

PSAC BC Mainland Young Workers' Committee
Annual General Meeting
March 7, 2013

Members present: Gary, Kara, Christine, Jessica, Shawna, Erica (chair)
Guests: Monica Urrutia (PSAC Staff), Bob Jackson (REVP-BC)

1. Meeting began at 6:15 pm.

2. A round of **introductions** were conducted.

3. Members reviewed the draft **Terms of Reference**.

There was an amendment to include that the BCMYWC's fiscal year be January to December.

-m/s/c as amended (Jessica/Gary)

4. Election of Officers

Erica handed over the chair to Monica to conduct the election of officers.

President: Erica (nominated/seconded Shawna, Kara) – acclaimed

Vice-President: Shawna (nominated/seconded Jessica, Erica) – acclaimed

Secretary-Treasurer: Jessica (nominated/seconded Shawna, Gary) – acclaimed

Monica handed the chair back to Erica.

5. Budget

Members discussed that all new committees receive a start-up amount of \$500.

There will then be an annual allocation following which could be different amounts. Members agreed to opening an account under "PSAC BC Mainland Young Workers Committee". A budget will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

6. Ideas for the committee for the year

A brainstorm was conducted. This will also help the Secretary-Treasurer allocate the budget.

Ideas included:

-partially fund registration fee for BC Fed Young Workers Conference that is held annually

-help send a delegate to Camp Jubilee (YW educational) that will be held June 14-16

-have movie nights

-look into holding another Canadian's baseball and bbq event

-create posters for the workplace to help popularize the committee now that its formed

-participate in the We Are All Affected work in various ways

-encourage YWs to attend the Vancouver Area Council bbq

- should outreach to recruiting centres for students/coops at universities and colleges
- should write a letter to the BC Mainland Locals now that the committee has been created
- would like to support certain campaigns such as :\$10/day child care, federal student workers to be allowed to be unionized
- target and education YWs to help replenish the movement
- create another survey for ideas

7. Reports

Monica (as staff with Youth Portfolio) and Erica (as Regional Council YW Coordinator) explained that the proposal for the region was submitted to access national monies. While we requested approximately \$19,000, only \$12,000 was allotted. Original proposal was two-fold: 1) to help hold events in other areas around the province where there is interest, but not necessarily enough to sustain their own committee e.g. North Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Southern Interior, etc. The event could be topic-specific or committee meetings in these other areas. 2) to hold a “trainer’s training” to help build the YW Committees. However, given the amount of money allocated may be better to focus on part one as there isn’t enough money for both unless we radically reduce the number of people (estimated at 11) who would participate in the “trainer’s training”. Discussion is still ongoing, looking for input from this committee. Erica also shared this information with the Vancouver Island YW Committee for their input. They have committed to getting back to her.

8. Other

Monica encouraged all members to consider applying for Union School, and the young women to apply for the Regional Women’s Conference. The committee can help assist members with ideas for funding if the registration fee for the Regional Women’s Conference is a barrier.

Bob spoke on how BC is leading the way on YW issues in PSAC. He attended the Vancouver Island’s YWC meeting last week where they got their charter and presented the BC MYWC charter at this meeting. He is proud of how each year our YW proposals to the AEC are usually the first proposal in and always very prepared and organized. He shared that he is looking forward to all the members at the meeting advance in the movement and is hoping for great things from YWs in general. While he is happy for their involvement, he also recognizes that to get involved means to take on a level of responsibility. Bob then conducted the oath of officers for the executive.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **April 24, 2013 dinner at 5:30, meeting starts at 6 pm.**