Biennial President's Conferences. After all of this, we do feel somewhat resentful for being accused of trying to run the Association for ourselves.

Excerpts of the following paragraphs have been quoted directly from the minutes that were forwarded to all those who attended the conferences.

At the National Biennial President's Conference on February 6-8, 1987 the suggestion of a name change was discussed along with other matters on the agenda. A motion was made by Paul Hleck, Q.C. and seconded by John Kolasky "That this assembly agrees in principle with the suggestion that consideration be given to changing the name of our organization." The motion was carried.

During the April 14-16, 1989 National Biennial President's Conference in Regina, a motion was made by Volodymyr Marko and seconded by Paul Stelmaschuk "That the Constitutional Committee proceed to propose a name change, taking into consideration the ideas and suggestions put forward in the discussion." Mr. Marko

proposed that we accept Ukrainian Men's Association of Canada as a name that might be acceptable to all. Following this conference the Constitutional Committee revised and prepared the final draft of the bylaws for the 1989 Zizg, as well as the proposal for the name change.

Contrary to the claims made by the Provincial Executive of British Columbia that the name change was achieved through an illegal voting procedure, the facts, as reported in the minutes of the 1989 National Convention, a copy of which was mailed to you in my June letter, are as follows:

- . The first vote was on the adoption of the term club rather than branch. The results were as follows:
 - 35 for the motion
 - 23 against the motion
 - 6 abstained
- . The second vote was on the motion that a secret ballot be used when taking the vote on the name change. The results were:
 - 35 against the motion
 - 32 for the motion
 - 3 abstained
- . The third vote was on the adoption of the name change. The results were:
 - 41 for the name change
 - 26 against the name change
 - 3 abstained

All notices required to be given were done in accordance with the constitution that existed prior to the adoption of the new one.

At the February 22-24, 1991 National Biennial President's Conference in Regina the name change was discussed at length. A motion was made by Alex Romanyk and seconded by Allan Nimchuk "That this conference accept the fact of the name change." The motion was carried.

In order to bring about some flexibility in the adoption of the new name, and to accommodate other situations such as bingo licenses issued under the name of TYC, a motion was made by Paul Hleck and seconded by Eugene Harasymiw "That the proposal as to the flexibility in the names of clubs as outlined in the January 1990 UOMA newsletter regarding the use of name change be endorsed with the addition of name TYC as an additional example." The motion was carried unanimously. Ironically this motion

which was made as a sincere attempt to provide a sense of conciliation, was interpreted as a sign of weakness and perhaps as attempt to cover up a mistake. I want to make it clear that your National Board has carried out its responsibilities in good faith. The vote on the name change was carried out properly. It was our responsibility to carry out the will of the Zizg and we have done so to the best of our ability.

In the last two editions of the Ukrainian Voice, the New Westminster, B.C., Branch of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association placed an advertisement calling for the re-establishment of a National Executive. In response to this advertisement your National Board sees no need for this kind of a campaign. We are a democratic organization. We have a proud history of electing members to the National Board through our biennial conferences. I trust that our Association will continue to follow this process.

The enclosed submissions from the British Columbia Provincial Executive, the Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Alberta and St. Anne's Branch, Scarborough, Ontario will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the Zizg.

Please circulate this letter and the enclosures to your membership to inform them of the issues at hand.

As a final note, please remember that the existing bylaws require delegates to the Zizg to be elected from paid up clubs.

I look forward to seeing you at the Zizg in Saskatoon.

Yours fraternally,



Steve Senyk,
National President

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ВІДЧИТ ГОЛОВИ КРАЙОВОЇ УПРАВИ Т.У.С.

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За час від 47-го до 48-го з'їзду Т.У.С., головним завданням праці Крайової Управи Т.У.С. було виконання рішень 47-го з'їзду.

а/. На 47-му з'їзді було ухвалено скликати Статутну Комісію для перегляду статуту Т.У.С. Статутна Комісія була сформована в 1992-му році, до її складу увійшли п-ве:

М.Бугера	від Манітоби,
Др.С.Климанко	від Східньої Канади,
С.Клопушак	від Саскачевану,
Є.Герасимів	від Альберти,
С.Лебедович	від Бритійської Колумії.

б/. З'їздом також було ухвалено затримати за нашою організацією назву Т.У.С. до 48-го з'їзду та доручити Статутній Комісії розглянути справу назви нашої організації в позитивний спосіб, подаючи свій звіт про це на 48-му з'їзді. Як що не є можливим дійти до позитивної розв'язки цього питання, то перевести референдум серед членів організації.

На своєму засіданні в червні місяці 1992 року в м. Вінніпезі, Статутна Комісія, не дійшовши до згоди відносно назви, вирішила перевести референдум між членами організації.

Крайова Управа на своєму засіданні прийняла це рішення Статутної Комісії та від 1-го жовтня до 15-го грудня 1992 року перевела референдум.

Щоб заощадити гроші Провінційним Управам, Крайова Управа за згодою більшості членів Статутної Комісії, вирішила покликати для підрахунку балотів референдуму нейтральних осіб. Цими особами були: адвокат Федчун та чартерований бухгалтер Юрій Строгий, обидва з Торонто. Ці особи, 28-го січня 1993 року в бірни п. Строгого, відкрили 434 конверти із балотами. Під час підрахунку балотів виявилося:

За збереження назви Т.У.С.	було 281 балот,
За зміну назви на Т.П.У.К.	було 150 балотів,
Зіпсутих балотів	було 3.

Про підрахунок балотів та про наслідок підрахунку ВОНИ дали своє посвідчення.

Самопошана

Самодіяльність

Самостійність

Крайова Управа дякує п-ам Федчунові та Строгому за їхню добросовісну та безкоштовну працю для нашої організації, в переведенні обліку балотів референдуму. Крайова Управа мала 19-ть засідань, були присутніми на 3-х засіданнях С.У.С. та мали 2 засідання із головою Централі С.У.С.

Голова Крайової Управи особисто мав зустрічі із головами Провінційних Управ та із їх Управами коли був присутнім на провінційних з'їздах С.У.С. Був присутнім на 3-х провінційних з'їздах С.У.С. та на одному конгресі К.У.К. Перебуваючи від 23-го вересня по 12-те жовтня 1992 року на заході Канади, відвідав там 4 відділи, також відвідав 4 відділи на Сході Канади. Невідомо як проходить виконання рішення з'їзду відносно проекту "НДІДІЯ" та друкування двох молитовних книжечок. 4 відділи вирізняли свою заборгованість та відновили своє членство, але 4 відділи не відповідають на листи від Крайової Управи.

Я особисто дякую родинам панів С. Франко, С. Клопушак та С. Лебедович за їхнє прийняття мене під час моєї подорожі по західній Канаді, що зберегло значну суму грошей Крайовій Управі.

З Т.У.С.-івським привітом:



Голова Крайової Управи Т.У.С.-

/ Дм. Шпитковський/.

ЗВІТ ГОЛОВИ КРАЙОВОЇ УПРАВИ ТИС В КАНАДІ.

Від імені Крайової Управи ТУС в Канаді, вітаю делегатів, учасників і всіх гостей цього, 49-го Всеканадського з'їзду СУС в м. Торонто, Онт.

Друга каденція, як голови Крайової Управи ТУС, розпочалася 30-го червня 1993-го року в м. Вінніпег, Ман.

26-го липня 1993 р. - був гостем на зборах відділу ТУС м. Гамільтон.

24-го вересня 1993 р. - мав зустріч із п. М. Залісчуком, головою Провінційної Управи ТУС Саскачевану, на котрій обговорювалися питання вживання назви ТУС.

1-го жовтня 1993 р. - був присутнім на Провінційному з'їзді СУС Альберти в Калгарі, де я дізнався, що заряд громади в Калгарі складається із членів складових організацій СУС як ТУС, СУК та СУМК.

Дякую панству В. Галюк, п. П. Царук, голові СУК п-ні Shirley Din.

Ці люди віднесли до мене дійсно в душі * WESTERN STYLE * hospitality.

I was their guest at a supper. The following day mr. Haluk took me on a tour of the Foot Hills of Alberta. Many thanks for your fine hospitality.

23-го жовтня 1993 р. - був присутнім на банкеті ТУС м. Гамільтон.

20-го листопада 1993 р. - був на відзначенні 30- ліття інституту Св. Володимира в м. Торонто.

27-го листопада 1993 р. - був гостем на річних зборах відділу ТУС м. Гамільтон.

3-го грудня 1993 р. - Відділ ТУС м. Торонто - * Turkey Roll *

15-го лютого 1994 р. - СУС Телеконференція.

15-го березня 1994 р. - Похорон члена СУМК м. Віндзор.

10-го травня 1994 р. - Спільне засідання Крайових Управ ТУС, СУК та СУМК-у.

13-15-травня 1994 р. - Поїздка до Ванкувер на відзначення 60-ліття СУК, та для ознайомлення із життям та працею відділів ТУС в Ванкувер-і та його околицях. Щира подяка п-м С. Лебедовичові, Лазарукові Б. Гузикові п-ням В. Пушка, С. Стасюк та панству В. Дзюбенко за їхнє гарне прийняття мене.

