

MINUTES - Central Okanagan Area Council Meeting

Saturday Feb 11 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Susan Yaciw UTE
Nadia Buckley UTE
Darrel-Lee McKenzie Agriculture Union
Linda Woods UNE
Michele Sibson UNE
Joanne Hay UPC
Joy Harrison APSCAR
Robert Strang PSACBC (Vancouver)

REGRETS:

Shiv Reddy PIPSC
Annette Hale RCMP
Joan Coburn CEIU
Carolyn McGillivray CBSA
Wes Todd
Jean Olinyk
Maria Luiza Romano CIFA

INTRODUCTIONS completed (new attendee – Nadia Buckley – UTE)

ADOPTION of previous minutes - Moved by Michele Sibson / Seconded by Darrel-Lee McKenzie

Motion passed unanimously

TREASURERS report – Discussion of Affiliations and Dues / suggestion for consideration of charging dues again (previously \$1/member)

OLD Business – THANKS to Darrel-Lee for facilitating the purchase of the Workers Museum Calendars (2017)

REGIONAL NEWS:

PHOENIX issues – Reminder to CONTACT YOUR MP about Phoenix problems in the workplace
Let the Regional office know of any concerns

SUMMER OUTREACH will receive no funding from National

HUMAN RIGHTS & BCFED – Paul and Jennifer have stepped down

Sister Crystal Warner was defeated as National President of CEIU – Elected as National VP CEIU

Eddy Bourque was elected NATIONAL President CEIU

Per Wes Todd CEIU to be out of Trusteeship effective April 3 2017

Vanessa Miller acclaimed Young Workers coordinator (Nanaimo CEIU)

ROBERT STRANG reminded members to do something on each 6th of the month until the Provincial Election

Sign the Pledge to Vote – ONLINE or TEXT

Get involved in political action (there will be a call sometime in March 2017)

REGIONAL Council will present 7 changes to Bylaws(resolutions)

2nd alternate RVP

Definition of Committee in good standing (sec 18)

Housekeeping resolution (Young workers age changed from 30 – 35)

Amendment to section 7

Gender & definition

Amending boundaries (e.g. MapleRidge to Surrey / Changing boundaries for Okanagan not currently possible)

BARGAINING – SV – Tentative agreement; PA- Ratification voting details to come; TC; CRA – back to table in April 2017; PIPSC – gave up Sick Leave
(most groups get 1.25% x 4 years / others up to 1.5%; market wage adjust increases for some;
ROBERT STRANG spoke to the Handout provided regarding UPCOMING UNION COURSES – Daytime and evening learning opportunities

Discussion of CONVENTION COMMITTEE CALLOUT

MOTION proposed to put together an OKANGAN THEME BASKET for Convention - \$150 value
Motion made by Linda Woods – seconded by Susan Yaciw – motion passed unanimously
Basket will be put together by Linda and Susan

ROUND TABLE:

Joy Harrison advised that there is an active MEMBERSHIP DRIVE for APSAR – CONCERN expressed about keeping pensions in place – only \$20/year membership
KEEP LOBBYING YOUR MP's / they are your employee and earn \$163,000/annum – what do they do?

AREA COUNCIL is an affiliate of APSAR – registered for 3 years – WATCH FOR MAILOUT regarding MEMBERSHIP

Linda Woods expressed concern about member ID's – only initial and last name without a workplace location – pays \$6month dues but no \$'s spent

There will be an attempt for membership engagement made at event in March 2017 – Meet and Greet @ Sheraton in Richmond on 29 March 2017 with Bob Jackson Jennifer Chi Ho and perhaps Irene Lanzinger. Pam Chabal(?sp) & Joy Harrison to attend – NO REP FROM VANCOUVER! (PSAC & UNE are paying for the event)

Linda suggested TUB/UCA course(s) specific for StatsCan

Joanne Hay reminded the members about the SAVE CANADA POST Campaign – this is a PROFITABLE corp

OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Darrell-Lee McKenzie - President (starshine@telus.net) (acclaimed) – motion by Susan Yaciw / seconded by Joy Harrison

Nadia Buckley – Vice President (acclaimed) – Motion by Susan Yaciw / seconded by Joy Harrison

Maria-Luiza Romano – Treasurer (luluza@me.com) – agreed to stay on (no challengers)

Michele Sibson – Secretary (msibson@shaw.ca) – agreed to stay on (no challengers)

CEIU Area Council participation proposed (Kelowna UVAE member to be contacted)

DARREL –LEE McKenzie will be attending BCPSAC Regional Triennial conference as the Area Council Delegate (Linda Woods is the Alternate)

NEXT MEETING April 29 2017 (9:30 a.m.)

Location TBA