

**Victoria Regional Woman's Committee
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

When: 5:45 PM

Wednesday January 31, 2018

Where: PSAC Office 210 – 1497 Admirals Rd. Victoria, BC

Name (PLEASE PRINT)	Component/Local	Non – Employer Email Address
Julie Bussiere	CEIU 20941	
Nancy Sermons	DCL 20500	
Karolyn Jones	UCTE 20220	
Carolyn Sampson (on phone)	USJE 2C086	
Connie Gress (on phone)	UCTE 20220	
Marcia Koenders	USJE 2C086	
Jeannette Lum	UHEW 20169	
Danielle Dardengo	UNDE 21011	
Dyan Day	UNDE 21013	
Colleen Girard	UNDE 21008	
Virginia Vaillancourt (on phone)	UVAE 20030 (NVP)	
Catherine Sindani	CEIU 20941	
Trish Martin		
Nis	CEIU 20975	
Mel McGarry	UTE 20028	
Gisselle Henry (on phone)		
Kay Ahmadi	UTE 20028	
Kelly Sidhu (on phone)		
Regrets		
Leanne Hughes	CIU 20042	

Proposed Agenda Items

1. Call to Order: 05:45
2. Adoption of Agenda:
Motion to accept by: Julie
Seconded by: Colleen
All in Favor:

3. Previous Minutes:

Motion to accept by: Trish

Seconded by: Nis

All in Favor

September 13, 2017 minutes: motion to accept by: Dyan Day

Seconded by: Virginia

All in Favor

4. President's Report: Since becoming the chair of the committee I have never seen such a turnout as the one tonight! Over the course of my tenure, two challenges continued to cycle; mainly: low participation and how to use the committee funds. Every meeting in the past was just enough forum to vote RWC items. For the upcoming years increase participation of members will be one of the things to focus on. Ideas such as community involvements, in events such as Langford Swap, a women's golf tournament, a speedway Saanich Fair are ways to increase participation. Over the past two years I volunteered at the Victoria Labour Council Day Event with PSAC and I participated in December 06, 2016 and IWD. Finance in order, audited and all the information requested from the PSAC was forwarded to them which were submitted back in March 2017, submission completed,
5. Financial Report – 2017 financial statement: January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 in order. Bank Balance as of December 3, 2017 stands at \$ 2,942.37. Report audited by Trish Martin and Mel McGarry, motion to accept by Kay and seconded by Virginia
6. Ending Violence: Julie was not sure who asked to include this item in the agenda. Women marches taking ground across Canada discussion and other ideas to present for next year women committee agenda
7. New Business: ideas to increase and widen RWC was brought up by human rights members in attendance and suggested that it may be a good idea to joint venture with women committee in terms of holding meetings at the same- Trish liked the idea, but noted that the time and the number of meetings held in the year may pose challenges for the members. Virginia expressed concerns about women working and caring for elderly relatives and children may hard for them to juggle between personal and union commitments. She said holding meetings on Saturdays may be an option to explore for better attendance- Colleen: exchanges of new business for each committee - combined Human Rights with women committee is to be further looked at. Gisselle: comments on why low membership: strategies may include: issues around work, violence at home, and mental health to be proactive and inform other members by informing them about the issues close to their hearts and help mobilize members.

Carolyn Sampson commented on length of meeting may be addressed by call-in. Connie: low participation is been in cycle over and over again. Focused on issues of interest to women does not requires organization.

Carolyn Jones: women activism- meetings, press releases, conferences, invite guest speakers, women blog for women activities, sexual harassment women marches – Colleen added women show to the suggested list of activities.

Virginia asked the current state of the National women committee: Kelly working on education around Human Rights and domestic violence against women, working on how to design, and define the audience.

Kelly, will be in Victoria in March 4 - 6, 2018: to attend BC Federation lobby meeting with MPs.

8. Elections: led by Trish Martin

Ballots count: Trish Martin and James Little

Nominations: Chair: 1- Colleen by Mel McGarry: seconded by Karolyn Jones:

2- Gisselle Henry by Carolyn Sampson seconded by Jeannette Lum

Result: Colleen Girard to be sworn in as the new chair of RWC

Motion to destroy ballots by: ??? seconded Jeanette Lum

Vice Chair: nomination: 1-Nancy Sermons nominated by: Dyan Day, seconded by Mel McGarry

2- Gisselle nominated by Carolyn Sampson, seconded by Jeanette Lum

Result: Nancy Sermons to be sworn in as the new vice chair

Motion to destroy the ballots by Kay seconded by:

Nomination of Treasurer Kay by Julie seconded by Nancy Sermons

Result: Kay Ahmadi to be sworn in as the RWC Treasurer

Nomination of Sectary Catherine by Julie seconded by Nancy Sermons

Result: Catherine Sindani to be sworn in as the WRC Secretary

Swearing in for the new executives led by Trish Martin

Old business; table proposal to involve: conference (s)

9. Adjournment: WRC AGM was adjourned at 07:45

Upcoming events 2018: to follow once the new chair and executives set the first meeting