

Northwest B.C. Area Council Annual General Meeting – February 16, 2018

Crest Hotel, Prince Rupert

Call to order: 6:00 pm

In attendance:

Jill MacNeill – UHEW 20147  
Nikki McVey – CEIU 20926  
Nicole Pottle – CEIU 20926  
Barry Cunningham – UCTE 20213  
David Lewis – CIU 20042  
Andy Chu – AGR 20042  
Patrick Nolos – AGR 20042

Regrets:

Wendy Woodhead – AGR 20042  
Leann Podolecki – USJE 20071  
Sean McGovern – CIU 20042  
Penny Dickson – CEIU 20926  
Gai Sta Maria – AGR 20042  
Brian DesChamps – UCTE 20215  
Don Wickens AGR 20064

Deanna Kimball, PSAC Regional Rep.

AGENDA:

- 1) Addition to the agenda – Acknowledgement of traditional territory, moment of silence for member Ann Strutt – Motion – David Lewis  
Second – Nicole Pottle

MOTION CARRIED

Jill acknowledged the traditional territory of the people of Gitwilgyoots on the land of Lax Kw'alaams.

Jill and Barry spoke about the impact of the work and the advocacy of member, Ann Strutt, and how much she will be missed by her fellow members. A moment of silence was observed.

- 2) Accept minutes of previous meeting – Motion – David Lewis  
Second – Nicole Pottle

MOTION CARRIED

Elections:

Jill MacNeill – President – by acclamation  
Nicole Pottle – Treasurer – by acclamation

Nikki McVey – Secretary – by acclamation

3) Update on Phoenix/Political Action (Jill MacNeill)

Phoenix action was scheduled for Monday February 19 at the DFO office, this was cancelled due to the recent accident on Hwy 16.

February 28 marks the two year anniversary of the roll out of Phoenix. Many of the larger locals are doing events/rallies on this date, but a rally is difficult in our area given our limited numbers. Discussion around having a BBQ at Oliver Lake and inviting families and other Labour Groups. A suggestion was made to create a recycled “phoenix” to burn in effigy. Another suggestion was to have the event videotaped, so that it could be forwarded to PSAC for distribution. Jill to send out email regarding potential dates and participants so that this can be arranged for spring.

Suggestion was made that we could lobby Members of Parliament on issues such as Phoenix, pay equity and contract negotiation. Members of CIU are still without a contract after 4 years, and have not received a pay increase in 5. Members are becoming increasingly unhappy due to government’s lack of action. Jill will send out emails to decide on dates and whether or not we want to attend as a group or as individuals.

4) Update from NW Geographic Coordinator, PSAC BC Regional Council (Jill MacNeil)

Jill attended the Regional Meeting and was assigned to a by-laws committee meeting. The bylaws committee agreed to review the bylaws of each of the Area Councils to ensure they are in line with the Regional bylaws. Copies of the bylaws will be given to the Area Councils to review and discuss before considering to make the changes.

Jill attended the Prince Rupert homelessness action events in November of 2017, resulting in a 12 hourshelter and low income housing initiatives being implemented. Jill attended the community event on missing/murdered Indigenous women.

Jill attended the National Leadership Conference from November 29 to December 4, 2017 in Ottawa. While there, she lobbied MP Nathan Cullen to fix the Phoenix Issues. She also participated in Phoenix Christmas Caroling on Parliament Hill. In Prince Rupert she organized an event to send a Christmas “Gift” to Prime Minister Trudeau to remind him of the Phoenix fiasco.

Jill will also be attending the PSAC Regional Conference March 2 to 4, 2018 and the National Bargaining Conference starting March 26, 2018.

Copies of the report will be available on the PSAC Website as well.

5) Health & Safety

Site visits show that members are still concerned about Health and Safety issues for those working on non-government work sites. A discussion was had regarding contacting the Regional Health and Safety Rep so we can ask questions around this issue. Perhaps a “focussed discussion” conference call could be

set up so that members involved could focus on this issue alone, rather than at general meetings. Jill will send an e-mail to discuss a H&S event – either in an information session or a course.

6) Future Meeting Dates

Bylaws state that the Area Council must meet at least four times per year. The following dates were agreed upon for the next three meetings:

June – meeting in Prince Rupert, perhaps around Sea Fest events

August – meeting in Terrace, perhaps around Riverboat Days events

November – meeting in Prince Rupert.

7) Membership Engagement:

A discussion was had surrounding sending information/swag out to all locals in our area to introduce the Executive and promote inclusion in future meetings. Money should be set aside from the budget in order to do this. Jill MacNeill will draft letter then send to the executive for review/comment and decide on the type of swag we wish to send.

ROUND TABLE:

Deanna Kimball - Budget needs to be decided and adopted at this meeting. Once the budget has been passed and the minutes have been sent to REVP Office and the monies held in trust can be released to the new Executive. At that point, we can set up a bank account and get authority for the delegated signing officers.

*\*\* Budget adopted and attached as Appendix A*

Motion to Adopt Budget as presented:

- Motion -David Lewis

- Second – Patrick Nolos

MOTION CARRIED

(Deanna Kimball) – Reminder to everyone to forward any ideas/requests regarding training/education wants and needs for the region. Reminder that Regional Health and Safety and Bargaining Reps are available for questions and guidance as well.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

– Moved – David Lewis

- Second – Patrick Nolos

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM

## ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST

Regional Committee: Northwest B.C. Area Council

For the Period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

### EXPENSES

#### Meeting Expenses

- Room Rental, Conf call, Travel Exp and Other associated costs \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1250.00

#### Donations\*

- Memorial for long standing members & Assisting in events & functions in the area (these are new donations) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 800.00

#### Event/Project Expenses\*\*

- Education – Health & Safety – round table event \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 300.00
- Phoenix event – Membership engagement \$ 350.00

#### Other

- Swag – Membership engagement \$300.00

**Total Expenses \$3000.00**

**TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES \$3000.00**

Bank Balance, as of December 31, 2017\_\_\_ \$2388.14

**TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2018 \$611.86**

\*Please indicate if donations are ongoing or new

\*\*Please attach a description of projects with a breakdown of costs. There may be other revenue sources (e.g. Political Action, Social Justice, etc.) to assist.

## Description of Projects to be focused on this year:

### H&S Event:

When Jill MacNeill and Jamey Mills conducted site visits in 2017. An issue of concern was the health and safety of members at non-government worksites. We would like to provide members with these concerns a venue and opportunity to get together, to have focused discussion, to learn, to network and to become better equipped to address the issue of health and safety at non-government worksites. Our Regional H&S Coordinator, Linda Harding, could also be invited to the discussion. This could be done by telephone or the discussion could be in coordination with a PSAC H&S Course.

### Phoenix Networking Event:

We would like to hold a Phoenix Event where we will burn a phoenix in effigy. We would like to also use this event as an opportunity to meet with members from other unions in our area. We would like assistance from Regional Office with contact info from other unions in the Prince Rupert Area. Dates, locations, and other details will be worked out by the NWAC by e-mail. The event could take place in the spring or perhaps around Mayday. Members from UHEW plan on building an effigy from recycled materials; perhaps we can make a competition out of it and have all interested components build an effigy, with a prize going to the groups who build the most hideous and best burning Phoenix. Judges could be the other labour unions.

### Membership Engagement

We would like to put together a letter introducing the 2018 NWAC Executive. We would like to provide our contact information. We would like to tell of our plans for 2018. We would like to explain what the area council is how they can participate. We would like to send this package to all locations in Northwest, BC.