15-17-го липня 1994 р. - Конференція СУС в м. Вінніпег, Ман. де Крайова Упорава мала малу виставку картин праці п-ні Аделі Кирилюк.

30-го вересня 1994 р. - З'їзд СУС Східної Канади.

7-11-го жовтня 1994 р. - Провінційний з'їзд СУС Бритійської Колумбії в м. Келовна. Були присутні Голови Централь ТУС, ТУС та СУК. Цей з'їзд пройшов дуже гарно. Моя подяка Управі СУС Б. С. за цю поїздку. Дякую п. С. Лебедович за опіку мною під час мого перебування на з'їзді.

18-20-го листопада 1994 р. - Провінційний з'їзд СУС Саскачевану, присутніми були голови централь ТУС, ТУС та СУК. Головну промову мав п. С. Франко, що мало гарний вплив на присутніх на з'їзді. Дякую панству Хомин та С. Клапушак за їхню гостинність.

15-го січня 1995 р. - * BISHOP'S LEVY * в м. Торонто.

3-го лютого 1995 р. - Бенкет Спадщини - « Скарби України ».

9-го лютого 1995 р. - Засідання СУС.

11-го лютого 1995 р. - СУМК WORKSHOP and COSMO HOCKEY in Grimsby.

19-го лютого 1995 р. - Прийняття гостей із України « Українські Господарі » в Гримзбі.

27-го травня 1995 р. - Long Branch * SPRING FAST *

17-го червня 1995 р. - Бенкет - 85-ти ліття із дня народження та 50-ти ліття

священства Митрополита Василя .
11-15-го липня 1995 р . - делегат на собор УПЦК , ордену Св. Андрея та на річні збори видавничої спілки ТРИЗУБ .

Висловлюю щирю подяку :

Членам Крайової Управи ТУС за їхню терпеливість , зрозуміння та співпрацю .
Всім головам Провінційних Управ ТУС , головам управ відділів ТУС та всім членам ТУС за їхню співпрацю .
Всім головам складових організацій СУС за їхню співпрацю .

Бажаю всім найкращих успіхів в майбутній праці .

Щастя Вам , Боже .

Дм . Шпитковський

Голова .





ТОВАРИСТВО УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ В КАНАДІ

UKRAINIAN SELF RELIANCE ASS'N OF CANADA

L'ASSOCIATION DES UKRAINIENS AUTONOME DU CANADA

Від себе і Крайової Управи Товариства Українців Самостійників сердечно вітаю делегатів, молодь, учасників та гостей 50-го всеканадського з'їзду Союзу Українців Самостійників в Едмонтоні. Складаю щиро подяку з'їздовому комітетові та всім працівникам за працю під час цього з'їзду Союзу Українців Самостійників.

Широкосердечна подяка всім головам Провінційних управ TYC, головам управ відділів TYC та всім членам TYC за Ваше довір'я та за співпрацю.

Дякую членам Крайової Управи за співпрацю та за підтримку в усіх наших нарадах та засіданнях. З окрема дякую секретареві Миколі Нечайові за добросовісне виконання обов'язків секретаря.

Ми, Крайова Управа, старалися зберегти нашу спадщину і пристосувати її до теперішніх обставин.

Конференція.

Перша зарековдована конференція відбулася в травні 1996 року в Бритійській Колумбії. Доповідані виголосили вміло опрацьовані ними теми котрі були цікаві і корисні для учасників конференції. Сердечна подяка панам: Богданові Гузику, Семенові Лебедовичові і В.Ганусчакові та комітетові за підготовку та переведення цієї успішної конференції.

СУМК \$50000 фонд.

СУС Фондація під керівництвом п.В.Кирилюка разом з Крайовою Управою TYC старалися заохочувати членів TYC на пожертви на фонд СУМК \$50000.

П.Василь Кирилюк своїм умілим підступом до членів TYC успішно досяг цієї мети, він досяг повністю до \$50000. Відсотки з цього фонду ідуть до Крайової Управи СУМК.

TYC прапор і Відзнаки.

Крайова Управа TYC, за більше як 60 років, нарешті здобула TYC-кий прапор і відзнаку (Lapel Pins). Сердечно дякую п. Андрієві Скрипнякові та його комітетові за колосальну працю у виконанні цього проєкту.

Статут.

Статутний Комітет в складі: др. П.Т.Смильський - голова та члени: п.-ве Богдан і Данило Гузики, Михайло Залісчук, Євген Гарасимів та Андрій Скрипняк, від з'їзду 1995 року опрацювали Статут від початку до кінця. Вони старалися, як Крайовий так і відділовий з'єднати в один. Це забрало багато часу, але Статут був перевірений, кінцево оформлений і є готовий до прийняття на цьому з'їзді в Едмонтоні.

Історія TYC.

Комітет історії TYC, (котрий очолює п.Є.Криворучко, крім нього до комітету входять п.-ве: д-р С.Климашко, Богдан Радеш, Антін Погорельський, Єпіфан Коча, д-р Мирослав Лазарович), опрацьовує історію відділів TYC.

Подяка відділам, що прислали історію своїх відділів, рівнож подяка комітетові за їхню колосальну працю. Щира подяка Отцю Мирославі Парфенюкові за уведення історії TYC до компютера.

Провінційні з'їзди.

Я мав нагоду бути присутнім та брати участь в праці з'їздів котрі відбулися в

в Едмонтоні, Реджайні та в Гамільтоні. До з'їзду в Вінніпезі було вислано привіт. Був присутній на Сімпозиумі Східної Екзекутиви СУК в Оттаві.

Щира подяка всім, що допомогали мені під час мого перебування в Оттаві.

Відвіддини відділів ТУС.

Мав нагоду зустрічатися з ТУС-цями відвідати відділи в містах: Монреаль, Оттава, Лонг Бранч, Торонто, Ошава і Гамільтон. Відвіддини малого або великого відділу членами Крайової Управи, піддають відділам більше зацікавлення та духа до праці. Відділи відчувають, що Управа зацікавлена їхнім життям та працею. Складаю сердечну подяку всім відділам, а особисто відділові ТУС в Суррей з головою п. Метро Коропатніським та відділові ТУС в Гамільтоні з головою п. А. Скрипняком, за моральну та фінансову підтримку Крайової Управи ТУС. Щира подяка всім відділам.

Подорож СУМК.

26-28-го лютого 1996 року, я зголосився повезти голову і двох членів Крайової Управи СУМК до Оттави, Монреаля, Торонто та Гамільтону, де Вони мали зустріч з членами ТУС та СУК. Кошт подорожі покрила Крайова Управа ТУС. Враження СУМК-ців про свою подорож вони описали в Українському Голосі.

Наша Управа може не закінчила всю працю, але ми переломили хребет біди. Масмо більшу співпрацю, ліпшу комунікацію та завзятість до будь якої праці.

Я Гордий що належу до такої благородної організації як Товариство Українців Самостійників.

Ми маємо найкращі предмети - Самопошана, Самодіяльність, Самостійність.

Our Organization reminds me of nobel wine which has:

- a) History behind it
- b) Has geographic location and
- c) Has an alliance like VQA (Vintners Quality Alliance).

Our Ukrainian Self Reliance Association has

- a) History dating back 70 years
- b) Has geographic location across Canada and
- c) Has an alliance with the Ukrainian Women's Association and Ukrainian Youth Association which are under the co-ordinating umbrella of the Ukrainian Self Reliance League.

I know of no other organization that encompasses a complete family.

It has been my pleasure to have been able to offer my personal time to promote such a distinguished and nobel organization as TYC .

May 1997 CYC Convention in Edmonton be a stairway to a successful future towards the year 2000.

GOD BLESS - ЩАСТИ ВАМ, БОЖЕ !

Голова Крайової Управи ТУС в Канаді -



(Дм. Шпитковський)

Letter from Dmytro Spytkowski - Name Change Ballot

КРАЛОВА УПРАВА
ТОВАРИСТВА УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ



NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

At the 47th National Self-Reliance Association (TUS) sessions held August 9-10-11, 1991 in Saskatoon, prolonged and controversial discussions took place concerning the name change from Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TUS) to Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association (UOMA).

To try and resolve this controversial issue a motion was made by Dr. P. Smylski, seconded by M. Kereluke, that this convention suspends the use of the article dealing with the name change, and reverts to the name TUS, until the Constitution Committee can resolve the issue to the satisfaction of the general membership, on the question. The motion carried by a substantial majority, and the Constitution Committee would then submit its report at the 48th SUS-TUS convention to be held in 1993.

On the 19-20-21 of June, 1992, the Constitution Committee comprised of five members, listed below, representing five regions across Canada, held its conference at St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg.

1. S. Lebedovich---British Columbia.
2. E. Harasymiw---Alberta (was absent).
3. S. Klapoushak---Saskatchewan.
4. M. Bugera---Manitoba.
5. Dr. S. P. Klimasko---Eastern Canada.

Others present at the conference were:

1. S. Franko---president National SUS (Ukrainian Self-Reliance League).
2. D. Spytkowski---president National TUS.
3. M. Netchay---National TUS secretary and Constitution Committee secretary.

