

BC Fed Convention Report

Kelly Megyesi

November 23rd - 28th 2014

Thank you to PSAC for the approval of the subsidy to attend the BC FED convention and thank you to the Okanagan PSAC for their support of the registration fee.

I attended the Human Rights Diversity Forum on November 23 followed by four very full days at convention. I attended the Women's Forum, Disability Caucus and the PSAC Caucus but was unable, due to health reasons, to participate in the other fun evening events.

Pre-Convention

- Offered help to Irene (Sec/Tres BC FED)
- Offered help to Crystal (BC-YT NVP)
- Worked on Dec 6 Vancouver event for Jennifer (BC Regional Council, UNE)

Human Rights Diversity Forum

Panelists were Rhiannon Bennett, Romi Chandra Herbert, Conni Klifoil, Djeep Athaide. We had a day session filled with compassion and stretching our understanding. We listened to the speaker and to the BC FED representatives from the four equities groups – Disabilities, Person of Colour, LGBTQ, Aboriginal. It was a coming together in strength on human rights. This really is what calls me to the union and it I feel fortunate to have participated in this event.

I will be doing a full report out to the PSAC Okanagan Human Rights Committee.

Women's Forum

Speakers as always were great!

Welcome by Irene Lanzinger – BCFED* Secretary Treasurer

Domestic Violence in the Workplace Chantel O'Neil CLC*

Portrayal of Women in Media – Christine Willes ACTRA*

Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls - Fay Blaney WOW*

Working to End Violence Against Women – Trace Porteous EVA*

Having worked on a lot of Violence Against Women issues it was great to hear different perspectives on this issue. Recently I have participated in "Have a Heart" which is working on behalf of, and in support of, aboriginal children. Also I have been working on the "Am I Next Campaign" and two weeks before convention met with Holly Jarrett at the Homelessness conference in BC. There are a lot of groups working on these issues and it was great to hear about the coordination of groups through EVA.

The subject was very relevant to our current work as we have just completed October 4 Stolen Sisters and our upcoming Dec 6 remembrance vigil.

PSAC Caucus

We met at the end of convention day 2 and it was an opportunity to meet with other of our activists. We had an opportunity to hear from the candidates running for office and the opportunity to ask questions. Two of our members have put their names forward for the equity committees and have been endorsed by Bob Jackson REVP. Paul Croes for LGBTQ and Jennifer Chieh Ho for Persons of Colour.

Convention Day 1

Speakers Jim Sinclair & Thomas Mulcair, Political Action Report Started resolution debate. I found the Joy Langen award to be extremely moving. The award was presented to Deborah Payment a longtime labour activist. Her acceptance speech, thanking her daughter was very memorable and I loved that she used the opportunity to ask more of activists!

Convention Day 2

Speakers Trish Hennessy (CCPA*), Hassan Yussuff (CLC*) & Grand Chief Stewart Phillip (UBCIC*) , Constitution and Structure Committee Report, Education Committee Report, Human Rights Committee Report. The day ending with a very heartwarming tribute to Jim Sinclair. Sat at the mic to hold a spot to talk on the CEIC resolution.

Convention Day 3

Sat at the mic for the whole morning and then through lunch. Finally was the first speaker on Composite 93. I spoke on the government change to make qualification far more difficult and I also spoke to the government cuts to the service or rather lack of service for Canadians. Tracy, Vanessa, and Sam also spoke. The Resolutions Committee supported the resolution and the floor voted in favour as well. Speaker for this day was David Freiboth, Executive Secretary/Treasurer King County Labour Council.

There was a some interesting talk about coalition work and the importance of same. This has just become critical in our labour and human rights work and it is a message that I will take back to our committees.

Convention Day 4

Morning started off with elections. Absolutely not my favourite part but proud to have participated.

Resolutions continued, Speakers Dr Danielle Martin, Vice President of Women's College Hospital and Diane Wood President BC Forum, John Horgan Leader of BC NDP

The day ending on a great note with Bob Jackson (REVP BC PSAC) speaking on "Fighting the attack on Public Services".

Some things to think about

We don't need a mailing list we need you to participate

We are building

What could be more important to a labour movement than inclusion

It is you that are making a difference – standup and speak

Everybody, everybody, is important! This organization stands up for all

Attitudinal barriers

LGBT – “not to call people out but to call people in” / very powerful

International Human Rights Day – December 10”

Bcfed.ca/equitygroups

Connect labour & disability - we need a presence in the labour movement

educate yourself

Our history is your history

Understand your privilege

Resistance is key

Privilege is the lack of barriers – seeing yourself reflected in society

Take time to understand the power of tradition

Come in (as a settler) and stand behind us.

Ensure that the solution is not worse than the problem.

Disability plans that allow for people to temporarily come back without penalty

Diversity – “ignorance is choice”

Not for themselves but for all people

If we are not serious about accommodation – we are missing out on the compassion, the strength, and the gifts of a whole group of people.

Spending my 54th birthday at the Human Rights Forum

Greatest allies – parents

BC Forum – over 50 sign your card.

- BCFED – British Columbia Federation of Labour
- CLC – Canadian Labour Congress
- ACTRA - Union of BC Performers
- WOW – Warriors Organizing Women
- EVA – Ending Violence Association
- CCPA – Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
- UBCIC – Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs
- LGBT – Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender

Respectively submitted in solidarity,

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Expense Reconciliation

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November 22-28, 2014

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Expenses

Flights	272.21	(Receipt attached)
Mileage - airport (x2)	106.92	
Accommodation (6)	300.00	
Incidentals (7)	121.10	
Meals (5)	371.50	
Fri	15.75	
	<u>1187.48</u>	

BC PSAC Subsidy Approved	1000.00
Advance	1000.00
Payable	<u>0.00</u>

BC Fed Convention	
Registration Fee	175
PSAC Okanagan Human Rights	
Re-imburement payable	<u>175</u>

Flight Itinerary

Flight	From	To	Stops	Duration	Aircraft	Fare Type	Meal
AC8423 ¹	Kelowna (YLW) Sat 22-Nov 2014 20:40	Vancouver, Vancouver Int'l (YVR) Sat 22-Nov 2014 21:40 - Terminal M	0	1hr00	DH3	Tango, S	
AC8398 ¹	Vancouver, Vancouver Int'l (YVR) Fri 28-Nov 2014 08:45 - Terminal M	Kelowna (YLW) Fri 28-Nov 2014 09:35	0	0hr50	CRJ	Tango, T	

Operated by:

¹ Air Canada Express - Jazz

Passenger Information

1: Ms Kelly Megyesi : Adult (16+), Ticket Number: 0142141399748			
Air Canada - Aeroplan :	584154488	Meal Preference :	None
Payment Card:	xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-6850	Special Needs:	None
Seat Selection:	None		

Purchase Summary

Fare Summary

Passenger Type	Adult
Air Transportation Charges	
Departing Flight - Tango	102.00
Return Flight - Tango	99.00
Surcharges	24.00
Taxes, Fees and Charges	
Canada Airport Improvement Fee	20.00
Canada Goods and Services Tax (GST/HST #10009-2287 RT0001)	12.96
Air Travellers Security Charge (ATSC)	14.25
Total airfare and taxes before options (per passenger)	272.21
Number of passengers	x 1
Total airfare, taxes and options	272.21
Travel Insurance (declined)	0.00
Grand Total - Canadian dollars	\$272.21

Payment Information