

**PSAC Okanagan Area Council  
September 26, 2015  
Kelowna, BC**

**Present:**

Linda Woods  
Kelly Megyesi  
Susan Yaciw  
Joan Coburn  
Joy Harrison  
Grace McIver  
Carolyn McGillivray  
Harold Larson  
Grace Maciver  
Maria-Luiza Romano

UNE 20140  
CEIU 20915  
UTE 20003  
CEIU 20915  
APSAR  
DSL 22000  
CIU20045  
UNE 20214  
DCL22000  
AGR 20027

**Regrets**

Darrell-Lee McKenzie AGR 20043  
Annette Hale USGE 20153  
Michele Sibson, UNE 20008  
Shiv Reddy UTE 20026  
Roberta Drinkwater CEIU 20972

**Chair**

Susan Yaciw

**Agenda**

Previous Minutes,  
Treasurer's Report  
Old Business – Regina, May Day, PSAC Convention  
New Business – Election, Veterans Event, Summer Activities, H & S Conference, Regional  
Council activities, AGM, Next meeting

Agenda approved

**Minutes**

Previous minutes reviewed. One typo should read "Bob Jackson"

**Treasurer's Report:**

Prepared by Darrell-Lee. Closing balance as at August 1, 2015 \$ 4934.44. Full report (see page 4) Allocation of \$800 received from PSAC. Further 2015 allocations unknown at this point.

Report moved [m] Darrell-Lee/Susan seconded [s] Linda carried [c]

There was an email vote passed that Darrell-Lee would like reflected in the minutes.

**MOTION** to contribute \$150 to the Veteran's day July 2015 event.

[m] Darrell-Lee [s] Susan [c]

## Old Business

Update on **Regina's** health. Just finished radiation and is doing well. Linda just saw her last week and Kelly will be visiting her next weekend.

**May Day** event held in Penticton was successful. We had good representation from our area council. Our table and button making was a big hit. Thank you to all those that were able to support the event. Harold was able to connect with a number of candidates so it was a productive day.

The **PSAC National Convention** was held April 2015 in Quebec. Some of the highlights included constitutional changes. There was a dues increase of .907. Area Councils are now able to collect dues.

## New Business

### Elections/ Political Action

Major push on for area councils to continue their political work. Harold gave an overview of what he has been working on. Requesting help in any capacity for the following ridings.

North Okanagan—Shuswap Jacqui Gingras  
South Okanagan—West Kootenay Richard Cannings  
Central Okanagan—Similkameen—Nicola Angelique Wood  
Kelowna—Lake Country Norah Bowman. Ridings are as follows

Discussion on LWOP funding, issues with daytime hours, political calls, and local sharing. If interested in helping – connect directly with Harold for campaign assistance or with Susan on telephone campaign / Get out the vote.

Telephone town hall September 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 7 pm

Kelly talked about the Leadnow organization. In North Okanagan – Shuswap recent poll showed 38 conservative/ 16 liberal / 30 NDP / 16 green /. Recent email from the former Green candidate talked about if the area truly wanted to finally take the seat from the conservatives they should withdraw candidates to make it happen. Hopefully the parties will look at this.

Grace talked about the importance of continued dialogue with members so that they are not misled. Kelly reported that Annette had done considerable work on getting clarification on NDP and Liberal take on Public Service and Sick leave. Rumour had been going around that NDP would not support the old sick leave. Thank you to P Bragg and C Warner for their help in the matter.

Maria-Luiza attended the all-candidates presentation September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Vernon hosted an informal talk / hosted by retired psac Vernon members. Linda talked about the Harperman song and an interesting insight by Michael Harris - check out the link <http://ipolitics.ca/author/mharris/>

### Veterans Event

As Susan previously reported the event was successful. The group had major concerns with the communication of this event and with ongoing communication issues. The event was organized by Virginia and Bob without proper Okanagan involvement / communication. Maria-Luiza suggested that we arrange to have a conference call with Bob to discuss further. Susan to arrange.

## Summer Activities

Susan attended the Pride parade in Kelowna and Grace attended in Vancouver. Participation in events is very low in our area. Summer is always an issue for us. It will be important that we ensure that we participate or organize in off-season events.

## Health & Safety Conference

November 14/15 Richmond BC. Application deadline October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

<http://www.psacbc.com/call-out-2015-british-columbia-regional-health-safety-conference>

Susan is on the organizing committee. Budget and decision making very limited for committee. There will be lots of workshops including issues on disability insurance and violence in the workplace.

## Regional Council

Carolyn and Susan continue to represent us on council. Council has been very busy [see psacbc website]. Next meeting November 27-29, 2015 in Victoria

Susan mentioned that the Victoria office had been broken into. Stop Harper signs were taken down.

## AGM

Susan reminded everyone that our AGM will be in January 2016. As she will be retiring she will not be putting her name forward for Area Council. Committee members are asked to think about upcoming elected positions.

## Other

### **Building Communities Part 2**

Proposal by the PSAC Okanagan Human Rights Committee to have a tri-committee project. The project would build on the Building Communities session that we hosted in Vernon, BC. The outline of the project is a 1 day event to be located in Summerland or Penticton. The morning would be committee meetings and the afternoon would be a facilitated session on building community (2). The Human Rights Committee would take lead on the organization of the event. Date chosen is November 21, 2015 and everyone is asked to keep this date open for the event. The Vernon day had close to 100 participants. This event will be different and will be for members of the PSAC Okanagan committees. Hoping to invite Deborah Littman and possibly a few more members from the Vancouver Alliance.

**MOTION** to contribute up to \$500 for this event.

[m] Linda / [s] Carolyn / carried

## Next Meeting

November 21, 2015 – Summerland or Penticton

January 16, 2016 – AGM Kelowna

**Okanagan Area Council  
Treasurer's Report - Sep 26, 2015**

		<b>2015</b>
<b>OPENING BALANCE as of January 1<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>\$5,129.11</b>
	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
BC Council Allocation	\$800.00	\$800.00
AGR Union Grant	\$100.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$5.00	\$1.56
Shares & Rewards (Credit Union)	\$1.00	\$2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$906.00</b>	<b>\$803.56</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Meeting Expenses	\$300.00	\$188.23
Political Action / Events (WAAA)	\$1,000.00	\$300.00
Labour Council Affiliation	\$400.00	\$0.00
Convention / Conferences	\$800.00	\$300.00
Donations	\$300.00	\$150.00
Memberships (APSAR, Worker's History Museum)	\$150.00	\$20.00
Office Expenses	\$50.00	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$998.23</b>
<b>Closing Balance as of Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015</b>		<b>\$4,934.44</b>

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNTS - as of Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 statement</b>	
<b>Deposited As:</b>	
Chequing	\$748.34
Plan 24 Savings	\$4,135.10
Equity Shares	\$51.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,934.44</b>