

**PSAC Okanagan Area Council
Minutes of Meeting June 16, 2012**

In Attendance:

Susan Yaciw	UTE 20003	Martha Johnson	UVAE 20035
Jennifer Leenhouts	CEIU 20972	Michele Sibson	UNE 2088
Roberta Gourlie	CEIU 20972	Darrell-Lee McKenzie	AGR 20043
Linda Woods	NAT 20140		

The meeting was called to order at 9:45am with Susan Yaciw in the chair.

Minutes: minutes from previous meeting not received

Treasurer's Report:

Audit completed by Darrell-Lee – report to follow w/ minutes

DL moved to accept the report.

Seconded by Linda

unanimously carried

**Dues are overdue for most locals (only 2 AGR locals have paid to date)

Members may send payment-c/o Darrell-Lee McKenzie at:

15 – 799 Creekside Rd

Penticton BC V2A 2C5

Old Business:

- 1) 3rd Choice Campaign – discussion – generally thought to have missed the mark as the ads lacked context. Susan will bring up at next Regional Council Meeting
- 2) Action Item: Council Letter template – Susan will complete – bf'd to next meeting

Standing Items:

- 1) **Regional Council:** Martha has replaced Keith Palmer as Kootenay Rep
- 2) **PSAC Staffing:** Regina remains on leave indefinitely; Gary Fraser has been hired to back-fill
- 3) **Convention Report** – completed and circulated by Susan
- 4) **BC FED Conference** – Susan reported that the Conference was disappointing
-report has been sent by Susan to OAC as well as to her component as co-sponsor
-highlights included a rally at Sutherland and Reception at Mission Hill Winery
– District Labour Council wants a PSAC presence in their membership – Susan

has extended invitation to them to contact her for further discussion on the issue

**5) Round-table:
Convention & Elections**

PSW – various reactions from total boycott to full participation. Opinions varied: some members felt that to participate in the face of all the WFA actions taking place simultaneously would be in poor taste; others felt that any free time or food on the back of the employer is worth taking.

WFA – rumours are circulating that the next round of letters will be release on June 25th. Passport Canada is not facing cuts and is infact hiring. They are not participating in alternation.

Sun-Life: problem consultants – Union Reps are urged to be vigilant about possible problems with certain rehab consultants used by Sun-Life. Recorded problems have recently created barriers for members attempting to access benefits.

Political Action: We need to be more involved in our communities

Campaign: “We are All Affected”

Meetings: Linda suggested that the Rotary Centre for the Arts may be an excellent venue for future meetings – she will follow up w/ details

**Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting: TBA**