



Okanagan Area Council Minutes

DATE: February 29, 2020 **TIME:** 9:08 am **LOCATION:** Teleconference

MEMBERS:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Nadia Sokal, President (AGR 20043)	X	
Lorelei Sterling, Vice President (UVAE 20035)		X
Kelly Megyesi, Treasurer (CEIU 20972)		X
Kareen Stanich, Secretary (AGR 20043)	X	
Jeanne Olineck (CEIU 20914)	X	
Karen Sutton (CIU 20045)	X	
Carolyn McGillivray (CIU 20045)	X	
Linda Woods (UNE 20140)	X	
Maria-Louiza Romano (AGR 20027)		X
Michelle Sibson (CEIU 20972)		X
Joy Harrison (APSAR)		X
STAFF:		
Jamey Mills, BC REVP (Vancouver)	X	
Robert Strang, BC Regional Rep (Vancouver)	X	
GUESTS:		
Nil		

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Changes / Additions: Nil

Motion to accept: Carolyn **Seconded:** Kareen **Carried:** Unanimous

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Changes / Additions: Item **Resolution submitted for BC Regional Convention about Convention training proposed by local 20043** to be revised to reflect that "Politics for Everyone was not delivered instead of Convention Procedures. It was delivered based on input from the area and only so many courses are offered in each area per quarter."

Motion to accept as amended: Linda **Seconded:** Karen **Carried:** Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2020 - \$2928.70

Balance as of January 31, 2020 - \$2928.70

Changes / Additions / Questions: Note that delegate fee to be paid for Nadia to attend BG Regional Convention

Opening balance January 1, 2020 - \$2928.70

Expenditures: none

Closing Balance January 31, 2020 - \$2928.70

Motion to accept: Carolyn **Seconded:** Jeanne **Carried:** Unanimous

LABOUR COUNCIL UPDATE

South Okanagan Boundary Labour Council (Nadia)

- May Day Event will be held May 23rd and new event coordinator is now in place.
- Possibly a good time to hold the next Area Council meeting.
- Robert would like to attend if schedule permits.

Kamloops and District Labour Council (Jeanne)

- Attended January protest.
- Local CEIU 20914 is looking to identify someone to attend.

PSAC BC REGIONAL CONVENTION (MAY 1-3, 2020)

Basket for Silent Auction

- Call out was received for baskets for silent auction. Proceeds to be donated to charity (Protein for the People Society and BC Poverty Reduction Coalition).
- Nadia indicated that in the past the three Okanagan Committees (Human Rights, Area Council, Regional Women's Committee) jointly contributed to a preparing a basket and suggested a similar approach. Karen indicated a joint basket was already discussed at the Human Rights Committee which suggested a \$200 basket split 3-ways.
- Discussion of purchasing pre-made basket or assembling one. Linda offered to purchase items at Farmers Market and that UNE 20140 will also be preparing a \$100 basket. Preferable for someone who is driving from the Okanagan to convention to transport the items and assemble in Vancouver; Linda, Carolyn and Jeanne indicated they are driving. Discussed possible donation of \$70 from each of the three Okanagan Committees (\$210 total) and Nadia indicated AGR Local 20043 could make additional contribution (\$30 to \$40). If other Locals make donations it might be possibly to do more than one basket. Baskets are opportunity to raise profile of committees.
- **Motion by Karen to contribute up to \$70 towards at least one joint basket from the three Okanagan committees; seconded by Jeanne; carried unanimously.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Linda to do purchasing.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Linda or Carolyn to transport to Vancouver.**

Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) Convention (May 4-8, 2020)

- REVP Jamey Mills reported that each Local should have received a delegate credential from the CLC. Unused credentials can be re-allocated through the Regional Office so please notify the office if your Local's credential is not being utilized. A subsidy of up to \$500 is available from the PSAC under Regulation 7 and the deadline to apply is mid-March. If credentials are lost the CLC must be contacted for replacement.
- Nadia reported that the budget has \$600 remaining for subsidizing conferences and conventions. There was discussion of the importance of the CLC versus BC Federation of Labour conventions. REVP Jamey Mills indicated both are important but that there is a unique opportunity to attend the CLC with reduced travel costs since it is in Vancouver right after the BC PSAC Regional Convention. Agenda items will be national in scope.
- Discussion of funding allocations being different from different Components.
- Linda, Jeanne and Kelly are interested in attending.
- **Motion by Kareen for Area Council to provide up to \$400 total in funding to be split between members interested in attending CLC conference based on needs; seconded by no one.**
- **Motion by Carolyn for Area Council to provide up to \$300 total in funding to be split between members interested in attending CLC conference based on needs; seconded by Karen; carried (Linda and Jeanne abstained).**
- **ACTION: Linda, Jeanne and Kelly to make a request to the committee with anticipated costs, funding (applied for or confirmed) and request for subsidy within two weeks. (March 14th)**

MOBILIZATION / STRIKE TRAINING POSSIBILITIES (ROBERT STRANG, REVP JAMEY MILLS)

- Strike votes to begin mid-March for Treasury Board.
- Nadia has reached out to BC Regional office for information around mobilization and training. Once dates are in place will reach out to Bargaining Team members to participate in events.
- Tentative dates for strike votes and mobilization training in Thompson and Okanagan were discussed.
- Training will be ½ day courses; two per day.
- Varinder Johal is responsible for TB Group mobilization in BC.
- Robert indicated that funds available from separate budget for mobilization events.

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE (MEMBERSHIP DRAWING EVENT) APRIL 18, 2020

- In interest of time and duplication; update and discussion deferred to Southern Interior Regional Women's Committee.

ROUNDTABLE

- Nadia advised that Area Councils received a memorandum from the National President regarding the "Constitutional interpretation of participation and voting on PSAC Regional Bodies". The memo stipulates quorum requirements at the meetings. Okanagan Area council bylaws stipulate fewer Executive members to be in attendance as compared to the memo (2 versus 3). Additional clarification is being sought through BC Regional office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Carolyn **Seconded:** Kareen **Carried:** Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 10:08 am

Next Meeting: May 23, 2020; time and location TBD