In accordance with the decision reached at the TUS sessions during the last National SUS convention last August, 1991, the Referendum Ballot provides for two names for our organization for the future. Each and every paid up member can vote only for one of the designated names on the ballot. Please affix "X" in the square opposite the name of your preference, either in Ukrainian or English. Place the ballot in the self-addressed envelope, seal it and mail to the National TUS Executive, which will safeguard the ballots until the Constitution Committee meets to count them after conclusion of the Referendum on the 30th of October, 1992.

We'll be grateful and thankful for your participation and expediency in this matter.

Mail your ballot to:

National TUS Executive,
P. O. Box 217,
Beamsville, Ontario
L0R 1B0

Dr. S. P. Klimasko.

S. P. Klimasko
English Secretary for
National TUS Executive.



Dr. S. P. Klimasko
138 Ruthway Avenue
Hamilton, Ontario
L8M 3G4



В.Ш.Панові!

На останньому з'їзді нашої організації, який відбувся в серпні 1991 року в м. Саскатуні, велася велика та довга дискусія відносно зміни назви організації із Т.У.С. на Т.П.У.К. На внесок др. П. Смильського якого підтримував п. Дмитро Кирилюк, більшістю голосів було вирішено залишити назву організації Т.У.С., а Статутівій Комісії було поручено розглянути справу зміни назви Т.У.С. та подати свою рекомендацію на наступному з'їзді, який має відбутися в 1993 році, а , якщо буде потрібним, то провести референдум серед членства організації, 19-21 червня 1992 року в Вінніпезі статутова комісія в складі:

С.Лебедович- від Бритійської Колумбії;
С.Клопоушак- від Саскачевану;
М.Бугера - від Маннітоби;
Др. С.Климашко- від Східньої Канади,
мали свої засідання. На засіданні були присутніми:
Голова Централі С.У.С. п. С. Франко,
Голова Крайової Управи Т.У.С. п. Дм. Шпитковський,
Секретар комісії М.Нечай.

Невідомо чому був відсутнім член комісії від Альберти п. Герасимів. На своїх засіданнях Статутова Комісія не змогла дійти до згоди в пологоджені питання зміни назви і одноголосно вирішила провести референдум. Комісія вирішила звернутися до членів організації, щоб вони своїм голосуванням вирішили як має називатися наша організація. Назву організації виберуть самі члени організації. Ніхто із членів організації, як би він себе не почував, не має бути байдужим до цієї справи. Всі мають взяти участь в референдумі, який вирішить назву та майбутність її. В балотах пропонуємо членам до вибору , згідно зрішенням з'їзду, ДВІ назви для організації. Просимо в квадраті навпроти назви яку ви вважаєте доцільною, поставити X, вложіть балот до коверти заадресованої, заклейте коверту та вкиньте коверту до поштової скриньки. Балоти, в українській та англійській мовах. Ви маєте вибрати лише одну назву на балоті. Заклесні балоти ніхто не має права відкривати, за винятком Статутової Комісії на її засіданні. Закінчення референдуму буде 30-го жовтня 1992 року. До Засідання Статутової Комісії балоти будуть зберігатися при Крайовій Управі. Про початок референдуму кожний член буде повідомлений отриманням балота, який він має виповнити та не гайчись відіслати назад до Крайової Управи. Наперед дякуємо вам за вашу увагу та вашу участь в референдумі.

**George H. Strohyj, CA - Letter regarding name change ballot count
(January 28, 1993)**

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JANUARY 28, 1993

UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
P.O. BOX 217
BEAMSVILLE, ONTARIO
L0R 1B0

RE: BALLOTS FOR NAME CHANGE

DEAR SIRs:


ON JANUARY 28TH, 1993, WE COUNTED THE BALLOTS FOR CHOOSING BETWEEN THE NAMES UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA AND UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA. FOR THE COUNTING WE OPENED EACH ENVELOPE, COUNTED EACH BALLOT AND SEALED ALL BALLOTS IN THE ENVELOPE ATTACHED HERETO.

WE CERTIFY THAT THE COUNT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA	281
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA	150
SPOILED BALLOTS	<u>3</u>
TOTAL BALLOTS	<u>434</u>

YOURS SINCERELY,


GERALD B. FEDCHUN
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR


GEORGE H. STROHYJ
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT



ТОВАРИСТВО УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ В КАНАДІ
КРАЙОВА УПРАВА

UKRAINIAN SELF-RELIANCE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

L'ASSOCIATION DES UKRAINIENS AUTONOME DU CANADA
EXECUTIVE NATIONALE

200 Limeridge Road West, Suite 106, Hamilton, ON L9C 7M7 - Tel: (905) 639-4425 - Fax: (905) 637-0771

Від імені Крайової Управи Товариства Українців Самостійників, щирісердечно вітаю нашого Митрополита, Владик, духовенство, делегатів, учасників та гостей 51-го крайового З'їзду Союзу Українців Самостійників в Ріджайні. Бажаю найкращих успіхів в наших нарадах. Наша молодь має бути одним найважливішим проєктом для наших складових організацій СУС. Даймо їм допомогу рости в нашій церкві, в нашій культурі і в нашій організації СУС. Від нас залежить наше майбутнє. Дякую секретареві пана Миколі Нечайові та членам Крайової Управи за співпрацю під час минулих двох років.

On behalf of the National Executive of the Ukrainian Self Reliance Association (TYC), I would like to welcome the delegates and guests to the 51st National CYC Convention in Regina. In this the year of the "Orthodox Family", the convention theme of "The USRL Family in the New Millennium" is very appropriate. We work hard to ensure the operation of our individual organizations, but often overlook the fact that we are all part of the CYC family and need to work together to keep the family strong. Let all our individual sessions produce successful resolutions and our family ties grow tighter during this convention. Most of all, let us not forget that our youth is our future and that we must take a serious interest in what they are doing and give them the utmost of support in their projects.

The past two years as National TYC President have been very enlightening to me. There is a big difference between being a Branch or Provincial TYC President and that of the National level. At times I felt like I was on a tread mill doing a lot of walking but getting nowhere. We have looked at the idea of the term of office being increased to 3 years since the better part of the first year is basically a learning period and once the comfort level is reached, the term is nearly over. There were a few items that carried over from the previous term which had to be taken care of. The two most prominent ones were the final wording for the TYC Constitution and the compilation and condensation of the branch TYC histories. The members of these 2 committees all deserve more than just a simple "Thank You" as neither of these two projects were very simple to work on to a satisfactory conclusion.

A National TYC Budget was drawn up and distributed to every branch shortly after we took office. The results were not quite as good as expected and a summation will be given with the financial report. A new budget will be produced for approval at the TYC Session during the convention. This will represent the requirements of the organization and the financial ability for the executive to perform the appropriate functions.

During this term of office I attended the following functions:

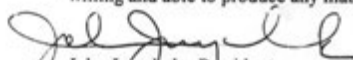
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| October 1997 | - National CYC Meeting - Saskatoon, Sask. |
| | - Following meetings were held by tele-conference |
| April 23-26, 1998 | - UOCC Christian & Heritage Education Committee Symposium |
| | - "Building Capacities to Grow in Christ" - Edmonton, Alta. |
| June 1998 & 1999 | - UOCC Eastern Epiarchy Family Day Celebrations |
| | - St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre - Oakville, Ont. |
| August 21-23, 1998 | - National CYC Conference - Winnipeg, Man. |
| | - CYMK Retreat - Camp Veselka - Gimley, Man. |
| October 2 - 4, 1998 | - BC Provincial CYC Convention - Vancouver, B.C. |
| October 9-12, 1998 | - XIX - KYK Congress - Winnipeg, Man. |
| October 23-25, 1998 | - Eastern CYC Convention - Ottawa, Ont. |
| November 6-8, 1998 | - Sask. Provincial CYC Convention - Regina, Sask. |
| December 2-6, 1998 | - VII Ukrainian World Congress, Toronto, Ont. |
| | - Past Pres. Dmytro Spytowsky represented me at most of the sessions. |
| March 20th, 1999 | - 18th Annual Conference of the Ukrainian Museum of Canada |
| | - Winnipeg, Man. |
| March 28, 1999 | - CYC Foundation Executive Committee Meeting - Toronto, Ont. |
| Branch Visitations | - Oshawa, Ont. - Long Branch, Ont. |
| | - Scarborough, Ont. - Windsor TYC |
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CYMK - The National CYMK Executive kept TYC aware of what they were doing and sent copies of their meeting minutes to the National TYC Office. I would like to thank John Moroz and his executive for their good work and co-operation. I must also thank Dr. O. Talpash for accepting the position as our CYMK Liaison in Edmonton.

UWAC - A special thanks to the National President, Sonja Bejzyk, who has been a great person to work with. Working with her has been a pleasure and I did not hesitate to call her for opinions and ideas. The co-operation between TYC and "Coto3" has been excellent. The Alberta Provincial CYK Executive have also kept me informed on their activities by sending me their bulletins.

CYC - The close co-operation between the component organizations during the past two years has made our work enjoyable. I would like to thank Michael Zaleschuk, the National CYC President for the guidance he has given us during the past two years. In working with along with the CYC executive, we always regarded CYMK as one of our important areas of concern and I think this will show the rewards at this convention.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of my executive for their patience with me during this term of office. They kept coming up with fresh ideas for things that we need to look at to keep the organization up to date. I do not know how we would have gotten along without the dedication of our secretary, Mr. Mykola Netchay. He was always ready, willing and able to produce any material that we needed for distribution.


