

Okanagan Human Rights Committee (OHRC)

December 9th, 2013

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Discussion

1. New member: CIU

The Okanagan Human Rights Committee (OHRC) welcomed Carolyn McGillivray, representing Customs and Immigration Union (CIU). Carolyn learned about the OHRC during the 2013 PSAC Equity Conferences.

2. Committee Status: Letter from REVP Office about the OHRC being inactive.

- Miscommunication inside PSAC, since the annual documentation was previously submitted.
- The OHRC hosted two massive events during the year of 2013: **Bullying in the workplace** and the **Quilts Project**.
- The committee has provided more information but has not been advised of status being corrected.
- Members expressed concerns about the whole situation and everyone was in agreement that the committee is very successful and had met the requirements.

Actions:

If changes on the way the OHRC presents its documents has to be done, a conf call will be asked for clarification of the process and re-evaluation of records.

Maria-Luiza will contact REVP Office next week and communicate results to other members.

3. Finances:

3.1 Financial Statement - see document attached below

3.2 Donations (As per Financial Statement):

- **Grandmothers tribunal** received \$100.00 (one hundred dollars)

- **Kiva** donation is ongoing, since loan is paid back and reinvested. The OHRC voted on increasing the amount in \$100.00 (one hundred dollars), bringing the total donation to \$125.00 (one hundred and twenty-five dollars). Annette will select the recipients – Kelly's preference is for women.

- Donation of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to **Migrant Dreams**, from Canadian director Min Sook Lee, a documentary about the world of women who left their country of origin to work in Canada.

(donation is included in cheque 108 - \$244.84 issued to Maria-Luiza Romano)

3.3 Quilts raffle: see pictures below

The amount of \$1135.00 (one thousand, one hundred and thirty five dollars) was raised through sales of raffle tickets during the 2013 PSAC Equity Conferences.

Quilt money will be donated next year to CODEV and Plan Canada, to support programs related to human rights.

The small puzzle quilt was presented to Jeannie Baldwin as a memento for the first National Equity Conference and in recognition of her years of human rights work and advocacy.

4. Projects for 2014

4.1 Online Calendar:

Discussion on the making of an online calendar featuring human rights events and dates to be celebrated, with links to organizations and projects related to human rights.

Every month would be individually made and released through the PSAC website during the last week of the previous month.

4.2 Taste for Justice:

Discussion on hosting a banquet for raising funds, as per the previous one hosted in the first year of the Committee.

5. Delegate(s) for BC PSAC Convention:

Annette Hale (Delegate)

Carolyn McGillivray (Alternate) - Committee will help subsidize Carolyn to attend the Convention as observer.

Names to be provided by January 24, 2014 to PSAC BC.

During the meetings of the Okanagan Womens Committee and Okanagan Area Council and Okanagan Human Rights Committee in November 29th, 2013, representatives Committees discussed the selection of Delegates and Alternates for the 2014 PSAC BC Regional Convention, to maximize participation of members without overlap and consequent loss of seats.

6. Next Year meetings:

First meeting scheduled for January, 2014. January 18th was the date initially selected, but due to other regional meetings on the same date, the Committee is working on an alternate date.

The plan is for members of the OHRC to meet in Kelowna, at Annette Hale's house. Details to be posted as soon as decision is finalized. The scope of the meeting will be:

- to plan for 2014
- run elections
- approve 2013 financial statements.

7. Update on the 2013 PSAC Equity Conferences:

Kelly Megyesi gave a full report out to the Okanagan Womens Committee and the Okanagan Area Council meeting on November 30th, 2013:

The conference was well received by most of the 600 participants. It was a large undertaking and I felt that the Okanagan was well represented. Details of the conference at

<http://psacunion.ca/psac-equity-conference-commits-political-action>

Have a peak at the political action shots. Our very own Chandra (Naramata Women's Educational) is on the PSAC website.

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The Okanagan Human Rights Committee showcased our work by displaying and raffling the two Human Rights quilts made by Maria-Luiza. We worked extremely hard both in the creation of the art pieces and by having the conversations and spreading the concept of human rights.

With the help of other members (thank you Terri-Lee and others that helped) we had conversations with hundreds of participants. The project was explained and we received excellent feedback on the project, with many requests on planning and development of the project by other groups. It was so worth the results!

Elections, resolution debates, thought provoking workshops and networking opportunities all build towards stronger human rights and stronger unions.



DATE	CHEQUE	AMOUNT	PAID / RECEIVED	DETAILS	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
4-Mar-13		\$1050.00	WAAA	Tickets		\$1050.00	\$3286.45
25-Feb-13		\$100.00	WAAA	Tickets		\$150.00	\$2171.45
12-Feb-13		\$100.00	WAAA	Tickets		\$100.00	\$1921.45
25-Feb-13		\$100.00	WAAA	Tickets		\$100.00	\$2021.45
28-Feb-13		\$65.00	WAAA	Tickets		\$65.00	\$2236.45
26-Mar-13		\$50.00	WAAA	Tickets		\$50.00	\$2170.53
1-Jan-13			Opening balance				\$1821.45
13-Mar-13	105	-	Void	-			\$3286.45
13-Mar-13	106	\$1166.00	Gumtree	Lunch	\$1165.92		\$2120.53
2-Apr-13	107	\$1154.00	Kelly Megyesi	Reimburse	\$1534.00		\$636.53
15-Jul-13	108	\$244.84	Maria-Luiza Romano	Quilt Material *	\$244.84		\$391.69
23-Jul-13		\$1225.00	PSAC			\$1225.00	\$1616.69
26-Jul-13	109	\$100.00	BCGEU - Tribunal	Donation	\$100.00		\$1516.69
10-Sep-13	110	\$37.5	Kelly Megyesi	Tickets	\$37.5		\$1479.19
3-Dec-13	111	\$50.00	Kelly Megyesi	Reimburse	\$50.00		\$1429.19

* Includes \$100.00 donation to Migrant Dreams documentary project.

