

Northwest Area Council Annual General Meeting – September 21, 2017

Call to order: 6:00 pm

In attendance:

Meeting attendees:

Jill MacNeil – UHEW 20147

Nikki McVey – CEIU 20926

Nicole Pottle – CEIU 20926

John Webb – UHEW 20147

Wendy Woodhead – AGR 20042 (CGC)

Don Wickens – AGR 20064 (CFIA)

Leann Podolecki – USGE 20071

David Lewis – CIU 20042

Sean McGovern – CIU 20042

Penny Dickson – CEIU 20926

Darren Green – UCTE 20213

Jamey Mills, REVP BC and Deanna Kimball, PSAC Regional Rep

Elections:

Jill MacNeil – President – by acclimation

Nicole Pottle – Treasurer – by acclimation

Nikki McVey – Secretary – by acclimation

AGENDA:

- 1) Accept minutes of previous meeting – Motion – David Lewis
Second – Sean McGovern

MOTION CARRIED

- 2) Accept financial statements from previous meeting – deferred until transfer of funds can be done to new executive.
- 3) Updates from Locals

DFO (Jill MacNeil) – Problems with UMC's and H&S meetings – terms of reference not being followed, members feel less represented as a result.

(John Webb) – Problems with Phoenix and medical coverage. Can't find information regarding WCB or OHS on the ESDC Web Site. Employer states employees have the right to this information, but they can't find it. Worker's advisory group is run by the employer, so no help

CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION (Sean McGovern) - Phoenix issues being handled well. Members are disgruntled as they have been over 3 years without contract and 4 years without a wage increase. Members not happy with mandatory overtime.

CEIU (Nicole Pottle) – Working alone still a concern with members, doesn't seem to be any way around it. Possible H&S issue. Members unhappy with Phoenix, many people not being paid properly or at all.

GRAIN – (Wendy Woodhead) – Members unhappy with Phoenix and mandatory overtime.

4) Message from Jamey Mills, REVP BC

Remember that the union is there to support all members, everyone's issue is important. Important to remind members that they should raise issues at the local level so they can be brought up regionally if needed. We are getting stronger as a union, we are working together to resolve issues such as Phoenix and getting that information out to the public in our communities.

ROUND TABLE:

Jill MacNeil – Perhaps we should be looking at education, particularly H&S education for Fisheries and Customs if they are having issues with the employer and working on non-federal sites. In addition, Area Councils are the political action arm of the components. Perhaps at the next AGM we should talk about planning political action events around labour day or riverboat days. Lunch time events may also be effective.

Deanna Kimbell – H&S training is provided by PSAC. Perhaps contact James Little to see if there could be a course tailored to those specific needs. There are also on-line courses available such as the on-line steward series. All upcoming education events are posted on the PSAC website. Please call if there are any questions regarding training courses needed or wanted, or on how to apply.

Jill MacNeil – Next AGM needs to be held in January 2018. At that meeting, we need to elect an executive, adopt the financial statements, and recommend any changes to the by-laws. Dates for the next AGM to be decided at a later date.

Jamey Mills – Feeling invigorated that the area council is being brought back together to move forward on issues affecting the North. Looking forward to working with everyone in the future.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Moved – David Lewis

- Second – Jill MacNeil

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:12 PM