John Jurychuk - President



ТОВАРИСТВО УКРАЇНЦІВ САМОСТІЙНИКІВ В КАНАДІ
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The start of this 52nd National CYC Convention signals the end of my second term of office as National President of TYC. The past 4 years have been a very rewarding experience for me. I look back over this time period and see the many different thought processes that are required by the executive when dealing with an organization that spans close to 5000 km. We are all Canadians of Ukrainian descent but the way we function in the various parts of Canada makes for a mixture of different ways of running the same organization. I don't think that this is much different than the way the Federal Government of Canada has to deal with the diversity of the Provinces. I think that as we look at this, we realize the need for constant two way communication. I have been very impressed by the increase in the number of branches that are now sharing their experiences with the National Executive and even other branches by conventional and more recently by electronic mail. The ideal would be for all branches to send their meeting minutes and activity notices to both the Provincial and National offices. The branches that use the electronic media could also inform more of the membership across the country about their activity and this could spark new ideas and projects in other areas.

A significant event that was sponsored by the National Executive was the Presidents Conference held in Hamilton. This is something that we hope will become a regular event in the non-national convention years. We found that having the "doers" of the organization meet to discuss how to better the organization was a great success. It was a little dissappointing that not all the branch Presidents were able to attend. We felt that although the smaller branches had difficulties with travel time and costs, they could have been the branches to gain the most by the total experience. The time allocation for serious discussion is more intensified than at a large convention. It was very interesting to have Bishop Yuriy of Eastern Canada attend and take part in our discussions and help us with our organizations relations with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. One of the main highlights of this session was the concern that our CYMKivtsi have about the future of our CYC organizations. Lydia Talpash, the National CYMK Vice-President was invited to give their impressions of what they feel needs to be done in order to keep our youth involved. One of their main ideas was a mentorship programme which would teach them about our organizations and how to run them.

In February of this year, the National Executive of CYC called a "Think Tank Seminar" for delegates of the component organizations of CYC in Meunster, Sask. This was to look at our whole CYC structure as well as how the component organizations might work to a

serious restructuring. The results of this session were later refined at a second session held in Saskatoon in June. The results of these sessions are to be presented to the delegates at this convention on Saturday and the outcome of the discussions at this time will be used as a foundation to revitalize our organizations so that they will be more attractive to both our youth carrying on and to entice new blood who have only looked at us from the sidelines.

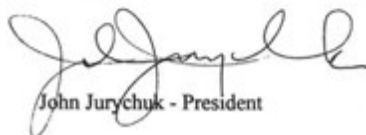
I attended Provincial CYC Conventions in Eastern Canada, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. After the BC Provincial Convention, the National CYC Executive met with the National Convention Committee at the hotel in Burnaby to set up the layout of the convention and see the accommodations available for the various functions. I also attended the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada Sobor in Winnipeg .

CYMK - It has been a pleasure working with David Makowsky and his executive. They kept our executive informed on their activities. The Alberta and Eastern Provincial CYMK executives also kept us informed of their activities. I would like to thank Andy Skrypnik for all his work as the National TYC Representative for CYMK Relations.

UWAC - I am very grateful for the co-operation that I have received from the National President, Sonja Bejzyk over the past two terms of office. We have been able to keep in contact and exchange ideas for the betterment of our organizations. It has been very nice to receive information from the Provincial UWAC executives. This truly shows that we are still one big family in CYC.

CYC - We are truly into the age of electronics with the CYC National Executive. Most of our work over the past two years has been done by tele-conferencing, fax machines and more recently, e-mail. Our main face-to-face meetings took place during and after provincial conventions. I would like to thank the President, Michael Zaleschuk for his devoted work in the many functions required of him as CYC President.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow executive members who have devoted the past four years to work along with me in an attempt to run our organization. As I have stated in the past, this has not been an easy task. There have been many challenges and some of them have not been successfully dealt with. I wish the new executive all the best in the years ahead and may we all work together to increase the membership across the country.



John Jurychuk - President

National TYC President's Report to the 2003 TYC Session at the USRL Convention

When I sat down to write this report I quickly realized how difficult a job it would be to remember what had transpired over the last 22 months especially for someone who has difficulty remembering what he had for breakfast this morning.

This report will be broken into two parts. The first part will deal with pure informational or statistical stuff and second part will get into some specifics.

The National Executive held 11 formal meetings over the last two years. The president handled over 400 pieces of incoming and outgoing mail. Many phone calls were made and received, emails have become a fact of life for TYC. Three newsletters were sent to every member in TYC.

The National TYC President.....
telephoned every club president at the beginning of the term.
visited Edmonton for the Alberta CYC Convention and met with the 6 men's club representatives.
visited Calgary for a club meeting and greeted the Vice President of Ukraine.
attended the UCC Congress in Winnipeg.
attended a CYC meeting in Calgary
attended the Long Branch turkey roll
attended Hamilton TYC meetings as a member
attended the Bishop's New Year's levee
had an informal visit/ meeting with Archbishop Yuri
attended a second CYC meeting in Calgary
attended the Ukrainian Voice AGM in Winnipeg
attended the Eastern Canada CYC Convention
attended the Saskatchewan CYC Convention

Fiscally the executive worked from a budget and managed to improve the finances of National TYC with a net increase of close to \$2500.

The National Executive hosted a tremendously successful presidents' conference in March 2003 in Hamilton. National TYC covered all the costs of the conference; a request was made to National CYC to assist in the hosting of this conference, but this request was turned down.

The executive worked on many projects, some were completed, some continue and some were deemed to be unattainable.

Resolutions were worked on throughout the year; a report is included in the convention handbook.

The issue of incorporation for the organization was determined to be unnecessary and this matter has now been closed.

Preliminary work started into developing a website for TYC, but this was judged to be premature and the project remains on the back burner.

Extensive work was done on a TYC brochure that could be used for promoting TYC; this is near completion awaiting the outcome of this convention.

The writing of a TYC history has been formally abandoned. As we could not collect accurate information about clubs that have folded over the years it was felt that not including these clubs would not properly illustrate our history.

Compiling a list of past National presidents remains a challenge. Our last chance is to have someone sit down and review past issues of Ukrainian Voice and record what information is found there...any volunteers???

The issuing of membership cards has been discontinued.

We welcomed back North Battleford TYC.

We said goodbye to Vancouver TYC.

Our archives continue to be a disgrace. Except for the last 14 years we do not know where our national archives are.

Now for some specific issues:

One of the major issues was the lack of communication. It seemed that every club did not understand or appreciate what it was that the national executive did or provided. We took the approach that we must keep the lines of communication open. Every branch and provincial president was emailed or mailed our minutes of every single meeting. We sent a newsletter to every member in the country on three different occasions. We sent our minutes to National CYC, CYMK and UWAC. The national executive did their part. In return not one club sent us their minutes nor did one provincial executive send us their minutes. It should be noted though that Regina TYC did provide us with an extremely informative bulleting on a monthly basis. National CYMK is to be congratulated as they sent us their minutes on a regular basis. National UWAC sent no minutes ever, just the occasional Christmas or Easter card. Our family does a poor job in communicating.

The 75th Anniversary of TYC. Much time was spent on this topic trying to prove when our organization was truly founded. The executive tried to find concrete information when we truly started. For every TYC member that told me we started in 1927, we had another telling us that this is incorrect. Until our archives are somehow collected and stored nobody will have the definitive answer.

The Futures report: A project started some 3 ½ years ago with no real end in sight. The report was sent to every club president for comment. I was disappointed to only have feedback from a few clubs. Steppe and Hamilton are to be commended for the serious approach they took with respect to this document. We received a 20 page and a 10-page submission from those two clubs. Hopefully we will emerge from this convention with a clear path for the Futures report.

National CYC: As president of National TYC I automatically become one of the three vice-presidents of National CYC (CYMK and UWAC national presidents being the other two) I spoke with the National CYC President on a semi-regular basis and emails were

sent as required, but I was disappointed that we met as a board only twice. The National CYC executive must work hard to pull our family together, it seems that some of our affiliates seem to forget that they are even part of CYC. This last year our CYC family lost two tremendous leaders. Dr. Dmytro Cipywyyk, one of the best presidents UCC ever had. He was our CYC member. The other was the dynamic Mrs. Mary Tkachuk, National CYC president when I was the National CYMK president. What a privilege it was to work with this lady, the first female National CYC President and leader in so many other causes. It disturbs me that we as CYC did not make some public statement honouring these two leaders. We have our Ukrainian Voice; we failed to use it yet again.

The UOCC and TYC. We have always worked for the benefit of our church. We will always continue to do so. I hope one day soon our bylaws will reflect what is today's reality. TYC does not interfere in Church matters, yet on two occasions the National Executive was implored to interfere in matters that clearly did not concern us. We look forward to furthering our close ties with the UOCC and hope that more clergy will become members of TYC soon.

