

PSAC - Okanagan Area Council
Minutes of Meeting – May 6, 2005
Pheasant and Quail Pub, Kelowna

In Attendance:

Darrell-Lee McKenzie	AGR 20043	Susan Yaciw	UTE 20026
Kareen Stanich	AGR 20043	Joy Harrison	UTE 20026
Brian Baldwin	NAT 20214	Denis Ringuette	CEUDA 20045
Jennifer Leenhouts	CEIU 20972	Linda Woods	NAT 20140
Nancy Jensen	CEIU 20972	Roberta Gourlie	CEIU 20915

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with Susan Yaciw in the chair.

Minutes: Minutes from March 5 and April 7, 2005 were accepted as distributed. m/s/c

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by D-L McKenzie and included 2005 dues paid by AGR 20043 and AGR 20041. (see attached). m/s/c
Dues from CEIU 20972 were received at the meeting.

Outstanding dues should be sent to:

Darrell-Lee McKenzie
15-799 Creekside
Penticton, BC
V2A 1C5

BC Triennial Convention: Events at the convention were discussed and included the following concerns and suggestions:

- Delegates were concerned with the lack of business completed during convention. It was suggested that non-convention business such as workshops be held in the evenings. Although the political action workshop put on by the BC Fed was informative, many delegates had already attended the full day workshop "Talking Politics".
- It was also suggested to limit amendments from the floor as is done at some Component Conventions.
- It would be helpful for new delegates if an addendum with background information was included with the Financial Committee Report.
- Delegates were disappointed with work done by Resolution Committees (ie/ prioritizing resolutions / providing reasoning).
- There were some problems with convention facilities such as sound. In addition it was suggested that round tables be used instead of theatre style seating to facilitate discussion.

Agriculture Component provided funding to Local 20043 towards Regional Convention expenses. This money was used to compensate D-L. McKenzie (geographic delegate) for leave without pay taken on Friday April 8th and to pay the registration fee.

Education: D-L McKenzie reported that the "TUB / Understanding The Collective Agreement" course to be offered in Kelowna May 28th presently does not have enough registrants to proceed. The possibility of re-scheduling was discussed.

- Action: D. Ringuette and S. Yaciw to survey members to see if enough registrants can be found and inform D-L McKenzie by April 13th.

D. Ringuette indicated he would like to see training offered on the Public Service Modernization Act.

J. Leenhouts reported that CEIU has provided local officer training. The course was facilitated by J. Hennen and was excellent.

The need for a conference call with R. Brennen to discuss training needs for the area was discussed.

Count Me In Campaign / Political Action: D-L McKenzie reported that we have not spent the \$500 received from Regional Council for political action. Options were discussed and the following decided:

- donate \$250 to NDP candidate for Penticton - Okanagan, Gary Litke. m/s/c
- donate \$250 to NDP candidate for Okanagan - Westside, Joyce Procure. m/s/c

New PSAC Regional Rep: Regina Brennan is the now the rep for Okanagan / Kootenay as well as the North. D-L McKenzie reported that Regina would like to make a field trip to the area and is looking for possible dates. Timing of the visit was discussed.

Working With Other Rural Regions: D-L McKenzie suggested that a request be sent to other rural regions to identify issues which we could work together on. A draft letter was circulated for discussion.

- Action: K. Stanich, J. Harrison, S. Yaciw, and J. Leenhouts to provide feedback before letter is sent.

Women's Coordinator 1st Alternate: Women delegates who attended the BC Regional Convention should be receiving nomination forms in the mail shortly.

Action: J. Leenhouts to follow-up with C. Beynon to determine process to allow Darlene McGregor to be eligible for nomination.

Steward's Corner: S. Yaciw reported that there is excellent information, downloadable forms, web-links and other tools that may be useful to Stewards at http://www.psacbc.com/stewards_corner.

Member Appreciation Event: The Member Appreciation BBQ has been a success the last 2 years. Ideas for an event in 2005 were discussed and included: PSAC Forum, BBQ, bowling, etc. Members to generate ideas for discussion at next meeting.

Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next Meeting TBA