

**PSAC Okanagan Area Council
Minutes of Meeting September 24th, 2011
Summerland Research Station, Summerland**

In Attendance:

Darrell-Lee McKenzie	AGR 20043	Annette Hale	USGE 20153
Roberta Gourlie	CEIU 20915	Jackie Sutton	UTE 20003
Kelly Megyesi	CEIU 20915	Susan Yaciw	UTE 20003
Michele Sibson	UNE 20088	Joy Harrison	APSAR
Linda Woods	UNE 20140		

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. with Susan Yaciw in the chair.

Minutes: Minutes from March 26, 2011. Correction: change Michele's local from FAIT to NAT 20088. Minutes from May 13, 2011. Correction: add May 13, 2011 date.

Motion to accept the minutes from March 26, 2011 and May 13, 2011 as corrected. (m: Linda, s: Kelly) m/s/c.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept report (attached). (m: Darrell-Lee, s: Roberta) m/s/c.

Reminder Dues for 2011 (\$1 per/local member/year) are now due.

*Action: Please forward cheques payable to **PSAC Okanagan Area Council**, and mail to:*

Darrell-Lee McKenzie
Area Council Treasurer
#15 – 799 Creekside
Penticton, BC, V2A 2C5

1) Petition in Support of Public Services

Susan reminded everyone to sign the petition in support of public services on the PSAC website: <http://petition.web.net/psac/node/54>

Concerns were raised that many sites looking at potential cuts in the 2012 budget, Service Canada in particular. Need to remind the public that cuts to jobs mean cuts to services and both will have a negative impact on local communities and their economies.

Action: Susan to work with the Regional Office to draft a letter that members in the Interior of BC can use as a template to send to local papers. Once drafted, Susan will send the letter by email.

Action: Susan to discuss with Patrick in the Regional Office the possibility of placing adds in local papers similar to adds run by Air Canada workers.

2) Communication

Concerns were raised about the lack of communication between the Regional Office and changes to staffing at the Regional Office that impacted our region but which were not communicated to members in our region.

Action: Susan to contact Bob Jackson, REVP, and Joanna Schultz, Regional Coordinator, to express our concerns about the lack of communication with the members in the BC Interior.

3) REVP visit to Kelowna – October 27 & 28

Reminder that Bob Jackson, REVP, will be coming to Kelowna to meet with members on October 27 & 28

Action: Susan to set-up an Area Council meeting for the evening of Thursday, October 27th, time and location TBA.

4) Workers History Museum membership

- Darrell-Lee brought information on the Worker's History Museum, which is in the early stages of being established. Volunteers from different unions are involved with this project. They have started publishing a newsletter and have been collecting material, but are a ways from the "bricks and mortar" stage. For more info go to: www.info@workershistorymuseum.ca

Motion that the Area Council pay for a 1 year membership for \$20.00 to the Workers History Museum. (m: Darrell-Lee, s: Linda) m/s/c.

5) 2012 PSAC Triennial Convention

- **Deadline to elect a delegate for the Area Council is October 28th**, we may hold an electronic ballot in the event we cannot convene another meeting prior to October 28th. Deadline to submit resolutions is also October 28th.
- Anyone interested in attending as an observer should seek funding prior to our October 27th meeting, the Area Council may be able to offer some additional support depending on the other funding received.

Action: Darrell-Lee and Martha to confirm designated voting delegate for each local and update voting delegate list.

Addendum: As of October 17th the list of voting delegates is as follows:

AGR 20027 > Maria-Luiza Romano

AGR 20041 > to be designated at their AGM later this year

AGR 20043 > Darrell-Lee McKenzie

CEIU 20915 > Kelly Megyesi

CEIU 20917 > ?

CEIU 20972 > Jennifer Leenhouts

NAT 20140 > Linda Woods

USGE 20153 > Annette Hale

UTE 20003 > Susan Yaciw

UVAE 20035 > Martha Johnson

6) Naramata Workshop

- It was noted that the Okanagan RWC is planning a union educational event for September 14th and 15th at the Naramata Centre.

Motion: To pay a non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 to hold the Naramata Centre for the dates of September 14th & 15th for a union educational event for Okanagan PSAC members. (m: Kelly, s: Susan) m/s/c – unanimous.

Round Table:

Susan – Next Regional Council meeting is October 20th.

Annette – Susan and Annette attended an info session for Kelowna City Council by Interior Health (see attached info). The living wage calculation for a family of four in the Okanagan is \$16.49.

Linda – Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention (CASS) is holding their annual convention in Vancouver this year and Linda is putting together a basket for their silent auction.

Motion: For Area Council to make a \$50.00 donation towards the basket Linda is putting together for the CASS silent auction. (m: Roberta, s: Annette) m/s/c.

Next Meeting: Tentatively: Thursday, October 27th, time and location TBA

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

m/s/c