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Welcome to this issue of the Youth Parliamentarian - your alumni newsletter for updates about the Youth Parliament of Manitoba. In this issue, you will find an update on our **Annual General Meeting**, the results of a **recent by-election**, and a **call for photo submissions**.



YPM members attending AGM on May 2, 2021

Annual General Meeting!

YPM held our Annual General Meeting on May 2, 2021, our second-consecutive AGM held virtually on Zoom. Both years, the online format has actually facilitated higher attendance and greater engagement from our members - a welcome surprise.

At the AGM, members heard the presentation of the State of the Corporation from Nina Lam (Premier), 2021 budget from Jacob Harvey (Deputy Speaker), and a Year-In-Review of 2020 from Deborah Tsao (Speaker). We also passed amendments to our Bylaws, Standing Orders, and Code of Conduct. These amendments were recommended by the Standing Orders and Bylaws Organizational Committee (SOBLOC), chaired by Alexa Mucyo Kayonga. You can find the [updated governing documents on our website](#).

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Left: Alexa Mucyo Kayonga. Right: Josephine Zhao. Photos from the 98th Winter Session (2019)

By-Election Meeting Results

On May 16, YPM held a by-election meeting to fill the position of Deputy Premier (Vice-Chairperson) following the stepping-down of Marie Sutherland, the previous holder of the position. Marie remains a close friend of YPM, and we are tremendously grateful to her years of service to the organization.

Alexa Mucyo Kayonga, who was previously the House Leader, was elected to the Deputy Premier position. Subsequently, Josephine Zhao was elected to fill the vacant House Leader position.

Alexa is a third year undergraduate student at the University of Manitoba. She is majoring in economics and is passionate about public policy in the areas of health and environmental economics. This is her fifth year with YPM and she's been able to present two bills, one on national pharmacare and the other on mixed income housing. In the community, Alexa is a proud Francophone and has close relations with African pavilion of Winnipeg's Folklorama. Her hobbies include taking care of plants, journaling, and learning languages.

Josephine a second year engineering student at the University of Manitoba. She currently serves as the head director of Academic Advocacy in the U of M Engineering Society. She is in her fourth year of YPM. Last year, as the Minister of Labour, she wrote a bill on rights for temporary foreign workers in Canada. She also has extensive involvement in cadets, having been awarded the Legion Medal of Excellence and the Long Service Medal.

Send us your YPM photos!



79th Executive (2000). L-R: Michael Feuerstein, Mercedes Alcock, Alan Fehr, Micah Melnyk, Donna Chanas. Photo provided by Donna Chanas.

As we prepare a commemorative history book to celebrate YPM's 100th anniversary, we are collecting **your** photos! If you have photographs from your years in YPM, please consider sending some high-quality scans (along with a description of the photo) to speaker@ypmanitoba.ca. We are looking for any photos from Session, retreats, meetings, or any other events!

There is a particular shortage of photos from 1975-2010. If you attended during those years, it would be a wonderful help to receive some photographs. A big thank-you to the alumni who have already contributed to this project!



Darren Haber (Deputy Premier) speaks during the 89th Session

Stay involved!

We would love to keep you involved in the community! Here are two ways:

- Share your YPM experience.** We are writing a YPM history book in commemoration of the 100th anniversary! Alumni stories are *invaluable* in helping us construct and contextualize the organization's past. If you would like to share, please fill out the google form ("Share your YPM Experience") below, or email speaker@ypmanitoba.ca to set up a video interview.
- Stay connected.** Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). Like our page on [Facebook](#)! If you are receiving this email, you are on the Youth Parliamentarian email list. However, if you know someone who is an alum of YPM but *isn't* receiving these emails, please encourage them to join the mailing list!

Share your YPM Experience

Join our mailing list

Cheers,

Deborah Tsao
Speaker, 100th Session of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba

