

***Northwest B.C. Area Council
Annual General Meeting - October 1, 2005
Crest Hotel - Prince Rupert, B.C.***

In attendance:

Chris Hanson	(UTEU 20213 - Prince Rupert)
Barry Cunningham	(UTEU 20147 - Prince Rupert)
Gabe McLean	(UCTE 20215 - Prince Rupert)
Scott Macphee	(Prince Rupert)
Nathan Rochon	(Prince Rupert)
Karen-Anne Kelly	(CEIU 20926 - Terrace)
Penny Dickson	(CEIU 20926 - Terrace)
Esther Jones	(CEIU 20926 - Terrace)
S. Frank Contrino	(CEIU 20926 - Terrace)
Davina Brodeur	(CEIU 20926 - Terrace)
Ruth Bolin	(CEIU 20926 - Terrace)
Regina Brennan	(PSAC - Vancouver)
Mike Ballard	(EUW 20147 - Prince Rupert)
Floyd Knelsen	(UTE 20002 - Prince George)
Benilde Gomes	(USGE 20071 - Terrace)

Terry Intermela of the Prince Rupert Unemployed Action Centre spoke to the meeting to familiarize those in attendance with the services provided. Terry Intermela is seeking support of his application to the National PSAC Social Justice Fund. His application requests \$2500 for his non-profit advocacy organization.

Meeting was **called to order** at 1745 hours. Introductions were made.

Review of minutes of previous meeting of July 23, 2005.

Made the following amendments:

Karen Kelly should read Karen-Anne Kelly

Dan Keaton should read Dan Keeton

Journalist for UNION MATE should read UNION MADE

Barry Cunningham motion to pass the minutes of July 23, 2005 as amended.

Frank Contrino second the motion.

Carried.

Barry Cunningham read the **Treasurer's Report** to advise of a balance of \$1028.00.

Benilde Gomes made reference to the new process of bookkeeping and provided this to the Barry Cunningham. Also informed that the \$500 grant submitted by the Regional office will now be submitted by the National office, therefore, the R.E.V.P. will be accountable for the spending of these grants. The new process of bookkeeping was provided by the Regional office to make an easier process and maintain consistency.

Barry Cunningham requests to have a list of local presidents to facilitate collection of dues and/or contact names who are participating on the Area Council.

The Area Council fiscal period will now be September 1 to August 31.

The dues are set at \$1 per member per year.

Davina Brodeur advised that the Prince Rupert CEIU in process of decertification to join with the Terrace CEIU Local 20926.

Nathan Rochon motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Karen-Anne Kelly second the motion.

Carried.

PSAC BC Regional Representative, **Regina Brennan**, reported on constitutional duties, activities and fund raising ie: Aboriginal Circle Fund and the Social Justice Fund.

Benilde Gomes informed the geographical area covered by this Area Council as north of and including Bella Bella, west of and including Burns Lake, south of and including Atlin, east of and including the Queen Charlotte Islands. With such a large geographical area it was requested to ask members to assist in **establishing committees** for information and networking. The following committees are presented by and established as follows:

Education committee rep:	Gabe McLean Penny Dickson
Health and Safety committee rep:	Barry Cunningham
Youth committee rep:	Nathan Rochon Scott MacPhee
Women's committee rep:	Nicki McVey Karen-Anne Kelly
Aboriginal Committee rep:	Davina Brodeur Mike Ballard
Political Action Committee rep:	Frank Contrino
Human Rights Committee rep:	yet to be confirmed
Disability Committee rep:	Benilde Gomes

It has been requested to go back to the locals to recruit additional committee members. The education survey was handed out to Gabe McLean and Penny Dickson for distribution to locals for preparation of establishing the next union school for the Northwest in 2006.

Elections for executives of the Northwest B.C. Area Council are confirmed as follows:

Secretary:	Phyllis Bortignon
Treasurer:	Barry Cunningham
Vice President:	Mike Ballard
President:	Benilde Gomes

Elections for nominating a delegate for the National PSAC Convention in May 2006 are confirmed as follows:

Benilde Gomes as delegate. Mike Ballard as the Alternate delegate.

The topic of travel costs was tabled to the next Area Council meeting as the meetings have been alternating between Terrace and Prince Rupert.

Bylaws:

This Council currently has four (4) signatures with a minimum of two (2) signatures on the cheques.

Reporting of expenditures goes by financial report to the Regional body and has offered that this regional representative, Regina Brennan, could be another signing authority. By appreciation of Regina to be included in the process, it was a majority to suggest that the existing signing authority is sufficient.

Gabe McLean requested to include another subsection to the bylaws to make reference to the amount of expenditures may need to be referred to.

The bylaws to include:

“Section VI: Finances

Subsection 7 The executive shall have authority to spend up to \$200.00.
Expenditures over \$200.00 require the preapproval of the
Northwest B.C. Area Council.”

Mike Ballard motioned to accept this inclusion to the bylaws.

Barry Cunningham second the motion.

Discussions was to confirm the intent. The intent of the bylaw is to allow the executive to carry out the business of the Northwest B.C. Area Council of the P.S.A.C. with this addition as Section VI Finance Subsection 7.

Barry Cunningham motioned to accept the bylaws as amended.

Penny Dickson second the motion.

Carried.

Other business:

Municipal candidates forms were circulated by Benilde Gomes. These forms were supplied by the C.L.C. during the Regional Council training in September. The was well received as this will be of use with the upcoming Municipal elections for support on individual candidates.

Informational publications distributed:

Accessibility funds - braile, translation services, etc.

The **next meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2005 at 1300 hours in Terrace.** Location to be announced.

Penny Dickson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Barry Cunningham second the motion.
Carried at 1950 hours.

These minutes were taken by Esther Jones in Phyllis Bortignon's absence. Thank you Esther.

Since this meeting it was announced that Phyllis Bortignon will not be able to continue to perform her tasks with many other personal tasks. The election for Secretary will need to be addressed at the next Northwest B.C. Area Council meeting scheduled for November 26, 2005 in Terrace.