

**Vancouver and District Area Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 22nd, 2005**

**Present:** Sam Wiese (CEIU 20949), Shane Polak (UVAE 20045), Wanda Stachura (NAT 20088), Medan Adam (UEW 20147), Robert Strang –(CEIU 20944), Wes Todd (CEIU 20944), Tom Gallagher (GSU 20008), Rand Ameye (GSU 20008), Sharon Tieman (UPCE), Deanna Wilson (NAT 20088), Angela Marafon (CEUDA 20040), Jamey Mills (CEUDA 20040), Sanda Turner (NAT 20140), Allen Schofield (CEIU 20938)

**RO Staff:** James Little, Monica Urrutia

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Municipal Elections Presentations
  - a. Derrick Corrigan, Burnaby Mayor – addressed why municipal elections should matter to Federal workers, as it affects the daily lives of everyone regardless of where they work. Addressed the need to mobilize the vote, and how labour can mobilize their votes effectively in municipal election campaigns.
  - b. Colleen , Burnaby City Councillor – discussed how unions can help the municipal effort through member-to-member election drives, phone banks and other means.
  - c. Kathy Corrigan, Burnaby School Trustee – Revisited the success of the Count-me-In Campaign in mobilizing a progressive labour vote as recognized and researched by CUPE. Emphasized the fact that unions can and do make a difference when their memberships come out to vote.

Questions followed the presentation and further discussion between the guests and PSAC members took place following the presentations. Main points addressed included: importance of member contact, mobilizing the vote, labour council endorsements, the need for volunteers and voter registration as well as strategies for mobilizing youth.

- 4) Vancouver Area Council Survey – Sam Wiese introduced a survey drafted by the Area Council Executive, and intended to gauge member receptivity and support for Area Council Revitalization strategies (such as lunch-time sessions and downtown meetings). The survey will be launched online shortly and announced to members.
- 5) PSMA – Sam Wiese briefly discussed changes related to PSMA, outlining what some of it might mean for government workers. Monica Urrutia discussed the PSMA training plan as planned by the Regional Office.
- 6) UEW Campaign – Megan Adam discussed the Union of Environment Workers campaign for funding to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and handed out postcards and petitions for distribution to locals present at the Area Council meeting. Reported on Steveston Salmon Festival, Labour Day activities, and campaign success.
- 7) Next Meeting – AGM, October 20, Election of Delegate to Triennial Convention and Convention Resolutions.
- 8) Adjournment.