Hats off to Dr. Edward Klopoushak, his monthly newsletters from Regina made me feel like I was a member of their club. An excellent job, keep up the tremendous job!!

To the Calgary organizing committee. This convention is sold-out!!!! This only happened because of the hard work and dedication shown by all the members of the Calgary CYC family. Congratulations on a job well done.

To the 2001-2003 National TYC Executive: A sincere thank you! Everyone knew their role and did an exceptional job.

To all the delegates that took the time to attend this convention please accept my thanks for attending.

In closing, I ask our members to open their eyes and see the reality of today's TYC. I ask the members to open their minds when it comes to charting the course for the future of this organization. I am a staunch supporter of tradition, but we need to spend less time talking about what we once were and celebrating all those anniversaries and focus on embracing the challenges of today, work together in a positive manner and we will have many more anniversaries to celebrate in the future.

Respectfully submitted
Andy Skrypnjak
National TYC President 2001-2003



Товариство Українців Самостійників в Канаді – Крайова Управа
Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association of Canada – National Executive
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**Report on behalf of the
National Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (USRA/TYC) Executive
to the 54th Convention of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League,
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, August 24-28, 2005**

During the past two years your National Executive has concentrated primarily on four areas, these being:

- fulfilling the commitments that they made prior to the 2003 Convention in Calgary,
- making certain administrative improvements to the executive's operation,
- responding to the findings of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League's (USRL/CYC) 'Futures' process and workshop, and
- organizing a very successful symposium on the 'Role of the Laity in the Life of Ukrainian Orthodox Church'.

It is with considerable satisfaction that the Executive reports that a goodly portion of the objectives that were set out were fulfilled, and in some cases, the results of certain initiatives exceeded expectations.

However, notwithstanding the above positive results the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (USRA/TYC) is still experiencing considerable difficulties. Recently the Yorkton Branch ceased operation, hopefully just temporarily, and the fortunes of several other branches have not improved. On the positive side a new Branch was formed in Kamloops. So overall there have been successes, but unfortunately there have been some negatives as well.

Prior to the 2003 Convention Calgary, the candidates for the TYC National Executive indicated what their priorities would be should they be elected. As indicated above, a number of these have been met in large part while others to a lesser degree. Specifically, the TYC National Executive has:

- provided each branch with access to a menu of possible projects/programs that they should consider given their financial and human resources,
- many of these projects/programs could be extended beyond the immediate community, that is, a number of outreach opportunities were identified which could be undertaken by individual branches,
- regrettably little progress was made in creating closer ties with other Ukrainian Orthodox based men's organizations
- rather than holding a national forum, it was decided that it would be more appropriate to hold a symposium on 'who we are and our responsibilities' and to this end, the above mentioned very successful symposium was held.
- Shared suggestions with the Branches on how to improve their administrative functioning, but
- no survey was conducted on the future needs of our membership.

No doubt, the membership has noted that the TYC National Executive relies heavily on the internet. With today's huge demands being placed on members' and potential members' time, the use of modern communication tools is paramount for success. It also forces our members to stay in touch with what is occurring around us and to demonstrate to potential members that our approach of doing business is current and relevant.

During the last number of years the USRL/CYC has been facilitating a 'futures search' process within our community. The workshop that was held in Regina on February 28, 2004 was a significant event in this process with the results of this workshop being discussed at this convention. In an attempt to prepare the TYC membership to discuss this matter more meaningfully at the Convention and to help affirm the priorities that were identified during the February 28th workshop, the TYC National Executive reviewed the results and made its assessment and shared these with its membership. Hopefully the various Branches have reviewed these with the intent of pursuing those projects/programs that are relevant to their circumstances and within their capacity to implement. Finally, it is the intent of the TYC National Executive, subject to being re-elected, to follow-up with the various Branches on the specific of their future plans.

On the matter of our future activities, it is extremely important that we as TYC and other component members of USRL undertake a relevant and significant set of projects/programs. This is necessary since potential members of our organizations will take us seriously only if we are doing serious/worthwhile things.

On May 13-14, 2005 a symposium on the 'Role of the laity in the life of the Orthodox Church' was held at St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg. Seven papers were presented by experts on particular subjects. Specifically the papers and presenters were:

- Paper #1, Clarifying the Paradigm, by Fr. Andrew Jarmus
- Paper #2, What is the place of Canon Law in the life of the Church?, by Fr. Taras Udod
- Paper #3, Participation of the laity in the life of the Orthodox Church during Apostolic times and the first millennium, by Dr. Valerie Karras.
- Paper #4, An overview of the participation of the laity in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church life from the time of Kyivan Rus to the end of the 19th century, by Dr. Frank Sysyn.
- Paper #5, Church, State and Nation in twentieth century Ukraine, by Serhii Plokhii
- Paper #6, Participation of laity in Church life in 20th century in traditional Orthodox lands and the US Greek Orthodox experience, by Dr. Valerie Karras.
- Paper #7, Immigration and contemporary North American experiences - the experience of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, by Dr. Roman Yereniuk.

In addition to the papers there were formal discussions in each case as well as an opportunity for the attendees to ask for clarifications or questions.

Overall, the response to the symposium was resoundingly positive and it added materially to the attendees understanding of the role of the laity in our church life. Further, there appeared to be a consensus that the symposium has the potential to materially benefit the deliberations of the Joint USRL-UOCC Committee.

Aside from the success of the symposium, we should be pleased with the results since it addresses one of TYC's main mandates: to support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC).

On behalf of the TYC National Executive I wish to thank all those individuals that contributed to the success of these past two years. Further I wish to thank our overall membership for their moral and material support. However I would be remiss if I did not thank the individual members of the TYC National Executive and in particular those members from Regina. During the past two years we dealt with numerous pieces of correspondence, newsletters, countless e-mail messages and over two dozen meetings. For their hard work, vision and support I am grateful and indebted.

Submitted by T. E. Harras, President
on behalf of TYC/USRA National Executive



Товариство Українців Самостійників в Канаді – Крайова Управа
Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association of Canada – National Executive
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**Report of the
National Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (USRA/TYC) Executive
to the USRA/TYC Session of the 55th Convention of the
Ukrainian Self-Reliance League,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, August 8-12, 2007**

During the past two years your National Executive has concentrated primarily on five areas, these being:

- fulfilling the commitments that they made prior to the 2003 Convention in Calgary,
- making certain administrative improvements to the executive's operation,
- responding to the findings of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League's (USRL/CYC) 'Futures' process and workshop,
- continuing the very successful symposium series on the '*Laity and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church*', and
- developing a questionnaire on the priorities of our members and potential members.

A number of administrative improvements have been made. More could be done if there was a perceived need to do so. However focusing on administration when the organization as a whole is experiencing other serious challenges would be an inefficient use of our limited resources. Consequently your National Executive spent most of its time and efforts on other areas.

Several attempts have been made to reactivate the Yorkton Branch. As of now, our attempts have not been successful. The lack of success may be a result of several factors but it is expected that there are two major reasons, these being 1) the average age of the group being approached is beyond retirement and 2) we (TYC) have not developed a menu of projects that captures the imagination and commitment of younger men. It is apparent that unless we more clearly define our purpose and present doable and interesting projects we will not attract the needed younger membership. On the latter point, a number of projects have been identified that might engage younger men and 'create' genuine value in being a TYC member, however, the uptake has been limited, possibly because we do not know how to sell these ideas or these ideas aren't sufficiently 'valuable'. Regrettably, situations similar to the Yorkton one exist in many other centres throughout Canada.

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- provided each branch with access to a menu of possible projects/programs that they should consider given their financial and human resources,
- many of these projects/programs could be extended beyond the immediate community, that is, a number of outreach opportunities were identified,
- some progress has been made in creating closer ties with other Ukrainian Orthodox men's organizations
- An attempt has been made to issue a newsletter on a fairly regular basis. Further, to control costs, this has been done mainly via the Internet and depending on the local Branches to duplicate copies of the newsletter for those who do not have home computers,

- it was decided that it would be appropriate to hold symposia on 'who we are and our responsibilities' and to this end, two very successful symposia were held.
- It has also been decided that in order to maintain closer contact with the full executive and Branches, that we should hold conference calls at least twice a year. This is far more cost effective than trying to organize a workshop, although there is a place for these but due to financial and scheduling reasons these cannot be held very often.
- suggestions were shared with the Branches on improving their administration, albeit it is recognized that concentrating on administrative efficiency is not the solution, and
- a survey was conducted on values; the results will be discussed at this convention.

National USRL/CYC facilitated a 'futures search' process within our community. The workshop that was held in Regina on February 28, 2004 was a significant event in this process with the results of this workshop being discussed at the 2005 Convention. In an attempt to prepare the TYC membership to discuss this matter more meaningfully the TYC National Executive reviewed the results and made its assessment and shared these with its membership in 2005. Hopefully the various branches are implementing the findings that are most relevant to their circumstances. Again, to be successful, branches should concentrate on doable projects both what can be handled financially and manpower-wise.

On the matter of our future activities, it is extremely important that we as TYC and other component members of USRL undertake a relevant and significant set of projects/programs. This is necessary since potential members of our organizations will take us seriously only if they see us doing serious/worthwhile things. This is particularly the case when it comes to our youth. Our younger generation will not be interested in a lot of pomp and ceremony. They are not very familiar with our history or our achievements. We need to acknowledge our leadership and members for their good work, but we need balance between our past and what we are doing now. Of the component organizations, TYC probably is the most in need for a 'raison d'être'.

