

## **PSAC-BC Regional Young Workers Committee March 14, 2012**

Present: Erica Y. (chair), Daphne H., Ashley B.  
On phone: Eric B.  
Staff: Monica U.

The evening began with a joint event between the PSAC-BC Regional Young Workers Committee and the BC Mainland Human Rights Committee. Ashley Buncic, one of the recent participants in a Solidarity Trip to Honduras and El Salvador, shared her experience to those who attended. At the end of the questions and answer period, each committee went into different rooms to hold their own meetings

-meeting began at 7:20 pm

### **1. Agenda**

- a. Previous minutes
- b. National funding for BC conference
- c. Eric's proposal
- d. Camp Jubilee
- e. Round table

### **2. Previous minutes**

-the minutes from the December 7, 2011 were reviewed  
-m/s/c (Erica, Daphne)

### **3. National funding for BC conference**

-Erica explained that the AEC has approved \$20,000 for our BC Committee Action Plan, we had asked for \$24,570.  
-the majority of this money was to enable the Regional Committee to hold a conference for PSAC-BC young workers  
-Monica shared this is the first time to have a conference like this in BC (different from a young worker course), but that there are established work plans that we can learn from, from other regional conferences held (e.g. BC H&S Conference, etc.)  
-Erica and Monica are to draft a call out to ask for interest in joining the Organizing Committee by early next week. A decision should be made within a month, to enable us to have approximately six months to prepare for an Oct/Nov conference.

### **4. Eric's Proposal**

-Eric had sent an email (prior to the meeting) to Erica and Daphne with a proposal about title, role and organizational changes.  
-Erica explained that the title for Regional Council Young Worker Coordinator and their alternate(s) are set by the Regional Council by-laws.

-Eric explained in brief, this was to help identify “coordinators” in the different areas of BC to help facilitate communication (regardless if those areas have their own young worker committee or not, e.g. Vancouver Island now has a Young Worker Committee), and that the “area coordinator” could become the representative who would then participate on the Regional Young Worker Committee.

-there was a suggestion that the kind of proposal would be an excellent thing to actually make part of the Conference, so that conference participants, who will be from all over BC can provide input and can help shape, finalize, and hopefully fill the roles and the structure

## **5. Camp Jubilee**

-is an annual gathering of young workers organized by the BC Fed Young Workers’ Committee

-Eric (a past participant) described it as an opportunity for young workers to talk about their issues, worries, and what they can mobilize to do. Young workers from all different unions can attend. There are workshop topics depending on what is hot, like the environment, political action, etc.

-Erica shared that this year there are five workshops this year are:

- Building Young Worker Committees
- Introduction to the Labour Movement
- Political Action
- Mobilizing and Campaigning
- Equality and Discrimination

-Erica shared that a proposal has gone to the REVP for support for young workers to attend, the decision will be made at the Regional Council meeting coming up between March 29-31, 2012. She will report back after that. Monica explained that aside from last year, monies to support young worker participation always has to come from the Regional Council via proposal.

## **6. Round**

-people commented that they enjoyed Ashley’s presentation on Honduras/El Salvador

-Erica thanks Daphne for taking the lead to coordinate the joint event

-Eric updated the committee on the topics that were discussed at the first Vancouver Island Young Workers’ Committee: qualifying age for committee participation; pension presentation; having FSWEF/Co-op members as dues paying members; upcoming young worker events, such as Camp Jubilee. They’ve also set their meeting dates for May 28, Aug. 8, Nov. 28. He encourages others to look at those topics, and will send the minutes to Monica for posting on the webpage.

## **7. Motion to adjourn**

-m/s/c (Erica, Daphne)

-meeting ended at 8:00 pm