# ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION (University of Saskatchewan)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended January 31, 2024

## Management's Responsibility

#### To the Members of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association

The ASPA Executives is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying financial statements, including responsibility for significant accounting judgments and estimates in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and methods, and making decisions affecting the measurement of transactions in which objective judgment is required.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, the ASPA Executives designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

The ASPA Executives is responsible for ensuring that staff fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements.

The ASPA Executives meets periodically with staff, as well as the external auditors, to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues, to satisfy themselves that each party is properly discharging their responsibilities, and to review the financial statements and the external auditor's report.

The external auditor, Gabriel Ng CPA P.C. Inc., is appointment by the members to audit the financial statements and report directly to them; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to both the ASPA Executive and staff, and meet when required.

On behalf of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association .:

Paul Jacob



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## To the Members of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association:

## Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association ("ASPA"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at January 31, 2024, and the statement of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows, for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association** as at **January 31, 2024**, and its financial performance, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

## **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of ASPA in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of my audit opinion.

## Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing ASPA's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate ASPA or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing ASPA's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



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As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of ASPA's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on ASPA's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause ASPA to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Gabriel Ng CPA P.C. Inc.

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan March 27, 2024 **Chartered Professional Accountant** 

## Statement of Financial Position as at January 31

	2024				2023						
	Ger	neral Fund	Cont	ingency Fund	Total	Ge	neral Fund	Cont	tingency Fund		Total
ASSETS											
Current assets											
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$	444,771	\$	-	\$ 444,771	\$	726,193	\$	1,290,120	\$	2,016,313
Term investments (Note 4)		418,052		3,507,670	3,925,722		-		2,762,075		2,762,075
Accounts receivable		78,410		-	78,410		71,498		-		71,498
Prepaid expenses		2,654		-	 2,654		3,359		-		3,359
		943,887		3,507,670	 4,451,557		801,050		4,052,195		4,853,245
Non-current assets											
Tangible capital assets		-		-	-		421		-		421
Term investments (Note 4)		-		1,002,024	1,002,024		-		-		-
		-		1,002,024	 1,002,024		421		-		421
	\$	943,887	\$	4,509,694	\$ 5,453,581	\$	801,471	\$	4,052,195	\$	4,853,666
LIABILITIES											
Current liabilities											
Accounts payable	\$	7,770	\$	-	\$ 7,770	\$	6,438	\$	-	\$	6,438
		7,770		-	 7,770		6,438		-		6,438
NET ASSETS											
General fund		936,117		-	936,117		795,033		-		795,033
Contingency fund (Note 5)		-		4,509,694	4,509,694		-		4,052,195		4,052,195
		936,117		4,509,694	 5,445,811		795,033		4,052,195		4,847,228
	\$	943,887	\$	4,509,694	\$ 5,453,581	\$	801,471	\$	4,052,195	\$	4,853,666
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## Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets for the year ended January 31

		2024			2023	
	General Fund	Contingency Fund	Total	General Fund	Contingency Fund	Total
Revenue						
Membership dues	\$ 914,998	\$-	\$ 914,998	\$ 835,124	\$-	\$ 835,124
Interest Income	171,091	-	171,091	61,755	-	61,755
Other income and recoveries	-	-	-	20,199	-	20,199
	1,086,089	-	1,086,089	917,078		917,078
Expenses						
Support person wages and benefits	201,880	-	201,880	183,696	-	183,696
Professional fees	167,168	-	167,168	152,041	-	152,041
Meetings	24,472	-	24,472	1,061	-	1,061
Executive training	23,011	-	23,011	12,618	-	12,618
License, memberships, dues	32,161	-	32,161	27,571	-	27,571
Member socials	13,362	-	13,362	30,025	-	30,025
Negotiations	10,444	-	10,444	13,926	-	13,926
Office	4,421	-	4,421	5,694	-	5,694
Insurance	3,442	-	3,442	3,493	-	3,493
Donations	3,434	-	3,434	100	-	100
Gifts	2,352	-	2,352	19,031	-	19,031
Telephone and website	938	-	938	877	-	877
Amortization of tangible capital assets	421	-	421	1,205	-	1,205
Advertising and promotion	-	-	-	8,250	-	8,250
Printing and reproduction	-			289		289
	487,506		487,506	459,877		459,877
Excess (deficiencies) of revenue over expenses	598,583	-	598,583	457,201	-	457,201
Funds transferred from the General fund to						
the Contingency fund (Note 5)	(457,499)	457,499	-	(417,562)	417,562	-
Net assets, beginning of the year	795,033	4,052,195	4,847,228	755,394	3,634,633	4,390,027
Net assets, end of the year	\$ 936,117	\$ 4,509,694	\$ 5,445,811	\$ 795,033	\$ 4,052,195	\$ 4,847,228