On August 17-18, 2006 a second symposium on 'Faith and Culture' was held at Selo Gardens in Regina. A number of panels and papers were presented by experts on particular subjects. Specifically these were:

- Faith and Culture, - Orthodox Christian Teachings
- Faith and Culture - a case study: Faith and Culture in Kyivan-Rus - Ukraine
- The Challenge: Applying Today the Teaching and Lessons of the Past
- The Challenge of Living Today as an Orthodox Christian in North America
- Laws and Politics: The Challenge of being Orthodox and Working as a Lawyer and Serving as a Politician Today
- Arts, Literature and Education: The Challenge of being Orthodox and being a Musician, Teacher, Visual Artist or Writer Today
- The Challenge of being Orthodox and being a Scientist or Medical Practitioner, and
- Implications of the Ethno-Cultural Dimension - an Orthodox Perspective on the Future of Ukrainian - Canadian Culture

In addition to the papers and panels there were formal discussants in each case as well as an opportunity for the attendees to ask questions or for clarifications.

Overall, the response to holding a symposium was once again resoundingly positive and it added materially to the attendees' understanding of how our Ukrainian culture is tied closely to our Orthodox faith. The reaction of the attendees was that the symposium series should continue as it helps our community to better understand their faith and culture. A further benefit of the symposia is that these materially support the deliberations of the Joint USRL-UOCC Committee. Furthermore the symposia address one of TYC's main mandates: to support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC).

Another measure of success is the level of attendance. The attendance in 2006 was up at about 75 from around 45 for the first symposium. Still another measure of success is that there were many clergy in attendance including His Eminence Metropolitan John. The fact that many clergy attended should be an indication that they saw the topics

being dealt with as important and that the resource people selected had meaningful contributions to make. Tentatively, the next symposium will more than likely be held in Edmonton, although the organizing committee will consist of members from both Edmonton and Regina.

Although it has not been stated very often, the symposia, in some way, can be 'one' of the 'raison d'être' for the USRA/TYC organization. It cannot be the only reason, but it certainly can to one of the reasons. To have a truly viable organization we would need 3-4 such reasons along with the many local and regional activities that we already do.

On behalf of the TYC National Executive I wish to thank all those individuals who contributed to the success of these past two years. Further I wish to thank our overall membership for their moral and material support. However I would be remiss if I did not thank the individual members of the TYC National Executive and in particular those members from Regina, for their hard work, vision, candour and support for which I am grateful and indebted. I also wish to thank the spouses, family and friends of our Executive and membership for their commitment to USRA/TYC and the belief that our organization has a valuable role to play in our church and cultural community.

Submitted by T. E. Harras, President
on behalf of TYC/USRA National Executive

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Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association of Canada – National Executive
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**Report of the
National Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (USRA/TYC) Executive
to the USRA/TYC Session of the 56th Convention of the
Ukrainian Self-Reliance League,
Regina, Saskatchewan, August 6-9, 2009**

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- responding to the findings of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League's (USRL/CYC) 'Futures' process and workshop,
- continuing the very successful symposium series on the *'Faith and Culture'*,
- initiating preliminary action on documenting our historic sites, i.e. churches, cemeteries, and halls, and
- completing a questionnaire on the priorities of our members and potential members

A number of administrative improvements have been made. More could be done if there was a perceived need to do so. However, focusing on administration when the organization as a whole is experiencing other serious challenges would be an inefficient use of our limited resources. Consequently your National Executive spent most of its time and efforts on other areas.

Another attempt was made to reactivate the Yorkton Branch. As of now, our attempts have not been successful. The lack of success may be a result of several factors but it is expected that there are two major reasons, these being 1) the average age of the group being approached is beyond retirement and 2) we (TYC) have not developed a menu of projects that captures the imagination and commitment of younger men. It is apparent that unless we more clearly define our purpose and present doable and interesting projects we will not attract the needed younger membership. In the next several years we must make progress on a number of the projects have been identified and were presented to the Convention in 2007. These might engage younger men and 'create' genuine value in being a TYC member. Regrettably, situations similar to the Yorkton one exist in many other centres throughout Canada.

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- It has also been decided that in order to maintain closer contact with the full executive and Branches, that we should hold conference calls. This has proven to be quite cost effective, although not as many Branches as hoped have participated.
- In the past suggestions were shared with the Branches on improving their administration, albeit it is recognized that concentrating on administrative efficiency is not the solution, and
- a follow-up survey was conducted after the 2007 Convention but again the participation was limited.

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On the matter of our future activities, it is extremely important that we as TYC and other component members of USRL undertake a relevant and significant set of projects/programs. As has been stated on a number of occasions potential members of our organizations will take us seriously only if they see us doing serious/worthwhile things. This is particularly the case when it comes to our youth. The younger generation is not too inclined to volunteer and they certainly are not be interested in a lot of pomp and ceremony. They are not very familiar with our history or our achievements. We need to acknowledge our leadership and members for their good work, but we need balance between our past and what we are doing now. Of the component organizations, TYC probably is the most in need for a 'raison d'être'.

On March 6-8, 2009 a third symposium on 'Faith and Culture' was held at the St. John's Culture Centre in Edmonton. A number of panels and papers were presented by experts on particular subjects. Specifically these were:

- *The Basis For What Constitutes a Holy Personal and Family Life*
- *Theology of the Holy Trinity and of the Incarnation/Mankind*
- *Purpose of Human Existence and Human Sexuality*
- *The Role of Images both True and False*
- *How Theology Informs/Transforms the Culture – The redemption of image, language and culture of human sexuality*
- *Nature of the Priesthood*
- *Marriage According to Orthodox Theology*
- *Sexuality Outside of Marriage*
- *The First Christian Centuries – How the Christian Gospel Changed the Pre-Christian Views on and Behavior Relating to Gender, Sexuality and Family Life*
- *How the Christian Gospel influenced Morality and Life in Kyivan-Rus'*
- *The Current Challenges to Living a Holy Personal and Family Life – The Insights of an Orthodox Psychiatrist*
- *Panel Discussion – How are the Challenges to Leading a Holy Life Experienced by our Faithful Today?*
- *Summarizing the Lessons for Orthodox Personal, Family and Community Life- Local and National Church*

In addition to the papers and panels there were formal discussants as well as an ample opportunity for the attendees to ask questions or for clarifications.

Overall, the response to holding a symposium was once again resoundingly positive and it added materially to the attendees' understanding of how our Ukrainian gender, sexuality and family life is related to our Orthodox faith. The reaction of the attendees was that the symposium series should continue as it helps our community to better understand their faith and culture. A further benefit of the symposia is that these materially support the deliberations of the Joint USRL-UOCC Committee. Furthermore the symposia address one of TYC's main mandates: to support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC).

Another measure of success is the level of attendance. The attendance in 2009 was up at about 55. Considering that the symposium was held in March when driving conditions were less than ideal speaks positively of the value that our community sees in these sessions. Still another measure of success is that there were many clergy in attendance. The fact that many clergy attended should be an indication that they saw the topics being dealt with as important and that the resource people selected had meaningful contributions to make. The plans for the next symposium have not been developed as yet, although the organizing committee will likely consist of members from both Edmonton and Regina.

Although it has not been stated very often, the symposia, in some way, can be 'one' of the 'raison d'être' for the USRA/TYC organization. It cannot be the only reason, but it certainly can to one of the reasons. To have a truly viable organization we would need 3-4 such reasons along with the many local and regional activities that we already undertake.

On behalf of the TYC National Executive I wish to thank all those individuals who contributed to the success of these past two years. Further I wish to thank our overall membership for their moral and material support. However I would be remiss if I did not thank the individual members of the TYC National Executive and in particular those members from Regina, for their hard work, vision, candour and support for which I am grateful and indebted. I also wish to thank the spouses, family and friends of our Executive and membership for their commitment to USRA/TYC and the belief that our organization has a valuable role to play in our church and cultural community.

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REPORT

The National Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (USRA/TYC) Executive to the USRA/TYC Session of the 57th Convention of the Ukrainian Self- Reliance League, Edmonton, Alberta, August 12, 2011

During the past two years I have been making contact with and visiting our branches across Canada with the idea of finding out our present reality, the positives and negatives within each branch, and problems that branches are encountering. In the process of visiting each branch I was able to establish a relationship with the branch membership and become familiar with their goals and objectives. We do not have that many branches across Canada but most of our member branches are very successful and have made quite a difference in their local communities. It does not matter that some are small in number while others have many members. The branches are successful because of strong leadership, a desire to make a difference, and a commitment to their community and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

I visited the following USRA/TYC Branches:

- November 16, 2009 – Calgary
- November 25, 2009 – Winnipeg
- December 6, 2009 – Regina
- February 22, 2010 - Edmonton
- February 24, 2010 – Grimsby, Hamilton, Toronto/Longbranch
- June 1, 2010 – Kelowna
- June 3, 2010 – Surrey
- June 16, 2010 – Canora
- June 17, 2010 – Saskatoon All Saints Brotherhood
- June 17, 2010 – Saskatoon Steppe
- June 18, 2010 – Prince Albert
- June 19, 2010 – North Battleford (Vechovyna Parish District TYC)

I did not have the opportunity to visit the Montreal TYC Branch but I am in contact with the Branch President.

