

Vancouver and District Area Council Annual General Meeting – April 6, 2016

In Attendance:

Jamey Mills (UTE 20027), Todd Smith (AGR 20044), Aaron Chang (CEIU 20938), Cheryl Oenema (UCTE 20219), Terri Lee (AGR 20044), Ron Regala (UTE 20027), Lorraine Gates (UTE 20027), Jennifer Horsley (UPCE 20095), Dennis Wong (UTE 20027), Monica Urrutia (PSAC Staff)

Regrets: Sandra Wasilewski (CEIU 20949), Shane Polak (UVAE 20045), Vic Johal (UTE 20027), Monica Angel (CEIU 20937)

Meeting Called to Order at 5:31 PM

Agenda:

- Treasurer Report
- Provincial Election funding
- MP Lobby
- Proxy Vote – Sharon Tieman gift
- Vancity dormant account
- Upcoming Events
- Affiliate Reports
- Term Discussion
- MVA dues
- Bowinn Ma running for Provincial NDP
- Next Meeting
- Round Table

Treasurer Report

Aaron Chang is the new Treasurer. Aaron and Terri have submitted their information to the Credit Union to be the new signing officers. They will receive papers to finalize the process via email within 30 days. The term deposit is going to be moved over to the general account. For our Regional Allocation we were granted our full request of \$2000.00.

Provincial Election Funding

The REVPs office is allocating funds of \$120/riding covered by the Area Councils. Our allocation for Political Action related to the Provincial Election will be \$3480.00.

MP Lobby

As a result of the Area Council Summit we had decided to look into getting an MP to come and do lobby training with us, but ran into some problems contacting our targeted MPs. Jamey reached out to Jenny Kwan, but her constituency office wasn't fully set up and he has not received a reply as yet. Another member reached out to Joyce Murray, but again, no reply.

The Federal Budget has come out and we should be requesting meetings with our MPs.

Jamey has committed to following up with Jenny Kwan. Ron, Jamey and Todd will go to see Don Davies. Terri is in Jody Wilson Raybould's riding and will seek a meeting with her. Cheryl has committed to trying to get a meeting with Mark Strahl. Jamey is hoping that Shane will still be seeking a meeting with Hedy Fry, he committed to this at the last Area Council meeting. Ron will work on getting a meeting with Harjit Sajjan. Crystal Warner has said that CEIU members would like to go in groups to meet with the ministers.

The PSAC noted that there was a definite interest in lobbying expressed after the election. Initially, the PSAC wanted to focus on the budget, but now that the budget has come out the lobbying focus should continue but the talking points might change somewhat.

Monica U reported that the Area Councils on Vancouver Island and Fraser Valley East and West have started lobbying, but the North hasn't yet.

Jamey committed to approach Bob Jackson about possibility of claiming Loss of Salary for daytime meetings with MPs for members.

Proxy Vote

Vote was carried out via email on January 28, 2016 to purchase a \$50.00 gift card for Sharon Tieman for her service to the Area Council as she was retiring. (M/S/C) Jamey/Cheryl

Vancity dormant account

Shane is not in attendance for an update, so we will carry this forward to the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

May Day – May 1st – there is an opportunity to host a table at Grandview Park if anyone is willing to sit at it or unable to walk the distance of the march.

Motion – the Vancouver and District Area Council will allocate up to \$150.00 for May Day funding to VDLC political action (M/S/C) Jamey/Todd

Anti-NPSW Baseball Tournament

Members from all over the PSAC come out for this event. Jamey will take on this event. It will be on June 17, 2016.

Motion – the Vancouver and District Area Council will allocate up to \$600.00 in funding for the Anti-NPSW Baseball Tournament. (M/S/C) Jamey/Jen

The Area Council will not be the only source of funding for this event, will also seek funding from the REVPs office and Metro Vancouver Co-ordinators budgets. Members will be charged \$10.00 each to enter the tournament to cover lunch.

June 21 – National Aboriginal Day – Ruby Langan is co-ordinating this event. Please contact her if you are interested in volunteering.

April 15 – National Fight for 15 Rally – Vancouver rally is taking place at Canada Place at 5 PM, there will be an appreciation event afterwards at Rogue. This event is being put on by the BCFed and the National day was initiated in BC.

April 16 – Grant’s Law Sit-in at the Macs store on East Broadway. Macs is the site of the sit-in because they have been strongly involved in the push to water down the original Grant’s Law legislation for people working alone. Will be from 8 PM-6AM.

Motion: The Vancouver and District Area Council will allocate up to \$25 to buy coffee for the sit-in volunteers. (M/S/C) Jamey/Cheryl

Affiliate Reports

UPCE 20095 – Jen spent 2 days doing member outreach at our Richmond facility, went better than expected, but the first day was a little rougher than the second. Hoping to do this again and possibly at more facilities. We got a position back in Richmond (update the posting was cancelled 3 days later). Have recruited a new Steward at the Richmond facility, hoping for at least one more.

Term Discussion – Tenuous Employment

A request has come from the Young Workers Committee asking the Area Council to include them in any planned discussions/forums on Term Employment. If we don’t think that we are going to go ahead with a Term Forum quickly they have said that we could pass it on to them, they are very interested in carrying this forward. Some ideas that they had for topics for a forum are:

- How to speak to management as a term employee
- How to change the culture of acceptance when it comes to term positions, how do we get them rolled over to indeterminate rather than continuing to hire terms

The AdHoc Committee that was formed at the AGM should get in touch with the Young Workers Committee – ie. Monica A, Sandra, Todd

MVA Dues

Jamey directed that Aaron should issue a cheque to the MVA for our membership dues once the signatory process is completed.

Bowinn Ma

Bowinn will be putting her name forward to run for the Nomination for the Provincial NDP in the North Vancouver riding.

We would like to encourage our members who live in North Vancouver to support Bowinn as she seeks the nomination.

Motion – The Vancouver and District Area Council will purchase a table at the Labour Appreciation Night at the Fairview Pub on June 3, 2016 at \$1000.00. The funds for this purchase will be accessed from the Provincial Election line item which was designated from the REVPs office. (M/S/C) Jamey/Dennis

Next Meeting

Tentatively June 8, 2016

Round Table

Todd – the Mainland Human Rights Committee is holding a drive to collect items for Syrian Refugee Welcome baskets which will be donated to the ISSBC for distribution.

Monica – upcoming education, please check the education on the PSAC BC website. The spring cycle is almost over, the REO will be working on the Fall schedule

Jamey – please invite your members to the closed Area Council Facebook page. UTE is carrying out an email campaign to get a contract, please send Scott Brison emails to get these members a contract, they have been without one for over 1400 days.

Adjourned 6:40 PM (M/S/C) Jamey/Terri