

North Vancouver Island Area Council

March 25 Regular Meeting

Plates Restaurant, Courtenay, 2601 Cliff Ave

- Meeting Attendance
 - George Pattern – Treasurer NVIAC
 - Richard May – VP NVIAC
 - Mariah Moraes - USGE Local 20174
 - Rick Levigne - President NVIAC
 - Vanessa Miller – Absent with Regrets attending equity conference in Toronto

- Meeting was chaired by Rick Levigne President of NVIAC

Meeting was called to order at 10:11 am

- George presented the financial statement, currently we have \$2267.23 in the account and expenditures so far have been 300\$ to the Comox Valley Pride group and 450\$ for support of the UNDE Local 1018 plant gate and \$225.00 in meetings and related costs.

- Rick Levigne spoke as to the reasons / and emails WRT the upcoming regional convention. The NVIAC was deemed “not in good standing “ and lost the delegate status. As a result the NVIAC will not be sending a delegate to convention. Rick also spoke about the Nat President (Sister Robin Benson) ruling (email) that Area councils are not able to fund observers to convention so as we discussed that option at the last meeting. We will abide and no longer pursue that option and Item was removed from on going business.

- Rick spoke about the success of the plant gate at 19 Wing Comox on Feb 14th. UNDE Local 1018 was very much appreciative in the NVIAC support. According to Patrick Bragg (email) the pages were seen by just under 10 000 people and was significantly higher then the average for the PSAC BC region posts.

- The following bylaws were reviewed and addressed as follows. Notice was given of proposed bylaw changes on February 7th 2017 by posting proposed changes on the PSAC BC web page and email notification to all PSAC locals by Victoria regional office.

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section II

Subsection 2 – The Area Council will serve as one of the liaison bodies for Component Locals/Branches, Directly Chartered Locals, Regional Women’s Committee and Constitutionally Recognized Regional Committees within the Geographic Area of Vancouver Island extending North of the Malahat, including outlying islands and remote communities that have PSAC members. It shall, among other efforts, enhance the exchange of information on matters of common interest, and shall encourage the greater participation of the PSAC members in their Union and in their communities

Moved by - Richard May - Seconded Mariah Moraes Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section III

Subsection 1 - Membership (Section 14, Sub-Section 3 of the PSAC Constitution) is open to all locals/branches, Regional Women’s Committees and Constitutionally Recognized Regional Committees where members work in the region of the Area Council. Delegates shall be elected/selected from their Local.

Moved by - Mariah Moraes – Seconded George Pattern Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section III

Subsection 2 – Dues may be paid prior to the Annual General Meeting. Dues are suggested at 50 cents per member of each affiliated local per year.

Moved by – Richard May – Seconded George Pattern Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section III

Subsection 3 – Member locals of the Council are responsible to collect dues from their local and pay those dues to area council Treasurer upon acceptance into the Area Council.

Moved by - Mariah Moraes – Seconded Richard May Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section III

Subsection 4 - Rescinded – Now combined with Subsection 2

Moved by - Mariah Moraes – Seconded Richard May Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Bylaw Section III

Subsection 5 - Rescinded – Now combined with Subsection 2

Moved by - Mariah Moraes – Seconded Richard May Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section IV

Subsection 1 - The officers of The north Vancouver Island Area Council shall consist of a President, Vice- President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected from voting accredited delegates and officers in attendance at the Annual Meeting, or upon 30 days notice, vacancies may be filled at any regular or special general meeting. President and Secretary will be elected in alternating years from the Treasurer and Vice President. The term of office for each position will be two (2) years.

Moved by - Mariah Moraes – Seconded George Pattern Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section IV

Subsection 2 - The delegate is elected by a simple majority of ballots cast. Where no candidate has a clear majority, the lowest ranking delegate is dropped from the ballot and voting repeated until one delegate has a clear majority.

Moved by – Richard May – Seconded George Pattern Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section Vi

Subsection 1 (e) The President shall with the assistance of the Vice-President, carry out an active liaison with the various Component Locals and directly Chartered Locals in the Area council's jurisdiction (see Section II subsection 2.)

Moved by – Richard May – Seconded George Pattern Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section Vi

Subsection 4 (e) The Treasurer shall distribute funds only as directed by the simple majority vote of executive Council following the governing rules set forward by the PSAC. Not withstanding the Area Council Executive can without prior approval of membership spend up to but not to exceed \$300 (three hundred dollars)

Moved by - Mariah Moraes – Seconded George Pattern Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section VII

Subsection 3 - Special General meetings of the Northern Vancouver Island Area Council shall be held at the call of the President, or the PSAC Regional Executive Vice-President, or by three written requests by any combination of Affiliated Component Local/Branches from separate Components, or affiliated Directly Chartered Locals, Regional Women's Committee or Constitutionally recognized Regional Committees to the Area Council President or to the PSAC Regional Executive Vice-President for British Columbia.

Moved by – Richard May – Seconded George Pattern Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section VII

Subsection 4 – A quorum for General Meetings (including regular, annual or special) is to consist of 50% of the executive and 1 delegate member.

Moved by - Mariah Moraes – Seconded George Pattern Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

Motion to amend to read as follows

Bylaw Section VIII

Subsection 4 - The Officers of the Area Council shall be signing Authorities for the Northern Vancouver Island Area Council. Each cheque / expenditure of the area council shall be signed by 2 approved officers. An Officer may not be a signatory on any and all cheques made out in their name.

Moved by - Richard May – Seconded Mariah Moraes Carried Vote 3 for 0 against

- Round Table
 - George Pattern
 - Talked about the old bank account is still open at TD, we signed previous minutes and signed them so that we can close the account at the bank. He will investigate to see if we need to provide different paperwork but we now believe we have what will be required to satisfy the bank.
 - Provided rick with banking information so he can go to the Courtenay Branch and get added as a signing authority
 - Richard May
 - Mentioned we should maybe look into attending the Victoria “May” parade as we have been invited to participate by Victoria Area Council. He said he participated and it was very successful.
 - Mariah Moraes
 - Suggested a letter be drawn up and sent to the different locals detailing who and what the mission statement of the North Vancouver island Area Council in order to solicit more interest in activities and to try to grow interest in the region.
 - Rick Levigne
 - Rick thanked everyone for attending and giving up one of the first few sunny March days. There may be money available for people to attend political events as the provincial writ draws closer, more info to follow via email.
- Next meeting date was tentatively set for Sat May 6th confirmation forth coming
- Motion the Adjourn @ 11:33

Moved by - Mariah Moraes – Seconded George Pattern

Carried