The following executive summary captures the information that I was able to glean from my visitations to all the branches:

Executive Summary

USRA/TYC Branch Analysis – Visitations 2009/2010

1. Branch Membership Information

- Membership in decline: 304 in 2009 - 278 in 2010
- Membership drives have had limited success
- Average member age - 68
- Branches that have folded in the past five years: Vancouver, Kamloops, New Westminster, Vernon, Yorkton, and Windsor. Ottawa has potential for re-engagement
- All Branches tied to parish church either by association or integrally linked
- All Branches are active in Orthodox and local community and many financially support their parish through funds raised by casinos, bingos, banquets, raffles, etc.
- Through their projects branches support the various integral organizations associated with the youth, seniors, local Orthodox parish, Orthodox community, museums, UCC, CYC Foundation, their own members and their community at large

2. Branch Obstacles

- *Aged Membership* – senior members unwilling to change with the times, reluctant to allow younger members greater responsibilities, age factor creates lack of energy
- *Lack of appropriate focus* – branches have too many goals, talk of change but no results, too focused on our Ukrainian heritage and not enough on being Ukrainian Canadian
- *Lack of youth* – different priorities and young adults are more focused on church rather than organization, projects do not create interest in youth
- *Lack of Church support* – Some of our church clergy will not support TYC
- *Local Competition* - Other men's organizations in the Orthodox community (e.g. Order of St. Andrew, Prosvita Men's , etc) , secular world has huge impact on young and old
- *Lack of enjoyment* – too focused on business in meetings rather than having some fun
- *Symptomatic problems* – UOCC and other organizations are experiencing similar pains
- *Mobility* - travel distance to meetings too great and sometimes difficult

3. Factors contributing to Branch success

- Well-known and contributing service organization
- Strong communication
- Solid and long tradition within the Branch
- Respect and obligation to past members
- Dedicated members working cooperatively with a positive attitude
- Strong leadership from within
- Successful in project fundraising
- Branch goals, aims, vision and objectives are established and carried out
- Some clergy have joined the branches

Based on this summary action is being taken to make sure that our organization survives and grows in the 21st century. At the present time the National Executive is planning on presenting changes to the By-laws that will correct our relationship with the church and modernize practices at the Branch and National levels. We plan on strengthening our emphasis and support for the youth (CYMK) in our community. We plan on representing our Orthodox community at the UCC (Ukrainian Canadian Congress) and UOCC (Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada) levels of governance along with the other member organizations – CYMK, UWAC, and USRL/CYC. We need to be heard and represented at national discussions of interest for Ukrainians in Canada. We need to emphasize the grassroots approach for our branches and encourage them to keep doing all the good things that they have been doing to date and stress to all that there needs to be relevance in their organization if they are going to grow and have younger men join their ranks. We need to take on relevant projects that will be a benefit to the local, eparchial and national communities.

I don't think that we have a problem as much as we have a challenge. Maybe this is an opportunity for us to make a plan and envision a healthy, vibrant USRA/TYC organization in the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox community. I have shared this with you because I believe that we can effect change. We can address the needs of the future within our local community – parish or branch. Finally Dr. Ed. Klopoushak, a member of the Regina UOMA/TYC branch, stated the following when I was in Regina celebrating the branch's 50th anniversary:

"To build our UOMA/TYC organization was hard work and it took a long time on a very difficult path. To destroy what we have accomplished and recede into a small cocoon will not take long."

The challenge is ours! Let's begin taking action and planning now!

In the past under the leadership of Tony Harras, past President of USRA/TYC, the National USRA/TYC Executive had initiated three Symposiums – Winnipeg, Regina and Edmonton. Plans are now being finalized for a fourth Symposium that will be held in Hamilton. Jars Balan and Yars Lozowchuk have been working on this project. More on this will be shared during the convention sessions. The symposiums address one of USRA/TYC main mandates: "To support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada."

During the last two years the USRA/TYC National Executive has:

- provided each Branch and Provincial Executive with the latest updated information on all topics and relevant member changes

- met as a National Executive at least once every six week to discuss issues and make decisions regarding financial spending, Branch visitation and attendance at Provincial and National Conferences and so on
- had one teleconference meeting with the National Executive, Branch Presidents and Provincial Presidents
- completed a cross Canada Branch visitation. At each stop I gave a presentation on the need for organizational revitalization
- completed and sent out newsletters to all the members via Branch Presidents – fall 2010, Christmas 2011, and Easter 2011. The newsletters were also shared with our UOCC Bishops and Chancellor
- established and updated the National USRA/TYC website (www.usracanada.org) This is a project that needs to be continued and updated with information for our members and the community at large
- been involved in the planning of the 2011 USRL/CYC National Convention in Edmonton. Bohdan Maslo and I have represented the interests of the National Executive on this committee

The most immediate concern that I have is to make sure that the active Branches are healthy and growing. There is still a need to revitalize some of the Branches that have folded in major population areas. There needs to be a willingness on the part of individuals (laity and clergy) in those cities to feel that having a USRA/TYC Branch would assist them in meeting their parish/community needs. The National and Provincial Executives may want to undertake this as a project in the immediate future.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for the honour of serving as the National USRA/TYC President for the 2009-2011 term. There are many individuals – National USRA/TYC Executive Members, National USRL/CYC Executive Members, Branch Presidents and membership - that have made this term a success for me and I thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm and moral support. I also need to thank my wife Orasia and my son Michael for their never-ending support for my endeavours and assistance during the past two years.

Our organization does play a vital role in the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox Community (church and cultural community) and this is one of the underlying reasons why we need to re-energize, re-organize and re-group.

Emil Yereniuk, President
On behalf of USRA/TYC National Executive



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**REPORT of the NATIONAL USRA/TYC EXECUTIVE
to the USRA/TYC Session of the 58th Convention
of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League (USRL/CYC)
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, August 22/23, 2013**

EXECUTIVE

At the 57th USRL/CYC Conference that was held in Edmonton, Alberta on August 12/13, 2011, the following individuals were elected to serve on the National USRA/TYC Executive:

Past President	Dr. Tony Harras
President	Emil Yereniuk
Vice President	Jars Balan
Secretary	Dennis Kuchta
Treasurer	Gerald Kruhlak
Members at Large	Marshall Opyr Michael Yereniuk Bohdan Maslo
Chaplain	Rt. Rev. Fr. Stephan Semotiuk
Auditors	Orest Talpash Eugene Topolnisky George Zaharia

At the present time the National Executive meets on a regular basis, at least six times per year and a Presidents' Teleconference meeting is held once a year. At the September 29, 2011 meeting the members of the National Executive were given responsibilities:

Emil Yereniuk:

Newsletters
Vice President on the USRL/CYC National Executive
Director on the UCC National Executive

Jars Balan:

Symposium Coordinator
USRL/CYC Representative on the UCC National Executive

Dennis Kuchta:

Minutes of all meetings

Gerald Kruhlak:

Financial

Marshall Opyr:

Coordination of the teleconference calls (Stantec)

Michael Yereniuk:

Newsletter and website

Bohdan Maslo:

Contact person with the TYC Edmonton Branch

Rt. Rev. Fr. Stephan Semotiuk:

Chaplain

DIRECTIVES FROM THE 2011 CONVENTION

During the Biennial USRL/CYC Convention (August 2011) in Edmonton the USRA/TYC delegates met and discussed the findings of the National President during his visitations across Canada. During the discussion the following questions were asked:

- What do we do now?
- What is the next step?
- What is our new vision?

The following suggestions were made by the delegates during the discussion:

- Mission work – We need to work with parishes that do not have a men's group and we need to contact all of the Men's Brotherhoods in Canada and have a discussion about affiliation with the National Organization.
- Reviving closed branches – Discussions need to take place in the communities that have closed their branches.
- Communication – We need to improve communication between the branches and within the Ukrainian community (bulletins, web site, and making our presence known in the community).
- Feature branches – Branches need to be featured in the National Bulletins. There are many good practices that should be shared.
- Women – We should allow women to join our organization. Some women belong to USRA/TYC and to the ladies' organization. This should be an option for the women in our Ukrainian Orthodox community.
- National Executive and Provincial Executives need to keep in contact with the branches.
- Encourage branches to have new projects. Incorporate projects that are important to the younger membership.
- Focus in on the needs of our Ukrainian Orthodox community (church, lay organizations) and the community at large. The organization needs to be active and if it's active, it will grow, and if we are to grow, we will need to repack ourselves. We need to think outside the box.
- We will need to become more of a church-based organization. Our youth is more focused on the church and if we have a church focus in the organization, more will join our ranks.
- We will need to maintain the membership that we have and we will grow.
- There needs to be a focus on the new immigrants coming to Canada and we need to get them to join our organization.
- The church, bishops and clergy need to work with the lay organization.
- We need to join forces with the women. It's not "us" or "them" – it's "we".
- We need to continue doing the good things that we have done in the past.
- Within the Ukrainian Orthodox community we need to discuss our problems together – church, lay organizations, individuals. We cannot solve the problems individually. The exchange of ideas and information is very healthy.
- Make USRA/TYC more attractive. We need events and projects that are relevant. We need to encourage younger individuals to join but we must also gain their respect.

