

West Fraser Valley Area Council
2017 Annual General Meeting
February 27, 2017
ABC Country Restaurant
15373 Fraser Hwy., Surrey, BC

Present: Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE Local 200;88); Richard Hyatt (UTE Local 20050); Georges Tenn (UTE Local 20050); Monique Bakker (UEW Local 20147); Sandy Kincek (CEIU Local 20910); Samina Anwar (CEIU Local 20910); Estrella Holgado (UTE Local 20050) ; Warren Wulff (NRCAN Local 20088) ; Lisette Dyon (UTE Local 20050); Susie Blyth (CEIU Local 20964)

Guests: Robert Strang (PSAC Staff Representative)
Bob Jackson, REVP

Regrets: Shirley Torres (UNE 20278), Celine Ahodekon (UNE 20278), Johann Ackerman (UTE20029)

Recorder: Susie Blyth

1. Call to Order

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

Amendments:

Order of Agenda changed as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting January 16, 2017 & January 31, 2017
4. WFVAC Bylaws
5. Finances
6. Elections of Executive Council members
7. Election of Delegates to PSAC BC Regional Triennial Convention
8. Political Action
9. Education
10. Events
11. New Business
12. Food Bill
13. Child Care

Georges – other expenses

Monique – suggested Finance Budget is one and Finance Expenditures is another

Call to accept Agenda

Passed

Introduction of Guests roundtable was done.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting January 16, 2017 & January 31, 2017

Monique – suggest that there be clarification in the January 16, 2017 minutes. Make note that it was noted in the January 31, 2017 minutes. Monique states Bob states points in January 16, 2017 were ruled out of order.

Bob – put notations in most recent minutes. Put in January 16, 2017 a note to see in January 31, 2017 minutes regarding point #4 - Honorarium

Motion to adopt the minutes of January 16, 2017

Moved by: Monique

Seconded by: Estrella

Carried

Changed Monique to show Local 20147

Motion to adopt the minutes of January 31, 2017

Moved by: Sandy

Seconded by: George

Carried

Monique suggested moving the Action Items to next meeting.

Robert states he is with Kristen regarding the submission of documents. Bylaws not less than 6 months, and not more than 12 months, as per Section 5, Subsection 4.3

Jennifer asked Georges if he had 2 auditors. Georges states auditors found.

Georges and Monique prepared the financials.

Robert sent out the Bylaws to the local affiliates.

Monique worked with Robert to draft resolutions to present at Convention.

January 31, 2017 – page 3. Clarified Section 5, subsection 3 discussed & clarified.

Jennifer asked if we should move each proposal or wait until the end.

Monique asked if we have to wait to change at convention before changing the By-laws.

Bob states that the Tri-cities were always Coquitlam

4. WFVAC Bylaws

Bob read the second paragraph of Section 1 proposed amendment

Richard read the first paragraph of Section 3, Sub-Section (1) proposed amendment

Questions/Discussion: N/A

Monique read the third paragraph of Section 3, Sub-Section (1) proposed amendment

Questions/Discussion: N/A

Monique read the second paragraph of Section 3, Sub-Section (2) proposed amendment

Questions/Discussion:

Richard – responsibility, not mandatory.

Monique – get paid as close to AGM

Robert – wording is sufficient

Bob – old Bylaws said you had to, but it's not constitutional

Estrella read the first paragraph of Section 4, Sub-Section (1) proposed amendment

Questions/Discussion: N/A
Estrella read Section 4, Sub-Section (2) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion: N/A
Sandy read Section 5, Sub-Section (1) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion: N/A
Samina read the third paragraph of Section 5, Sub-Section (2) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion: N/A
Samina read the second paragraph of Section 5, Sub-Section (3) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion: N/A

Dinner Break: 6:44 pm – 7:05 pm

Warren read Section 5, Sub-Section (5) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion: N/A
Warren read Section 5, Sub-Section (6) & Section 5, Sub-Section (7) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion:
Monique – is that legal within the constitution?
Bob – I don't see anything wrong with that.
Jennifer – if we had someone here and it was their 1st time, we couldn't send.
Monique – if they were being discriminated for being sick
Bob – representation from that local
Georges read Section 6, Sub-Section (1) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion:
Jennifer – taking off Education Coordinator, Mr. Strand is always providing.
Richard – cannot support going down to 4. Should have an odd #
Georges – we need to have more than 4 people
Bob – what is the issue with the numbers? normally it's a consensus
Monique – if you only have 4 members and the President can't vote.
Bob – getting bogged down electing. You can have a 1st & 2nd Vic-President
Jennifer – could keep Education Coordinator. Bring in Education to Area Council. If anyone wants, we can keep
Bob – I'm not aware of an issue with a vote
Jennifer – do we want 4 or 5 or remain as is?
Bob – it becomes problematic electing and calling quorum

Vote to agree – 2

To oppose

Struck

Georges read Section 6, Sub-Section (2) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion: N/A
Lisette read Section 6, Sub-Section (3) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion:
If President, Vice-President and Secretary need to sign cheques, does that mean...
Bob – you only need 2
President change it. See Bylaws
Jennifer – nothing for Education Coordinator
Jennifer – Education Coordinator in place. Given enough notice. general meeting.

