

Northwest Area Council Meeting – September 9, 2019

Call to order: 6:30 pm

In attendance:

Jill MacNeil – UHEW 20147 (President)  
Jennifer Gordon – UHEW 20147 (Vice President)  
David Lewis – CIU 20042  
Nikki McVey – CEIU 20926 (Secretary)  
Nicole Pottle – CEIU 20926 (Treasurer)

Deanna Kimball, PSAC Regional Rep

AGENDA:

Motion to adopt the agenda:

Motion – David Lewis  
Second – Jennifer Gordon

MOTION CARRIED

Jill acknowledged the traditional unceded territory of the Tsimshian people.

A discussion was had regarding the minutes of the meeting on August 12, 2019. As there was no quorum at that meeting the minutes do not need to be accepted.

- 1) Accept minutes of previous meeting on June 9, 2019

Motion – Jennifer Gordon  
Second – David Lewis

MOTION CARRIED

- 2) By law changes (Jill MacNeill)

Jill advised that she wanted to give notice that we would be discussing wording changes for quorum at the November 4, 2019 Area Council Meeting – the current wording is as follows:

Section IV – Meetings  
Subsection 2 – Quorum shall be the majority of the officers and 10% of the Locals, Branches, Directly Chartered Locals and Regional Committees

The new wording proposed is:

Section IV  
Subsection 2 – Quorum shall be two officers and three Component, Branch, or Directly Chartered Local Representatives

These proposed changes will be discussed at the next Area Council Meeting on November 9, 2019.

3) Update on Burnt by Phoenix tee-shirts (Jill MacNeill)

A discussion was had regarding purchasing Burnt by Phoenix tee shirts and how many we could afford to purchase.

At the moment, we are unsure of the number of people from the various locals would want/wear the tee-shirts.

Nicole Pottle offered to make an order form for the shirts that the Area Council could distribute to the locals to see what kind of interest there was and what kind of budget we would need to order shirts for those who wanted them. Discussion was had around having individuals pay for part of the cost and the Area Council paying for the rest, within budget.

Motion: To approve spending up to and including \$300.00 for the purchase of Burnt by Phoenix Tee shirts, and to re-evaluate this amount at a subsequent meeting if there needs to be an increase.

Motion: Jennifer Gordon

Second: David Lewis

MOTION CARRIED

4) Update on the BC Federation of Labour Conference (Jill MacNeil/Jennifer Gordon)

Jill and Jennifer attended the BC Federation of Labour Conference in Prince Rupert – both attendees agreed the conference was very worthwhile, and provided insight into the history of Labour in Prince Rupert. The President of the BC Fed attended at the worksite and had meetings with the staff.

5) Election of Delegate to the PSAC BC Regional Convention

Jill advised that at the meeting on November 9, 2019, we will need to decide who will be attending the PSAC BC Regional Convention as a delegate from the Northwest Area Council. Our Area Council gets one delegate to attend on behalf of the Area Council.

At the meeting on November 9, 2019, we will be discussing the resolutions that we would like to bring forward to the Regional Convention. Some of the proposed resolutions revolve around climate change.

Reminder that resolutions to Convention must be in by December 31, 2019

6) Grievance Handling training:

Jennifer enquired about the possibility of having grievance handling training in the spring. Deanna suggested that if people wanted to attend as a group, they could put forward a list of potential workable dates to their Regional Representative. Deanna has now accepted a position as the Regional Education Officer and so a new Regional Representative will be appointed shortly.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved – David Lewis

Second – Jennifer Gordon

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm