

**Treasurers' Report from Cheryl Hewitt**  
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In the last three years, the Executive has learned what a bare bones SSS operation looks like! The financial statements for 2022/2023 show a small surplus, the first since the pandemic. With the energy generated by the return of in-person Congresses we hope to see a return to breakeven or small surpluses and to more conversations about long-term sustainable activity.

The Executive has nearly completed changing our credit union account to Vancity Credit Union in BC from the Assiniboine Credit Union in Winnipeg. The Executive currently requires two signatures on all cheques. Credit Unions in Manitoba (and BC) require new signing officers to present in person at a credit union branch. With Radhika Desai's resignation from Executive, I was the only remaining signing officer and the only one in any proximity to Winnipeg. (I spend the summers near Saskatoon and I traveled to Winnipeg in 2019 to become a signing officer.) In this situation, we decided to shift to Vancity, given the number of executive members in BC, and to use electronic transfer to pay bills from the Assiniboine account until we had a working Vancity account. I am able to complete these transfers alone. In order to preserve the dual signature policy, every expenditure I made through e-transfer was approved in advance by the Executive or alternatively by Jamie Lawson and/or Bill Carroll. Every Executive member also regularly receives statements from the Assiniboine account.

Setting up the Vancity account took me a long time. It is operational, but we will continue to pay bills by e-transfer until the cheques arrive. Vancity requires two approvals on each e-transfer, which makes me much more comfortable. Bill, Jamie and I are the signatories on the Vancity account. I want to thank Radhika Desai for her assistance – she agreed last year to help close out the account. She and I have now started the process of transferring funds from Assiniboine to Vancity.

SSS is also facing complications accessing SSS database and payment system through the Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences. Revenue from online memberships and donations continues to go through the Federation's system and is deposited in the Assiniboine account, but we have not yet attempted to change the deposit function to Vancity.

I truly appreciate the support and kindness offered by the members of the Executive last year as I navigated this process.

Thanks to all members for their dedication to Socialist Studies, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Congress.