IMPLEMENTATION OF SUGGESTED DIRECTIVES

The National Executive took this information and began implementing changes that would enhance the organization at the national, provincial/regional and local levels. The following things were worked on and developed further for our organization:

- Cities that have brotherhoods have been contacted indirectly. We are now making a comprehensive list of all brotherhoods across Canada. It was the hope of the present executive to get the brotherhoods to join USRA/TYC as affiliate organizations. This will be an ongoing project for all future executives.
- Closed branches have been contacted by the National President and meetings will take place in the near future to see if they can be reactivated.
- Areas in the Orthodox community in Canada that have never had a men's group will be visited with the idea of forming a USRA/TYC Branch.
- The National President has been keeping in contact with the branches via telephone calls, e-mails, presidents' teleconference meetings, and visitations. One of the key things that the National Executive has continued is the newsletters. During this term six newsletters were sent to all the branches and provincial/regional executives. These newsletters were also sent to our bishops, chancellor and to our CYC family organizations. Members were kept informed of upcoming events; branches were featured; information about our UCC, USRL and USRA organizations were presented; members were recognized for their achievements; CYC family needs were posted and so on. The National Executive has had many positive responses to the information that was included in the newsletters.
- Early in 2012 Emil Yereniuk sent out an e-mail regarding USRA/TYC projects and initiative. This was sent to all branches as a reminder that we need to be project-oriented, that we need to make sure that there are projects that our younger members can buy into, and that we have projects that are very church-based and community-based. When we have projects and celebrate events in our communities, the USRA/TYC branches will become more attractive. USRA/TYC branches have been encouraged to work with our youth (CYMK) and the women (UWAC). This includes cooperation on joint projects and inclusion to presentations by either organization. Women have joined

TYC branches and we will not discourage this; however, we will not have a formal campaign to entice women to join TYC.

- The USRA/TYC National Executive was pleased to hear that the Joint Standing Committee of the UOCC/USRL was active and proceeding to keep open lines of communication between the UOCC and the USRL/CYC family organizations. This is very important for us because we need to discuss our problems together rather than individually. This exchange of ideas is very healthy for all of us.
- Emil Yereniuk made sure that he kept in contact with the branches. Whenever an opportunity arose he would visit the branch. During this tenure he was able to visit the branches in the following cities: Winnipeg, Montreal, Canora, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Kelowna and Surrey.

BRANCHES

In 2013 there are thirteen active branches across Canada in the following communities (presidents' names included) and three Provincial/Regional USRA/TYC Executives:

- Kelowna Branch – John Chalupa, President
- Surrey Branch – Gerry Dwernichuk, President
- Calgary Branch – Greg Faryna, President
- Edmonton – Marshall Opyr, President
- Regina Branch – Orest Warnyca, President
- Canora Branch – Gerald Yaholnitsky, President
- Saskatoon Steppe Branch – Rodney Antonichuk, President
- Prince Albert Branch – Terry Ludyk, President
- North Battleford Branch (Verkhovyna Parish District TYC) - Rev. Fr. Taras Udod, President
- Winnipeg Branch – Myroslaw Bugera, President
- Hamilton – Steve Stasiuk, President
- Toronto Long Branch – Ivan Franko, President
- Montreal – Greg Kowryha, President
- Eastern Regional USRA/TYC Executive (Hamilton) – Steve Stasiuk, President
- Manitoba Provincial Executive (Winnipeg) – Myroslaw Bugera, President
- Saskatchewan Provincial Executive (Regina) – Wayne Hydeman, President

The following dates indicate when the present branches began their active work in their communities:

- Kelowna Branch – December 6, 1981
- Surrey Branch – March 31, 1985
- Calgary – 1965
- Edmonton Branch – established as a CYC Branch in 1927 and became an official TYC branch on February 5, 1939
- Regina Branch – November 9, 1959
- Canora Branch – 1951
- Saskatoon Steppe Branch – 1954
- Prince Albert Branch – November 15, 1953
- North Battleford (Verkhovyna Branch) – April 21, 1989
- Winnipeg Branch – 1950
- Hamilton Branch – February 4, 1949
- Toronto/Long Branch – merged in 2000 (Toronto branch established as a CYC branch in 1928 and then became a TYC branch [date unknown]; Long Branch/St. Demetrius February 8, 1968)
- Montreal Branch – established as a CYC branch in 1931 and became a TYC branch (date unknown)

USRA/TYC branches across Canada are active and are having a lot of success. They do support and contribute to their Orthodox community and to the community at large. Our focus, at the moment, is on these successes.

ARCHIVES

The National Executive has been collecting and organizing its archives. Emil Yereniuk has completed the first draft of the USRA/TYC National history (1938 to 2013) and his plan was to have the final draft and the project completed by December 2013. He began the process of writing the history of the USRA/TYC organization by collecting, organizing and collating the archival material that was found in the USRA/TYC national office, Ukraine Voice Archives in Winnipeg, St. Andrew's College Library, Edmonton USRA/TYC Branch archives, the library of the late Very Rev. Fr. Michael and Dobrodijka Stephanina Yurkiwsky, the files of the late Eugene Yereniuk, from the archives of Yarko Skrypnyk and from the archives of the late Rt. Rev. Mitred Archbishop Fr. Meroslaw Kryschuk and Dobrodijka Nadia Kryschuk. To date the National Executive has over 80 three ring binders, many file folders and over 50 publications that make reference to the USRA/TYC national organization. A lot of the history that was compiled initially came from USRA/CYC National Bulletins and the Ukrainian Voice newspaper whereas later information was compiled from TYC minutes, USRA/CYC Convention Programs,

USRL/TYC Convention Booklets, TYC president's reports and from the TYC National Newsletters. Presently all of the archival material is housed in the president's residence. At the completion of the history project the archives will need to be housed in a proper facility to ensure that the materials are safe and that other historians and future generations will have the opportunity to study this one aspect of Ukrainian Canadiana – the Ukrainian Canadian Orthodox Men's Group (USRA/TYC).

SYMPOSIUM

Under the leadership of our Past President, Dr. Tony Harras, three National Symposiums had been held (Winnipeg, Regina, and Edmonton). USRA/TYC National Executive is planning on holding a fourth Symposium (Symposium 2014) on May 14, 2014 in Toronto. A committee was formed that includes Jars Balan (Chair), Yars Lozowchuk (Vice Chair) Dr. Roman Yereniuk, Dr. Peter Kondra and Rt. Rev. Protosprebyter Dr. Oleh Krawchenko. (All committee members are members of their respective USRA/TYC branches in Canada) Plans for this symposium are being formalized. The symposium topic is: "Ukrainian Orthodoxy in the family of Orthodox Christian Churches in the World: Past Present and Future". This will be a learned and practical symposium to discuss the unique attributes and special place of the Ukrainian Orthodox Kyivan tradition in the context of world Orthodoxy and the current religious situation in Ukraine. The National Executive is working with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, the Joint Standing Committee of the UOCC/USRL and the National Executive of the USRL/CYC.

CONCLUSION

As the National President I am very proud that the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (USRA/TYC) is continuing with its positive and proactive approach in its dealings with the branches, provincial/regional executives, USRL/CYC National Executive and all the members of the USRL/CYC family organizations. My primary goal has always been to focus on the positive aspects of the organization, no matter how small they may be, rather than on the problems. Problems do exist but they can always be resolved.

The entire USRA/TYC National Executive has agreed to stay on for one more term, should that be the will of this Convention.

In the 2011 report to the USRA/TYC delegates I stated that:

"The most immediate concern that I have is to make sure that the active branches are healthy and growing. There is still a need to revitalize some of the branches that have folded in major areas. There needs to be willingness on the part of individuals (clergy and laity) in those cities to feel that having a USRA/TYC branch would assist them in meeting their parish and community needs."

My resolve continues. This will be a project for the National Executive in 2013-2015 and it is my hope that we can encourage growth within the existing branches, open new branches across the country and convince brotherhoods and other men's organizations to join us as affiliate members.

And finally I need to thank the USRA/TYC National Executive members, Presidents of branches, Presidents of the provincial/regional executives and the membership for assisting me in my second term as National President. Any successes that I may have are as a direct result of your dedication, enthusiasm and moral support. Lastly, my wife Orasia has been supporting me through all of my endeavours and I thank her for her never-ending assistance these past two years.

Let us continue to be guided by our vision and mission statements:

USRA/UOMA/TYC Vision: "TYC is a vibrant organization composed of dedicated members utilizing their diversity of talents to serve our CYC family, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, all Ukrainians and all Canadians."

USRA/UOMA/TYC Mission: "To provide resources, activities and programs that contribute to the spiritual and cultural growth of our members and to the maintenance, nurturing and growth of a caring, committed and visionary Ukrainian Orthodox community within Canadian society."

On behalf of USRA/TYC National Executive
Emil Yereniuk, President