

**Minutes for the North East BC Area Council Elections & All
Component PSAC Union Meeting, April 21,2012 in Prince
George, BC**

I. Opening Remarks, Welcome & Introductions:

**Attendees: Kim Koch, Tracy Arrowsmith, Floyd
Knelson, Kurt Munger, Patt Holmes, Andrew Seabrook,
Sanjiv Dyal, Jennetta Foley**

**Special Guests: Bob Jackson, REVP BC PSAC
Phil Carrier, USGE and Colette Savarie, RUO PSAC
Representative for the North**

II. Brief Outline of Area Council Operations and Purpose:

-Two handouts

**-A verbal summation of why we should reactive the
North Eastern Area Council**

III. Elections of Officers:

**A set of Area Council Bylaws with appended
amendments was handed out and referred to in outlining
the offices up for election. Patrick Bragg had posted the
meeting on the PSAC web site to advertise to all members
in good standing the positions up for election.**

President:

**It was moved by Tracy Arrowsmith and seconded by
Kurt Munger that Kim Koch be nominated for the
Position of President.**

Kim Koch was acclaimed and congratulated.

B. 1st Vice President:

It was moved by Kim Koch and seconded by Jennetta Foley that Kiera MacCormick be nominated for this position.

Kiera MacCormick was acclaimed 1st Vice Pres.

C. 2nd Vice President:

It was moved by Kurt Munger and seconded by Kiera MacCormick that Parveen Deepak be nominated for this position.

Parveen Deepak was acclaimed 2nd Vice President.

D. 3rd Vice President:

It was moved by Kiera MacCormick and seconded by Sanjiv that Jennetta be nominated for 3rd VPresident.

It was moved by Kurt Munger and Seconded by Tracy Arrowsmith that Floyd Knelson be nominated for 3rd Vice President.

Jennetta declined standing for this position and Floyd was acclaimed as 3rd Vice President.

E. Treasurer:

It was moved by Kim Koch and seconded by Kiera MacCormick that Sanjiv Dyal be nominated as Treasurer.

It was moved by Jennetta and seconded by Sanjiv that Andrew Seabrook be nominated at Treasurer.

Andrew declined, with thanks to his nominators.

Sanjiv Dyal was acclaimed to the position.

F. Secretary:

It was moved by Kim Koch and seconded by Kurt Munger that Jennetta Foley be nominated as our Secretary. Jennetta was acclaimed to the position.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Bob Jackson, REVP for PSAC gave the oath of office to all of the newly elected executive.

G. Financial Update:

Floyd Knelson provided additional bank statements and Area Council materials.

Current Bank Balance: \$3156.85 in chequing

124.41 Equity A Shares

Status of account: Dormant

Anne Evasin also handed over some Area Council materials. Patt volunteered to separate the materials and make a Treasurer and President's binder. It costs \$1.00 per member per year for each local to belong to the Area Council. Dues are prorated.

IV. Stop the Cuts:

Bob Jackson, REVP for BC provided an update on the Stop the Cuts campaign, issues in general and convention. A round table discussion supplemented the cuts in NE BC. Members are asked to let Bob's office know of any cuts to staff in their locations.

V. Both Bob Jackson, REVP for BC and Phil Carrier from USGE addressed the newly re-activated area council on current issues, events and campaigns. Both Bob and Phil had visited with Members at their work locations.

Tips from Bob for the Area Council:

-You need 4 meetings a year. Set small obtainable goals.

Try to make contact with all the Members in the area and develop a contact list for the North East. Patrick Bragg could be contacted for names of Local Union worksite reps.

-Be aware of the tools available and the 3 union web sites to support the area council work.

Bob mentioned that at the upcoming PSAC Convention we will be electing a new PSAC National President and other officers that will set a new direction for our Union. Pay attention to the day to day summations of Convention where a plan of action to “stop the cuts” will be drafted on Convention floor.

Phil made some comments on:

-A dues increase/levy for members

-The decline in PSAC membership with the cuts and how it affects the PSAC budget that will be proposed at Convention.

-Pension plan for PSAC

-Rally on May Day for convention delegates

Colette:

Colette is responsible for Educational courses in the North East. Any recommendations for courses coming out of the Area Council meetings should be forwarded to her attention.

Colette will support the newly re-activated Area Council in any way she can. We can check in with Colette for resources and run our questions by her for solutions. We need to forward a copy of all our Area Council meeting minutes to the Vancouver RUO. Colette needs a copy of all our minutes.

VI. Component Check-In:

All the components in attendance updated any “hot issues” and on the status of cuts to jobs and services. Remember to keep Bob’s office updated.

VII. Date for the next meeting:

It was agreed that our newly elected President would coordinate a date for our next meeting and advise the rest of the Area Council delegates. Kim will invite Kurt Munger to update the NE Area Council on the PSAC Convention.

VIII. Kiera MacCormick made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Kim Koch, NE Area Council
President**

Secretary