

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

January 21, 2014, 5:30pm, United Steel Workers Office

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:46pm

OPENING REMARKS: Parveen held a round table in order for all in attendance to introduce themselves.

In attendance:

Parveen Deepak-UTE
Bob Jackson-REVP PSAC
Collette Green-CEIU
Tracy Arrowsmith- UTE
Sharon Tucker- USG
Fortune Peranio-Purolator
Valarie Stewart-UTE
Jason Laurie-UTE
Floyd Knelsen- UTE
Pete Charlie-UTE
Kim Koch-UTE
Leanna Chiasson -UTE
Ben Scraff-USGE

Parveen Deepak:

Parveen explained the importance of belonging to an Area Council and what the benefits of affiliation does for the Components.

Bob Jackson:

Bob explained the structure of the PSAC and the roll of the Components, Area Councils, Locals, and Directly Chartered Locals within it. He further explained that there are 8 Area Councils within BC and how they all operate independently with the common goal to bring the PSAC information to the various parties.

Treasurer's Report:

Parveen read the Year End Income Statement (please see attached)
Valarie Stewart Motioned/Sharon Tucker 2nd

ELECTIONS:

Bob Jackson assumed chair of the meeting to preside over the elections.

FOR PRESIDENT: **Nominated by:** **Seconded by:**
- Parveen Deepak Kim Koch Pete Charlie
No further nominations were received, Parveen acclaimed as President

FOR 1ST VICE PRESIDENT: **Nominated by:** **Seconded by:**
- Sharon Tucker Parveen Deepak Kim Koch
No further nominations were received, Sharon acclaimed as 1st Vice President

FOR TREASURER: **Nominated by:** **Seconded by:**
- Leanna Chiasson Kim Koch Collette Green
No further nominations were received, Leanna acclaimed as treasurer

FOR SECRETARY: **Nominated by:** **Seconded by:**
- Ben Scraff Kim Koch Parveen Deepak

No further nominations were received, Ben acclaimed as Secretary.

Election for Delegate to PSAC Regional Convention April 2014

Nominated: **Nominated by:**
Pete Charlie **Parveen Deepak**
Leanna Chiasson **Kim Koch**

Elected by secret ballot: Pete Charlie, Leanna Chiasson to be alternate.

Newly elected executive was sworn in by Bob Jackson.

Component Check-In:

Ben Scraff-USGE:

Ben explained that there are 12 unionized employees in his office and everyone gets along, but that the ER in the lower mainland is trying to lower the workload of each FTE in order to lower the number of FTE's required. The Union members in the lower mainland have opposed this action.

Kim Koch-UTE:

Kim explained how the TSO in Prince George has merged with the Burnaby Fraser office and the challenges this is cause the members here in Prince George. She also

explained the frustration the members feeling with the stall of the Bargaining between UTE and CRA.

Fortune Peranio:

Fortune updated that Purolator has just signed their contract and morale is good in the office.

Sharon Tucker-USG:

As of last week there are 48 affected in the Surrey office. The CR 4's and 5's are going to be starting negotiations shortly and it's going to be a fight. The members are showing signs of division. The older members don't want to fight it and the younger members want to fight for the benefits.

Collette Green-CEIU:

The Prince George office has gone from 127 FTE's to 27, the morale is bad. Their contract is up in June and the fight for a fair contract is going to be ugly.

Date of next meeting: Thursday February 13, 2014

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 7:30pm