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May 28th 2019 Meeting

The Ukrainian Presidential Election

The topic of the May meeting was the Ukrainian Presidential Election held on March 31 and April 21 on a two-round system. The presenters were Ihor Michalchyshyn, CEO Ukrainian Canadian Congress National, Vilyen Pidgornyy, Ukrainian Canadian Congress Media Contact and Borys Sirskyj, Election Observer.



Our May speakers (Vilyen, Ihor, Borys)

Vilyen began the presentation by providing an outline of the three branches of the Ukrainian Government – Legislative, Executive and Judicial. He described the powers of the President who appoints the Cabinet Ministers with the approval of the Rada (Legislature) and is also responsible for National Defence and Foreign Affairs. The members of the Rada are elected for a term of five years. Ihor described the role of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. He provided brief biographical notes on the three main candidates, Volodymyr Zelensky, Petro Poroshenko and Yulia Tymoshenko.

He also gave an analysis of the election results that were compared to previous Presidential Elections in 2014. Vilyen provided some information on the campaign styles of each candidate. Ihor spoke on the results of the exit poll and on the first and second rounds of the election.

Borys Sirskyj described the role of the Election Observers and the delegation from Canada. He outlined the mandate and mission of the Observers and their goal to be impartial, neutral and independent. He worked in the Zakarpatia region (on the western border of Ukraine) and described the local campaign, the minority groups including the local Hungarians and Roma. Despite bad roads and difficult travel conditions, Borys met with the local cultural communities, government officials, organizations and individual electors. The local TV stations were owned by the oligarchs and were anti-Poroshenko. He mentioned his activities during the two rounds of the election. He was very busy during the two elections and had to visit as many polls as possible.

Volodymyr Zelensky won this election with 73% of the vote. The meeting was concluded by a question-and-answer session.

Triennial UCC Congress - volunteers

Submitted by Nadia Kazymyra

Be part of the 2019 XXVI Ukrainian Canadian Triennial Congress in Ottawa, November 1-3 as a volunteer! This event brings representatives of Ukrainian organizations to engage in building a strong community in Canada, today and for the future.

This three-day event will be held at the Delta/Marriott, 101 Lyon St N, Ottawa K1R 5T9 where representatives of Ukrainian organizations will engage in discussing the building of a strong community in Canada, today and for the future.

The congress program reflects the issues raised by the Ukrainian Canadian community in the extensive online survey on policy options conducted in April/May by the UCC under the banner, **Share Your Vision-Build Our Future!**

Consequently, the program focuses in three areas: <https://congress.ucc.ca/program/>

- key issues facing the Ukrainian Canadian community today;
- successes and challenges in reaching out and engaging people;
- bringing a Canadian perspective and assistance for Ukraine today.

Youth and adult volunteers are needed - make a difference in the following areas: Set up & Take-down, Information desk, Registration, Vendor liaison, Workshop moderators, VIP greeters, Head usher/General ushers for sessions in plenary hall, Evening Event Attendant.

Please sign-up online to choose your area of participation and shift.
<https://congress.ucc.ca/volunteers/>

Thank you for making a difference and lending a helping hand!

UGG-NCR at the Capital Ukrainian Festival

We wish to thank those members who volunteered to assist at the UGG-NCR table during this year's Capital Ukrainian Festival. The Festival was a once again a huge success, and our UGG-NCR table was a vital component of the impressive array of historical, cultural, and community exhibits that were situated in the Church Basement Hall. We appreciated

meeting the many festival-goers who stopped by our table – both new visitors as well as familiar friends from the community.

We appreciate the efforts of the following members who manned our table over the weekend and also for helping with UGG display setup/takedown:

Donna Law
Gail Proschuk
Nadia Kazymyra
Zonia Keywan
Wally & Doris Bilous
Brian Bullock
Stuart Fedak

Community Events

Sept. 28 - 29, Sat. - Sun.

70th anniversary celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral

1000 Byron Ave. For detailed information visit www.ukrainianorthodox.info

Oct 2, Wed. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

UCWLC Embroidery Group meeting

Bring your project and come for an evening of stitching and socializing. St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine Hall, 952 Green Valley Cres. For more information call Christine (613) 731-1870

November 1 - 3.

UCC XXVI Triennial Congress in Ottawa

For information about the Congress, including how to become a delegate, volunteer or guest, sponsorship opportunities and program go to <http://congress.ucc.ca>

November 7 - 9.

15th Annual Danyliw Research Seminar at the University of Ottawa