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended January 31

		2024		2023				
	General Fund	Contingency Fund	Total	General Fund	Contingency Fund	Total		
Cash from (used in) operations								
Excess (deficiencies) of revenue over expenses	\$ 598,583	\$-	\$ 598,583	\$ 457,201	\$-	\$ 457,201		
Add: amortization of tangible capital assets	421	-	421	1,205	-	1,205		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(6,912)	-	(6,912)	(4,762)	-	(4,762)		
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	705	-	705	(1,065)	-	(1,065)		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable								
and accrued liabilities	1,332	-	1,332	657	-	657		
	594,129	-	594,129	453,236	-	453,236		
Cash flow from investing activities								
(Purchases) disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-		
(Additions) disposal of investments	(2,165,671)		(2,165,671)	756,323		756,323		
	(2,165,671)		(2,165,671)	756,323		756,323		
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,571,542)	-	(1,571,542)	1,209,559	-	1,209,559		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	726,193	1,290,120	2,016,313	690,520	116,234	806,754		
Interfund transfers	1,290,120	(1,290,120)		(1,173,886)	1,173,886	-		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	\$ 444,771	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 444,771	\$ 726,193	\$ 1,290,120	\$ 2,016,313		

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

January 31, 2024

## 1. Description of Business

Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association ("ASPA") is a certified bargaining unit representing approximately 1,500 administrative and supervisory employees at the University of Saskatchewan. ASPA was established on October 31, 1978 under the Saskatchewan Trade Union Act (1972) to provide its members with collective bargaining status on employee/employer matters. ASPA is exempted from income taxes under Section 149 of the Income Tax Act of Canada.

## 2. Significant Accounting Policies

## Basis of presentation

These financial statements are the responsibility of ASPA and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and include the following significant accounting policies as summarized. ASPA follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

## **Revenue recognition**

Members dues are recognized in operations in the period to which they apply and collectability is reasonably assured.

Investment income and other revenue is recognized in operations when earned and in the period to which it relates. Other revenue relates to income earned on fundraising. Fundraising are recorded as revenue when the monies are collected.

## Fund accounting

ASPA follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions and reports using fund accounting, and maintains 2 funds: The General Fund and Contingency Fund.

- The General Fund is established by ASPA to account for ASPA's management and administrative activities.
- The Contingency Fund is established for job action and specific non-job action expenditures. On April 2018, the membership voted to increase the membership dues from 0.6% to 0.8% of gross wages. Reserve targets and balances are regularly reviewed by ASPA's executives.

## Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires the management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Significant estimates include the valuation of payable accruals. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

January 31, 2024

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Financial Instruments**

ASPA recognizes its financial instruments when ASPA becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are initially recorded at their fair value.

At initial recognition, ASPA irrevocably elected to subsequently measure cash and term deposits at fair value. ASPA subsequently measures all other financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost.

Transaction costs and financing fees directly attributable to the origination, acquisition, issuance, or assumption of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are immediately recognized in the excess of revenue over expenses for the current period. Conversely, transaction costs and financing fees are added to the carrying amount for those financial instruments subsequently measured at amortized cost or cost.

ASPA assesses impairment on all of its financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost. ASPA Executives considers whether there has been a breach in contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments in determining whether objective evidence of impairment exists. When there is an indication of impairment, ASPA determines whether it has resulted in a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows during the year. If so, ASPA reduces the carrying amount of any impaired financial assets to the highest of: the present value of cash flows expected to be generated by holding the assets; the amount that could be realized by selling the assets; and the amount expected to be realized by exercising any rights to collateral held against those assets. Any impairment, which is not considered temporary, is included in current year excess of revenue over expenses.

ASPA reverses impairment losses on financial assets where there is a decrease in impairment and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the excess (deficiency) of earnings in the year the reversal occurs.

#### Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution if fair value can be reasonably determined. Amortization is provided using the straight-line method at rates intended to amortize the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives. Amortization on leasehold improvements is provided using the straight-line method over the term of the lease. For computer software with an annual license, the entire amount is expensed immediately in the year it is acquired. Other capital assets purchased are amortized at one half of the below rates in the year of acquisition.

Computer equipment	3 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years

The threshold to capitalize an asset is \$1,000 per item.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

January 31, 2024

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash on deposit with banking institutions less cheques written but not cleared. These are held for the purposes of meeting short term cash commitments.

#### Term deposits

Term deposits having a maturity of less than twelve months from the year-end date are categorized as term deposits under current assets. Term deposits with a maturity date greater than one year after the year-end are categorized under non-current assets. These are held for the purposes of generating interest income while protecting the principal balances. They are stated at cost plus accrued interest.

#### Employee future benefits

ASPA has a defined contribution plan under which both ASPA and employees make contributions. ASPA's obligation to the plan is limited to the monthly required contributions.

#### 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Bank balances are held in place with Affinity Credit Union.

#### 4. Term investments

On January 31, 2024, ASPA held a portfolio of Guaranteed Investment Certificates ("GICs") with Affinity Credit Union. These GICs carry an annual interest rate between 3.75% to 5.40%, with maturity dates ranging from April 2024 to April 2026. Investments are recorded at fair value, which includes any accrued interest earned.

