



The Anthroposophical Society
La Société Anthroposophique

Canada

April 23, 2022

Re: Treasurer's AGM Letter

Dear Members of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada (ASC),

The 2022 AGM and Conference is planned for June 24-26th at Glencolton Farm, Durham, Ontario. We are enthusiastic to be able to meet in person *and* offer a live video feed allowing Members the option to travel to Durham or log in across the country.

It is once again time for us to consider the Society finances. Below we consider the 2021 core finances, update the previously approved 2022 budget to reflect a refined vision of the year so far, and look towards a budget for 2023. Enclosed you will find income and expense spreadsheets covering these three items along with a comparison to 2020 actuals. Formal 2021 financial statements covering the entire Society (core and branches) will be posted on the website shortly.

Please contact me well in advance of the AGM (June 26th) with any thoughts, ideas and questions about our Society finances. We all need to feel informed to approve the financial statements and budgets at that meeting and uphold our statutory obligations.

Membership Contributions

In 2020, 450 Members contributed totaling \$110,820. In 2021, 464 Members contributed totaling \$113,118. This was split between the Goetheanum basic (\$55,680) and the Canadian (National) basic core activities (\$57,138) in accordance with the Membership Policy and based on the Goetheanum capitation rate of \$120/Member. Please note that the Goetheanum treasury continues to be deeply appreciative of our support.

Core Operating Activity vs. Budget

The biggest single item from 2021 is our receipt of a \$24,000 bequest from one of our dear Members who crossed the Threshold.

We continue to be committed to forwarding the \$120 capitation fee to Dornach regardless of the actual amount of contribution from each Member. As not everyone can manage the full Member contribution of \$320, the remaining contributions available to the National basic account are reduced but are balanced this year by reduced spending and the bequest receipt.

Total fee to be forwarded to the Goetheanum for 2021 activity is the Membership capitation fee (Goetheanum basic: \$55,680) and Goetheanum extra donations (\$5,463) for a total of \$61,143.

The School of Spiritual Science and ASC Council in-person activities continued to be curtailed during this pandemic year. Instead there was a surge in on-line meetings, and offerings by Members and Anthroposophists around the world with little to no cost to participate - with many such offerings provided by the Branch and Membership Development Mandate Group.

In 2021, the ASC again retained its “Non-Soliciting Corporation” status (receiving less than \$10,000 in income from public, i.e. non-member sources), presenting again the possibility to waive the accounting Review Engagement. Several factors are coming into play here:

1. We are a Non-Soliciting Corporation in 2021,
2. Our historical audit firm, Clarke and Kaprielian, have withdrawn from attestation work,
3. Alternative arrangement enquiries show fees in the \$10,000 to \$12,000 range (vs. \$5,000 historically),
4. Discussions with the Toronto Branch have concluded that National Society audits are not needed since Toronto is proceeding with a separate legal entity, “Anthroposophy in Toronto”, to strand risk locally and not impact the Society.
5. Council is considering when a Review Engagement is appropriate after a certain time has elapsed since the previous engagement (2016).

Given the complexity of the situation, **An AGM resolution will be proposed to allow Council to determine a new audit firm and decide on a Review Engagement going forward.** As always, we ask for your support. In lieu of a Review Engagement, the Treasurer will continue to sign the financial statements and file them with Revenue Canada, attesting to their accuracy.

Budgets

The updated 2022 Core budget and the proposed 2023 Core budget are shown on the attached spreadsheets. Please review these important budgets carefully, and let me know in advance of any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have, before we adopt them by formal resolution at the AGM. Council looks forward to seeing you in person or on-line.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Glanzer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Glanzer

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