

PSAC - Okanagan Area Council
Minutes of Meeting – September 22, 2005
The Pantry Restaurant, Kelowna

In Attendance:

Darrell-Lee McKenzie	AGR 20043	Susan Yaciw	UTE 20026
Kareen Stanich	AGR 20043	Joy Harrison	UTE 20026
Denis Ringuette	CEUDA 20045	Linda Woods	NAT 20140
Roberta Gourlie	CEIU 20915	Jennifer Leenhouts	CEIU 20972
Maria-Luiza Romano	AGR 20027		

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. with Susan Yaciw in the chair.

Minutes: Minutes from May 6, 2005 were accepted as distributed. m/s/c

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by D-L McKenzie (see attached). m/s/c
Outstanding dues should be sent to:

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

An information kit was forwarded to D-L. McKenzie by D. Ringuette.

New PSAC Regional Rep: Regina Brennan will be in the region October 22 – 25 to provide education, tour Locals with D. Ringuette, and attend the next Okanagan Area Council / Okanagan Regional Women's Committee meeting. A short education forum will be included at the meeting.

- **Action: D-L. McKenzie will contact R. Brennan to see if a session on resolution writing can be included at the meeting.**

Education: The "TUB / Understanding the Collective Agreement" course was held in Kelowna May 28, 2005.

A conference call was held with Regina Brennan to discuss education needs. The date of the "Grievance Handling" course in Kelowna was changed to October 22, 2005.

Upcoming education opportunities include : Local Officers Training (Kamloops); Union School (Nov. 4-6); Women At Work (Part 1 - Oct. 13-15 and Part 2 - spring 2006); and Union Development Program (beginning Dec 7th). For more information see <http://www.psacbc.com/education>.

Working With Other Rural Regions: D-L McKenzie reported that a letter went to other rural regions to identify issues which we could work together on, and one response was received.

- **Action: An attempt will be made to share information on the resolutions being drafted for the PSAC Triennial Convention.**

PSAC Triennial Convention: Some of the resolutions forwarded to PSAC Convention

from Component and Regional Conventions were discussed (around health care and dental plans, cessation of health and safety activities during last strike, paid position of 2nd VP, fully funded Regional Conventions). The deadline for submitting resolutions is November 1, 2005.

- **Action: Any resolutions to be discussed at next meeting should be forwarded to K. Stanich (stanichk@agr.gc.ca) before October 18th. These will then be compiled and distributed before the next meeting.**

Delegate and alternates to convention were elected as follows:

Delegate: Susan Yaciw (nominated by J. Harrison, seconded by J. Leenhouts, carried)

1st Alternate: Jennifer Leenhouts (nominated by S. Yaciw, seconded by J. Harrison, carried)

2nd Alternate: Denis Ringuette (nominated by D-L. McKenzie, seconded by M-L. Romano, carried).

3rd Alternate: Kareen Stanich (nominated by D. Ringuette, seconded by M-L. Romano, carried).

Update from Denis Ringuette, Regional Council Okanagan / Kootenay: A strategic plan and list of contacts for Locals in the area were distributed for members to review.

- **Action: Any changes or additions to the list of contacts should be forwarded to D. Ringuette at dringuette@telus.net.**

Highlights from the first Regional Council meeting include: information from the CLC should be out soon in regards to the November 19th municipal elections; training sessions on the Public Service Modernization Act (PSMA) will be beginning soon; and information on the BC Regional Health and Safety Conference will be available soon. The next BC Regional Council meeting is March 30 – April 2, 2006 and all delegates to PSAC Triennial Convention will be invited to attend.

Political Action: J. Harrison reported that UTE Local 20026 has donated \$100 to CBC and Telus to provide food for picketers.

S. Yaciw reported on the campaign to save the client service counters at CRA, and distributed postcards for sending to the Minister of National Revenue. More information is available at www.ute-sei.org.

D-L. McKenzie gave a brief update on the World March of Women. More information can be found at <http://www.marchemondiale.org/en/>

Member Appreciation Event: The Member Appreciation event will be postponed until 2006.

Cut Backs at Stats Canada: L. Woods reported that workers in our region are expecting that their hours will be cut back.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting (Annual General Meeting)

**October 25, 2005 6:00 P.M. Kelowna
Further Information To Follow**