

Victoria Regional Women's Committee General Meeting – July 24, 2019

Members in Attendance:

Kuldeep Deol
Kin Tenhunen
Karolyn Jones
Leanne Hughes
Nancy Sermons
Kay Ahmadi
Nia Gilles (via telephone)
Kahla Lichti (via telephone)
Regrets – Meaghan Vanni

Meeting called to order: 17:31

Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion: Kuldeep
2nd: Kim
Carried

Adoption of May 22nd, 2019 Minutes

Motion: Nance
2nd: Kim
Carried

BC Regional Women's Conference

1. Information:
 - a. Sept 13-15, 2019 in Vancouver
 - b. 3 spots still vacant
 - c. Apply by Aug 7th so not to lose allocation for seats for next conference
 - d. Resolutions need to be submitted by Aug 2nd. Resolution Committee to review then top 5 to hit the floor of Conference for voting
2. Resolutions discussed and voted on by committee members present. Priority list to be created once voted on.

NEW:

- a. Ending Sexual and Gender Harassment
Voted 7 to 0 to carry to Priority List
- b. Menopause Support
Voted 7 to 0 to carry to priority list
- c. The Right to Choose
Voted 7 to 0 to carry to priority list
- d. Supporting Harassment Cases: Trauma informed practice and paid time off
4 in favour. 3 against. 1 abstained.
ACTION: rewrite resolution to be clearer

PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS (from 2017 PSAC National Equity Conference):

- a. Increase Funding for Regional Women's Conferences
Voted 8 to 0 to. Carried
- b. Priority Equity Resolutions
Voted 8 to 0. Carried
- c. Utilization of Alternates
-changes to made as follows: "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC National Human Rights Committee" be changed to "BE IT RESOLVED THAT then all PSAC National Committees"
Voted 8 to 0. Carried
- d. Pink Tax Resolution (no copy of wording)
Resolution around lobbying to end Pink Tax on feminine hygiene products
Voted 8 to 0. Carried

3. Resolution Priorities:

Committee members voted to prioritize resolutions to be sent onto BC Regional Women's Resolution Committee as follows:

1. **ENDING SEXUAL AND GENDER HARRSSMENT**
2. **THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE**
3. **SUPPORTING HARRASSMENT CASES: TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE AND PAID TIME OFF**
4. **PRIORITY EQUITY RESOLUTIONS**
5. **INCRASE FUNDING FOR REGIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCES**
6. **PINK TAX RESOLUTION**
7. **MENOPAUSE SUPPORT**
8. **UTILIZATION OF ALTERNATES**

New Business:

1. PSAC BC Racially Visible Members Regional Conference
Feb 28 to Mar 1, 2020
Richmond, BC

Looking for PSAC members who self-identify to volunteer for conference. Requires a 300 word letter why you would like to volunteer and what ideas/issues you would like to see the Conference cover. Send letter to Monica Urrutia at urrutim@psac.com

2. All Candidates Get-together
-Together with Victoria Area Council (VAC), Young Workers Committee, and the Women's Committee to support NDP Candidate Murray Rankin.

-Hoping for September'ish. James sent out pamphlet.
-Next steps: reach to UVic, reach out to all Committee Chairs

3. Saanich Fair Labour Booth
Labour Day Weekend (Sat/Sun/Mon)
Seeking volunteers to man the both for approx. 3-4 hours. Included is day pass and \$10 for lunch
Contact: Trish Martin (VAC)

4. Vancouver Regional Committee Meeting
Sept 16, 2019
All committees together in Vancouver

5. Raffle Basket for Women's Conference
\$200 to spend on "First Aid" theme
This year BC Women's Society of Transition Houses is charity to be supported
Tickets will cost 1/\$2, 3/\$5 or 7/\$10
Looking for financial donations from Locals by Aug 31st.
Agreed to spend \$50 to purchase: Nancy – teas/coffees, Karolyn – book & chocolates, Leanne – spa essentials, Kuldeep – automotive roadside kit

Meeting adjourned. 7pm