

Okanagan Area Council Meeting
April 14th, 2018
Kelowna

In Attendance: Darrell-Lee McKenzie (AGR), Carolyn McGillivray (CIU), Linda Woods (UNE), Michelle Sibson (UNE); Guests: Susan Yaciw (Past President), Joy Harrison (APSAR), Robert Strang (PSAC BC); Regrets: Maria-Luiza Romano (AGR), Joanne Hay (UPCE), Sue Moser (UTE), Colleen Inkster (UVAE).

Call to Order at 10:35 am

Adoption of Agenda - m/s/c

Approval of previous minutes: minutes from January 27, 2018 - m/s/c

Treasurer's Report: As of February 28th balance = \$3740.41 with 1 outstanding cheque in the amount of \$300.00 for delegate registration to PSAC Triennial Convention.

Bylaw Amendment: as requested by REVP Office Feb 20, 2018 to amend bylaws as follows (**amendments in red**):

SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP

Subsection 1 - Membership (Section 14, Sub-Section 3 of the PSAC Constitution) is open to all Locals, Branches, Directly Chartered Locals, Regional Women's Committees, constitutionally recognized regional committees and APSAR members who work or reside in the Okanagan Valley and who can geographically participate in the Area Council. A member may only participate in one Area Council.

Subsection 2 - Delegates designated by their affiliated Locals, Branches, and Directly Chartered Locals shall have full voice in all discussions at the Area Council meetings. Note: In order to be affiliated, a motion to affiliate must be passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Local, Branch or Directly Chartered Local.

Subsection 3 - Each Component Local, Branch and Directly Chartered Local in good standing shall be eligible for membership in the Area Council and will be entitled to one ~~(4 2)~~ accredited voting delegate for the first 500 members and one (1) additional delegate for each additional 500 members or part thereof. ~~Delegates shall be elected from their Local.~~

*Regional Women's Committees, constitutionally recognized regional committees **shall be entitled to one (1) delegate.** ~~and~~ APSAR shall have full voice in all discussions at Area Council meetings, however, will not be entitled to any accredited voting delegates.*

Voting rights at Area Council meeting shall be vested in the elected/selected delegates from the affiliated Locals or Branches of Components, DCL's, Regional Women's Committees and constitutionally-recognized regional committees and the elected officers of the Area Council.

Affiliated bodies shall have the right to elect alternates to their delegate(s) so that full representation of delegates from affiliated bodies can be maintained.

Motion: To accept requested amendment to the 2018 Bylaws. m/s/c. Amended 2018 Bylaws attached.

Motion: To renew Worker's History Museum membership in the amount of \$100.00. m/s/c

MP Meeting: Members from AGR, UNE, UTE and UVAE met with Okanagan-West Kootenay MP, Richard Cannings on March 13, 2018 in Penticton to discuss Phoenix and Bill C-27 on Pension Reform (see report attached).

Regional Office Report – Robert Strang

- FB negotiations - finally have tentative agreement, ratification voting started.
- Parks also started ratification voting.
- Focus has been on Phoenix (Lunch & Learn meetings etc) and Bargaining > there is an on-going PSAC campaign on Phoenix; Donna Lackie (former GSU National President) is available to assist people with Phoenix issues.

PSAC Triennial Convention: PSAC Convention Budget and Resolutions and the PSAC BC Pre-Convention Delegates Meeting minutes were reviewed and discussed.

2018 Event Planning: Agreement to participate in Kelowna Labour Day Event with focus on Phoenix info.

Day of Mourning (April 28th) – reminder to participate in community events or hold an event at your local, if possible.

Round Table:

Linda Woods - leaving for Ottawa for another round of SSO bargaining with 3 dates of bargaining set for this spring, hopeful that an agreement will be achieved soon.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting

Saturday, June 23rd 2018, 9:30 a.m.

First United Church, 721 Bernard Ave, Kelowna