

PSAC-BC Young Worker Caucus AGM December 7, 2011

Present: Erica Y. (chair), Pavel G., Shawna H., Daphne H., Farida R.
On phone: Eric B.
Staff: Monica U. and Patrick B.

1. Agenda

- meeting began at 6:05 pm
- agenda was adopted m/s/c (Eric, Erica)

2. Regional Council Young Worker Coordinator Report

- document was distributed before the meeting for review
- Erica highlighted trends in the report:
 - networking – especially with Governexx, Avant Garde, Ymagin. Helps to provide a more positive image of the Union and the PSAC.
 - training – provided a lot of opportunities this year, Camp Jubilee youth retreat, Summer Institute for Union Women, Youth Summit
 - social events – having fun, raising money for a good cause
 - communication – revamped brochure, new guide to YW outreach
 - events/ideas – are member-generated in terms of topics, keep them coming
- report was adopted m/s/c (Erica, Daphne)

3. What's next?

- document "Where are we heading" was distributed before the meeting for review
- Erica explained each idea generally and asked for further ideas
- Discussion on prioritizing big ticket items e.g. conference versus a course, as it is unlikely that we could receive funding for both
- comments included:
 - conference would be better for outreach at this stage
 - could get more people involved in the planning
 - could have "course" content in the conference
 - course might be seen as too much work, turn off for people who would consider applying
 - would need an outreach worker with either option
 - could be held in Lower Mainland, allowing more to attend, and focus funds on getting representation from areas outside of Lower Mainland
 - could incorporate a volunteer/social justice night
- consensus was to include as much as possible from the document into the 2012 action plan, as many items had little or no cost, but chose conference instead of course for this year in terms of majority of resources needed
- action plan adopted m/s/c (Erica, Shawna)
- Monica will draft the proposal and circulate it for input

4. Terms of Reference

- document was distributed before the meeting for review
- Erica introduced the TOR and why she is proposing it at this stage. Talked about having a direct voice to Regional Convention (e.g. resolutions) and additional seat for young worker delegate.
- Monica was asked to provide a brief history of the Young Worker Caucus. She commented that there is a critical mass currently that can sustain a more structured committee.
- TOR adopted as presented m/s/c (Eric, Erica)
- people were excited after this was adopted, as they knew it was the first important step towards getting recognition as a standing committee of the Regional Council

5. Young Workers vs. Federal Public Service cuts

- Patrick encouraged the young workers to be interviewed to talk about why public services are important to young workers
- people wanted to be able to film themselves, or others, and send it in to Patrick
- we will be doing a general call out and ask for submissions by the end of January
- Patrick will help compile the submissions, as possible, to have something released before the Federal Budget

6. PSAC national convention, young worker participation

- a member of the caucus forward a question on why young workers don't have designated seat to PSAC national convention, as we do in the BC regional convention
- Erica explained that a resolution needs to be passed at National Convention, to add this possibility. There may have been resolutions submitted in the past, but none from recent memory that have ever hit the floor to be discussed, let alone voted on.
- Monica and Patrick also shared the history of when the resolution was at the BC Regional Convention and that there had to be discussion and momentum built behind it, for it to pass. It was not unanimous, but certainly the majority supported at that time.

7. Other/round

- Pavel had a question about the Wheat Board in relation to the Canadian Grain Commission. Patrick and Monica shared the latest news, but said it was also a fast developing situation. It will continue to be monitored
- Erica reminded folks about ThirdChoice.ca and continue to combat the cuts! 61 signatures were gathered at the Youth Summit.

8. Motion to adjourn

- m/s/c (Daphne, Erica)
- meeting ended at 7:31 pm