

P.S.A.C. NORTHWEST AREA COUNCIL

Meeting, Thursday, February 18, 2016

Crest Hotel / Teleconference 1-800-663-2033 Code : 286542

MINUTES

Attendees:

Be Gomes – USGE 20071	Lisa Nikmo – AGR 20042	Sean McGovern – CIU 20042
Barry Cunningham - UCTE 20232	Jill MacNeill – UEW 20147	Dave Lewis – CIU 20042
Penny Dickson – CEIU 20926	Deanna Kimball - PSAC	

1. AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2016 - Agenda for meeting presented by Be Gomes.
 - a. MOTION: Lisa Nimko motioned to accept agenda for February 18, 2016 meeting as presented by Be Gomes. Sean McGovern seconded. Motion passed.

2. MINUTES/NOTES
 - a. MOTION: Sean moved to accept minutes of May 13, 2015. Lisa Nimko seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. MOTION: Lisa moved to accept notes of June 10, 2016 with a change to the attendee list. Both Lisa Nimko and Jill MacNeill were present at that meeting by teleconference. Seconded by Penny Dickson. Motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE – Presented by Be Gomes and Barry Cunningham.
 - a. MOTION: Barry Cunningham motioned to accept the financial report as provided. Sean McGovern seconded. Motion carried.

4. REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT - Report provided by Be Gomes.
 - a. Be provided an update in relation to the 60th anniversary of the Kitimat-Terrace and District Labour Council, participation by members in PSAC Town Hall meetings, NW Area Council participation in Seafest and Riverboat Days, Labour Day Picnic, grievance activity and the 2015 Federal Election.

5. PSAC COURSES – Deanna Kimball / Sean McGovern

- a. Deanna Kimball advised this weekend she is in Prince Rupert to deliver at the Crest Hotel, the following two courses: 1) Representing Members with Mental Illness, and 2) Understanding and Interpreting the Collective Agreement.
 - b. Deanna Kimball advised that a Health and Safety Activism course will be delivered in Prince George in May. The application to register for the course is available on-line at the PSAC-BC website.
 - c. Sean McGovern attended PSAC delivered Facilitator course and is looking forward to delivering Lunch and Learn type workshops.
 - d. The Steward Series – Deanna Kimball advises there has been expressed interest in the Steward Series. It is anticipated more training in this area will become available.
 - e. Duty to Accommodate Training: Both Barry Cunningham and Sean McGovern advised Deanna that there is a need for the delivery of Duty to Accommodate training.
 - f. National Aboriginal Peoples’ Circle: Deanna Kimball advised that training in relation to the National Aboriginal Peoples Circle is also upcoming.
 - g. Union Development Program: Be Gomes highly recommends participation in the Union Development Program when it becomes available.
6. BARGAINING UPDATE – Provided by Be Gomes and Deanna Kimball
- a. A handout was provided to the all and the PSAC website is current. The update is basically nothing has changed as it appears the new government is heading to the bargaining tables with the same mandate as the previous government.
7. NORTHWEST AREA COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE – Sean McGovern
- a. Sean McGovern has volunteered to take over as the Administrator of the Northwest Area Council Facebook page.
8. LOBBYING – POLITICAL ACTION – Update by Be Gomes, Jill MacNeill and Deanna Kimball
- a. Be Gomes, Jill MacNeill and Deanna Kimball attended a recent Political Action Meeting in Vancouver where the focus of discussion was lobbying. With the federal budget soon to be presented, area councils are asked to participate in lobbying local MPs to ensure the upcoming budget delivers necessary the necessary resources to fulfill departmental mandates.
 - b. Lobbying kits will be made available at the PSAC-BC website.
9. NORTHWEST AREA COUNCIL BYLAWS
- a. Discussion took place in relation to a copy of the Northwest Area Council bylaws with marked changes provided by Be Gomes.
 - i. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:
 1. Section III Sub-section 1: Change “the Queen Charlotte Islands” to “Haida Gwaii”.
 2. Section III Subsection 2(1): Leave amount as \$1.00.

3. Section III Subsection 2(2): Change date from September to December 31.
4. Section III Subsection 2(3): Deanna Kimball advises this subsection needs to be removed.
5. Section III Subsection 2(4): Becomes Subsection 2(3).
6. Section IV Subsection 1(2): Change September to November
7. Section IV Subsection 1(3): Change twenty-eight to seven.
8. Section IV Subsection 2: Change the fiscal year to September 1 to August 31.
9. Section VI Subsection 7: Correct preapproval to pre-approval
10. Section VII: Delete the word notice.

MOTION: Barry Cunningham recommends amendments to bylaws as noted above, and to work with Deanna Kimball to ensure that language of the bylaws is in compliance with the PSAC constitution. Seconded by Sean McGovern. Motion carried.

10. ELECTIONS

- a. Nominations – Process call for nominations by Deanna Kimball
 - i. President
 1. Sean McGovern nominated by Be Gomes, seconded by Jill MacNeill
 - ii. Vice President
 1. Lisa Nimko nominated by Be Gomes, seconded by Barry Cunningham
 2. Jill MacNeill nominated by Sean McGovern – Jill MacNeill declined
 3. Penny Dickson nominated by Be Gomes – Penny Dickson declined
 - iii. Secretary
 1. Jill MacNeill nominated by Sean McGovern – Jill MacNeill declined
 2. David Lewis nominated by Sean McGovern, seconded by Barry Cunningham
 - iv. Treasurer
 1. Barry Cunningham nominated by Sean McGovern – Barry Cunningham declined
 2. Penny Dickson nominated by Be Gomes – Penny Dickson declined
 3. Nicole Pottle nominated by Be Gomes – Be will get in contact with Nicole to determine if she will accept nomination. Barry advised that he will continue his role of Treasurer until the next meeting.
- b. Swearing-in of the Executive by Deanna Kimball
 - i. President: Sean McGovern
 - ii. Vice President: Lisa Nimko
 - iii. Secretary: Dave Lewis
 - iv. Treasurer (interim): Barry Cunningham