

Vancouver and District Area Council
Regular Meeting
June 16th, 2005

Present: Tom Gallagher & Rand Ameye (GSU 20008), Donna Henderson (UVAE 20045), Craig Langstron (UTE 20027), Megan Adam (UEW 20147), Sam Wiese (CEIU 20949)

RO Staff: James Little, Janelle Ho Shing

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Roundtable
 - Updates on workplace situations provided by ENV 20147 (Fisheries campaign) and GSU
- 4) Regional Organizer Position – Janelle introduced her position and made a brief presentation on her role in the Region, and the organizing resources available through the regional office.
- 5) Introduction to the Public Service Modernization Act – James Little provided an overview of changes to staffing, bargaining, adjudication, grievance rights, and political involvement under the PSMA which is being rolled out this year.
- 6) Revitalization of the Area Council – Sam Wiese lead a discussion on difficulties in member-involvement in the Vancouver Area Council, and strategies for revitalization. Suggestions made included trying lunch-time meetings, steward-networking, and reaching out to the membership in different ways. The Area Council Executive present agreed to

design a Survey to present to the membership to solicit input and involvement. Agreed to push Area Council BBQ to the Fall as a Kick-Off of the Revitalization strategy.

7) Count-me in campaign recap – James Little recounted the campaign strategy, highlighting opportunities presented to talk to membership throughout the campaign. Emphasized the successes for PSAC involvement.

8) Next Meeting – Sept? BBQ at RO

9) Adjournment.