



## Okanagan Area Council Minutes

DATE: November 7th TIME: 10 AM LOCATION: Videoconference

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
Lyn Lutz (AGR 20041)		x
Lyndon Ivey (AGR 20027)	x	
<b>STAFF:</b>		

Robert Strang, BC Regional Rep (Vancouver)	X	
<b>GUESTS:</b>		
Jamey Mills, BC REVP (Vancouver)		

<b>LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT</b>	
I acknowledge that I live and/or work in the beautiful, unceded and traditional territories of the <i>Tk'emlúps</i> , te Secwépemc, Syilx, Ktunaxa and Metis Peoples.	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	
<b>Changes / Additions:</b> Change: Jamie asked to be moved speak after round table. To adapt the agenda as amended.	
<b>Motion to accept as amended:</b> Karen <b>Seconded:</b> Kelly <b>Carried:</b> Unanimous	
<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	
<b>Changes / Additions:</b> Nil	
<b>Motion to accept:</b> Kelly <b>Seconded:</b> Karen <b>Carried:</b> Unanimous	
<b>ACTION ITEM UPDATE</b>	
<p>PSAC BC REGIONAL CONVENTION:</p> <p>ONGOING ACTION ITEM (2020-02-29a): Linda to do purchasing of raffle basket. Tabled until such time as convention is proceeding.</p> <p>ONGOING ACTION ITEM (2020-02-29b): Linda or Carolyn to transport raffle basket to Vancouver. Tabled until such time as convention is proceeding. CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS (CLC) CONVENTION</p> <p>ONGOING ACTION ITEM (2020-02-29c): 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). Tabled until such time as convention is proceeding.</p> <p>NEW ACTION ITEM (2020-06-28a): Robert to set up short video conference on July 5th at 11:00 AM to record videos.</p> <p>Robert set it up, no one attended. Karen &amp; Nadia sent individual videos. The event did not occur, as the NOLC only received our two videos. CLOSED</p> <p>NEW ACTION ITEM (2020-06-28b): Nadia to email committee members to solicit feedback. Members to respond to gauge level of interest. Decided to host a solidarity Saturday, easy platform, Karen to speak to this, we had record attendance and participation from across the province. CLOSED</p> <p>NEW ACTION ITEM (2020-06-28c): Nadia to identify organization and make donation. Kelly sent a \$100 cheque to the Canadian Anti-Racism network, as voted by our members. CLOSED</p>	
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
Balance as of October 31st	
<b>Changes / Additions / Questions:</b> Nil	

Treasurer report – PSAC Okanagan Area Council As of October 31st, 2020  
Prepared by Kelly Megyesi

Last reported June 15, 2020– Opening balance \$3529.36  
Interest earned \$ .60  
Flight credits - KMEGYESI reimbursed \$232.30  
Donation for Stop Racism (\$100.00)  
Closing balance as of October 31st, 2020 \$3762.26

(Donation for Rama \$100 outstanding)

**Motion to accept:** Kelly **Seconded:** Karen **Carried:** Unanimous

### LABOUR COUNCIL REPORT

SOBLC is meeting via zoom. Nadia can no longer attend due to timing. If anyone else would like to attend to keep our connections with them that would be great. Dues are due

**ACTION ITEM: Nadia to send SOBLC meeting dates along with minutes to Council members.**

Kelly will look into attending NOLC.

### BC PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Actions for election: Nadia & former member Darrell-Lee Mackenzie leafletted for NDP candidate Toni Boot. Kelly mentioned supporting Janet Routledge (NDP) from afar.

General discussion around Provincial election results.

### COUNCIL PLANNING FOR 2021

Lorelei to attend the planning call are Area Council representative.

As for next year, until further notice, no gatherings, have to be creative. Nadia is not planning on running for an executive position but plans to stay active the committee. Please consider putting your name forward to keep this council going. Nadia spoke about a motion for regional convention about acknowledgement and compensation for PSAC members invited to speak at regional committee and area council events.

**ACTION ITEM: Nadia to send draft resolution to members for input. Members to ask visibly racial members their thought on the resolution. A subcommittee will finalize wording and how we will move forward.**

**CLIFF ROUND TABLE**

Merged into round table due to time constraints

Nadia Mentioned that it was easy to set up for future, Would be interesting to make it a larger event including a mail out package (as suggested by Kelly)

Motion by Kelly to donate \$100 to Canadian Labour International Film Festival from donations line item in budget.

Seconded by: Linda Carried

**ACTION ITEM:**

Nadia to contact CLIFF organizers to see how many members signed up and information on how to mail in a cheque.

**ROUNDTABLE**

Lyndon spoke giving a brief of his experiences.

Kelly spoke of mental health in the work place.

Linda, potential changes in employment position took to a negative effect.

Karen, CBSA has work refusal.

Nadia, update of changes of the work place pros/cons.

Lorelei passed on commenting.

**UPDATE FROM JAMEY MILLS, BC-REVP**

Social isolation, the pandemic amplified the situation. COVID has affected everyone in many ways.

Large bargaining units now have ratified agreements. Some groups remains outstanding like FB and SSO.

Phoenix damages will be paid out once CRA examines whether it's taxable or not.

**AGM 2021**

Date set: January 16, 2021 at 9:30am to 11:30am

Zoom meeting, zoom voting

**ADJOURNMENT AT 11:43 AM**

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

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:43am**

**Next Meeting: AGM January 16th, 930 AM**