## 5. Interfunds transfers

The monthly amount to be transferred from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund (0.4% of gross wages) is equalled to one half of the union dues contribution made (0.8% of gross wages).

## 6. Comparative Information

Prior year's comparative information may be reclassified to conform with the reporting format adopted for the current year.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

January 31, 2024

#### 7. Risk Management

#### **Risks and concentrations**

ASPA does not believe it is subject to any significant concentration of credit, market, or currency risk. Cash and cash equivalents along with term investments are in place with major financial institutions. The following analysis provides a measure of ASPA's risk exposure as at January 31, 2024.

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that ASPA will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. ASPA is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable, and also dependent on the timing of receipt of funds from membership fees to enable ASPA to pay its liabilities as they become due. This risk is mitigated by proactive cash flow management by ASPA's Executives.

#### Interest rate risk

ASPA is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to the following financial instruments: cash and cash equivalent and term investments in interest bearing securities. Changes in interest rates can affect the fair value of investments and cash flows related to interest income and expenses.

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March 27, 2024

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Dear Mr. Ng:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association (the "Organization") as of January 31, 2024 and for the year then ended, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association in accordance with accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO").

We acknowledge that we have fulfilled our responsibilities for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with ASNPO and for the design and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud and error. We have assessed the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud, and have determined such risk to be low. Further, we acknowledge that your examination was planned and conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) so as to enable you to express an opinion on the financial statements. We understand that while your work includes an examination of the accounting system, internal controls and related data to the extent you considered necessary in the circumstances, it is not designed to identify, nor can it necessarily be expected to disclose fraud, shortages, errors and other irregularities, should any exist.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. An item is considered material, regardless of its monetary value, if it is probable that its omission from or misstatement in the financial statements would influence the decision of a reasonable person relying on the financial statements.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of March 27, 2024, the following representations made to you during your audit.

## **Financial statements**

1. The financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at January 31, 2024 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with ASNPO as agreed to in the terms of the audit engagement.

## Completeness of information

- 2. We have made available to you all financial records and related data and all minutes of the meetings of directors, and committees of directors, as agreed in the terms of the audit engagement. Summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared have been provided to you. All significant board and committee actions are included in the summaries.
- 3. We have provided you with unrestricted access to persons within the Organization from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- 4. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements. The adjusting journal entries which have been proposed by you are approved by us and will be recorded on the books of the Organization.
- 5. There were no restatements made to correct a material misstatement in the prior period financial statements that affect the comparative information.
- 6. We are unaware of any known or probable instances of non-compliance with the requirements of regulatory or governmental authorities, including their financial reporting requirements.
- 7. We are unaware of any violations or possible violations of laws or regulations the effects of which should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as the basis of recording a contingent loss.
- 8. We have disclosed to you all known deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting of which we are aware.
- 9. We have identified to you all known related parties and related party transactions, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers of assets, liabilities and services, leasing arrangements guarantees, non-monetary transactions and transactions for no consideration.
- 10. You provided a non-audit service by assisting us with drafting the financial statements and related notes. In connection with this non-audit service, we confirm that we have made all management decisions and performed all management functions, have the knowledge to evaluate the accuracy and completeness of the financial statements, and accept responsibility for such financial statements.

## Fraud and error

- 11. We have no knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Organization involving management; employees who have significant roles in internal control; or others, where the fraud could have a non-trivial effect on the financial statements.
- 12. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Organization's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
- 13. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 14. We believe that the effects of the uncorrected financial statement misstatements summarized in the accompanying schedule are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### Recognition, measurement and disclosure

- 15. We believe that the significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those used in arriving at the fair values of financial instruments as measured and disclosed in the financial statements, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.
- 16. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities, both financial and non-financial, reflected in the financial statements.
- 17. All related party transactions have been appropriately measured and disclosed in the financial statements.
- 18. The nature of all material measurement uncertainties has been appropriately disclosed in the financial statements, including all estimates where it is reasonably possible that the estimate will change in the near term and the effect of the change could be material to the financial statements.
- 19. All outstanding and possible claims, whether or not they have been discussed with legal counsel, have been disclosed to you and are appropriately reflected in the financial statements.
- 20. All liabilities and contingencies, including those associated with guarantees, whether written or oral, have been disclosed to you and are appropriately reflected in the financial statements.
- 21. We have disclosed to you, and the Organization has complied with, all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance. There was no outstanding debt.
- 22. There have been no events subsequent to the statement of financial position date up to the date hereof that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Further, there have been no events subsequent to the date of the comparative financial statements that would require adjustment of those financial statements and related notes.

## Other

23. We have considered whether or not events have occurred or conditions exist which may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern and have concluded that no such events or conditions are evident.

Yours very truly,

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Paul Jacob, President Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association