Monique – 30 days’ notice. Agenda item
Bob read Section 6, Sub-Section (4) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion: N/A
Susie read Section 8, Sub-Section (1) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion: N/A
Richard read Section 8, Sub-Section (2) proposed amendment
Questions/Discussion:
Monique – should not wait 8 months to get paid

Motion to accept Bylaw changes

Moved by: Monique

Seconded by: Estrella

Carried

5. Finances

Georges reviewed the 2016 Budget

Motion to accept 2016 Budget

Moved by: Richard

Seconded by: Estrella

Carried

Monique requesting Financials to be submitted that she created

Georges presented the 2017 Budget

Removed Fusion Festival

Added Community

Added Political Action

Projected same as last year \$1,951.99 with a difference of \$2,506.73

Monique – registration fees for convention have not been paid for 4 years

Bob – Area Council funding comes out of National Budget. Portion withheld at National leave. If Area Council becomes dormant, the money that is held back can be.

\$50 per Area Council that goes to Region.

At one time Area Council went to Region. Allocation to Area Council. Supplement Area Council allocation. Allocation for Area Council comes from Region and each Area Council is not the same. Depends on activity. Area Council that asks for affiliates to contribute.

Questions/Discussion:

Bob – funding for Area Council is a \$ amount dependent upon what the budget is. The amounts can change.

Richard – just projected budget

Bob – last year projection \$6,625. Actual \$2000 and that’s quite unusual. You don’t always spend. If you spend more, it will reduce your carry-over.

Motion to approve 2017 Budget

Moved by: Warren

Seconded by: Lisette

Carried

Richard – we don't vote on projected budget

6. Elections

President:

Bob nominates Jennifer – Accept

Vice-President:

Georges nominates Richard – Accept

Treasurer:

Estrella nominates Georges - Accept

Secretary:

Georges nominates Susie – Accept

Education Coordinator:

Georges nominates Monique – Decline

Jennifer nominates Warren – Accept

Jennifer thanked the 2016 -2017 Council executive for the work they have done and locals in the WFVAC who have sent representatives in supporting the area council, acknowledging both Tracey and Celine who were absent.

Monique would like to request that each meeting have a financial reporting presented.

Richard would like to acknowledge Jennifer for all her hard work.

Motion to destroy the ballots

Moved by: Estrella

Seconded by: Susie

Carried

7. Election of Delegates to Convention

Elections - Regional PSAC elections
 Election REVP, Alternate
 Passing of Resolutions

Bob – resolutions affection Triennial Convention next year

Election suspended at 8:24 pm

1) Georges 2) Samina 3) Monique

8. Political Action

Jennifer gave a report back on lobbying on behalf of PSAC BC to Members of Parliament at the Hill early part of February, with a group of union activists at a recent Canadian Labour Congress MP lobbying – biggest MP lobbying by union activists in the CLC history. There were over 300 activists from different unions and across Canada who participated. Jennifer thanked PSAC BC for the opportunity to have been part of this experience.

We lobbied on three main issues being lobbied, see more information below:

1) Bill C-27:

<http://documents.clc-ctc.ca/pad/LobbyDayFeb2017/C27-UnderminingCanadianPensions-2017-01-31-EN.pdf>

2) Pharmacare:

<http://documents.clc-ctc.ca/pad/LobbyDayFeb2017/Pharmacare-2017-01-31-EN.pdf>

3) Pay Equity:

<http://documents.clc-ctc.ca/pad/LobbyDayFeb2017/PayEquity-2017-01-31-EN.pdf>

CLC has also provided their "Guide for Union Activists for lobbying" with lobbying tactics which can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://documents.clc-ctc.ca/pad/LobbyDayFeb2017/LobbyGuide-2017-01-31-EN.pdf>

Hard time to get a meeting. Three emails required to set a date. On February 10, 2017, the MP postponed the meeting. Jennifer phoned and talked about members taking LWOP. The MP's office emailed back and asked if we could attend at 5:00 pm. Richard and Jennifer attended. Two of MP Sarai's constituents from BCGEU joined Jennifer and Richard in this session. Bill C51 discussion. Richard discussed Bill C45. Jennifer talked about Bill C27, which is the bill to change defined pension to a targeted one. Talked about Phoenix. MP Sarai is a very smart man. He invited to come back again. Jennifer has been in touch with the MP of Delta, Carla Qualtrough who is very busy, but interested in setting up a date. Richard and Jennifer will assist with lobbying skills.

February 25 – March 3 – Poverty Free BC. Talk to Provincial politicians. Housing, Education, Health. Please share the information. MLA candidates for North Vancouver needing volunteers. Whatever you can do to get our PSAC members elected.

April 4 – (MVA) Metro Vancouver Alliance Assembly where candidates for the May 9th election will be to meet and answer questions. Jennifer is the Turnout Captain for PSAC and is working closely with Jamey Mills, PSAC BC Alternate REVP who is active on the MVA representing PSAC BC.

Bob – telephone Town Hall on April 20. Party's platform – more information on website.

9. Education

Robert talked about upcoming courses

Metro Vancouver

TUB March 4/5

Convention Procedures April 8/9

Grievance Handling May 6/7

Webinar – Resolution Writing

Monique – DTA – interior needs it. Kamloops

Robert – Abbotsford covers interior. If particular group or local, put in request.

10. Events

Sue Hammel – Kick Up Her Heels, this Sunday. Fundraising event. Area Banquet Hall, 12350

Patullo Place, two tickets available:

1 ticket – President

Suggest a draw for the people here. Samina & Estrella

11. New Business

12. Food Bill

Motion to approve the Food bill in the amount of \$338.77 (includes 15% tip)

Moved by: Richard

Seconded by: Estrella

Carried

13. Child Care

Motion to approve Child Care costs not exceeding \$100

Moved by: Richard

Seconded by: Georges

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm