



British Columbia

VANCOUVER AREA COUNCIL Annual General Meeting October 30 2013

In Attendance: Jamey Mills UTE 20027, Aaron Chang CEIU 20938, Crystal Warner CEIU 20974, Helio Lopes Da Costa UVAE 20045, Katie Moran CEIU 20938, Jessica Kerek CIU , Shawna Bundac UNE 20088, Tracy Shudo CEIU 20949

Guests: Bob Jackson, REVP for PSAC BC, Deanna Kimball-Cook, PSAC staff

Regrets: Jennifer Horsley UPCE 20095, Terri Lee AGRI 20044, Erica Yang CEIU 20949, Paul Croes CEIU 20938, Sigrid Haglund UTE 20027, Sharon Tieman UPCE 20101, Amit Deo UNE 20088

Called to Order at 5:35pm

Opening Remarks and Introductions

A moment of silence was observed to honour the memories of members lost to injury and illness in the past year.

A round of introductions of attendees was conducted.

Motion made by Crystal to adopt agenda. Seconder: Bill > motion passed.

Motion made by Shawna to adopt previous AGM minutes. Seconder: Aaron > motion passed.

Motion made by Katie to adopt September 19 minutes with name corrections noted today. Seconder: Aaron > motion passed.

President's Report

Jamey then presented his President's Report for 2013.

Motion made by Jamey to accept his report. Seconder: Crystal > motion passed.

Guest Speaker: Bob Jackson

Bob spoke to the group about his recent activities, Bill C4's Canada Labour Code and Public Service Labour Relations Act changes, Tony Clement's recent comments about the union, the WAAA campaign, CLC's "Fairness Works" television ad campaign, and Regional Convention in April 2014.

Treasurer's Report

The Council ran a deficit of \$939.99 for 2012-2013. The shortfall was a result of receiving less dues than forecast and the fact that the national annual support had not yet been received by the time of the AGM. The Council's bank account currently has a balance of \$2995.88 so there is no concern about being in a deficit.

Motion by Jamey to pass report of actual monies spent. Secunder: Tracy > motion passed.

Budget

The proposed budget for 2013-2014 was reviewed. It was proposed to be identical to 2012-2013's budget.

Motion by Bill to increase Political Action line item to \$1500. Secunder: Jamey > motion passed.

Motion by Tracy to increase Conventions, Conferences, Education line item to \$500. Secunder: Katie > motion passed.

Motion by Jamey to pass proposed budgets with amendments made at AGM. Secunder: Tracy > motion passed.

Elections

President

Jamey Mills was nominated by Tracy and seconded by Aaron.

No further nominations received – Jamey acclaimed to the position.

1st Vice-President

Aaron Chang was nominated by Crystal and seconded by Jamey.

No further nominations received – Aaron acclaimed to the position.

2nd Vice-President

Jennifer Horsley was nominated by Jamey and seconded by Tracy.

Crystal Warner was nominated by Jamey and seconded by Aaron.

Crystal Warner was elected to the position.

Treasurer

Sharon Tieman was nominated by Jamey and seconded by Tracy.

No further nominations received – Sharon acclaimed to the position.

Secretary

Erica Yang was nominated by Jamey and seconded by Shawna.

No further nominations received – Erica acclaimed to the position.

Members-at-Large (3)

Jennifer Horsley was nominated by Jamey and seconded by Tracy.

Terri Lee was nominated by Jamey and seconded by Shawna.

Katie Moran was nominated by Jamey and seconded by Jessica

No further nominations received – Jennifer, Terri, and Katie acclaimed to the positions.

VAC Annual Plan

Upcoming events that attendees would like to see the Council do again next year:

- Anti-Public Service Week softball event (event cost was approximately \$500)
- Provide volunteers for Vancouver Pride festival booth
- Canadians game (had high attendance from Youth members)
- Social events at PSAC office
- Car-Free Festival participation
- Summer BBQ (commit to holding this annually)

Metro Vancouver Alliance

Jamey provided an overview of their purpose and activities and encouraged attendance by affiliates. The Listening Campaign is ongoing and the larger campaign will launch in March 2014. MVA events allow us to cross communities and build allies. More information on their website:

<http://iafnw.org/canada/metrovancouveralliance>

Bylaws

Motion by Shawna to add Richmond to “Section 1: Name and Area of Jurisdiction”. Seconder: Jamey > motion passed.

Affiliate Reports

Affiliate Reports were then presented. Jamey reminded affiliates that only those reports received by email by Nov 6 would be added to the minutes. (Reports received appear below.)

Upcoming Education

Deanna provided an overview of upcoming education courses in the region.

Motion made by Tracy to adjourn the meeting. Seconder: Crystal

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

AFFILIATE REPORTS RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 6, 2013

Report from CEIU local 20938 by Aaron Chang

The local had its general meeting on September 26 to discuss input call, bargaining demands and GCWCC.

I attended the CIC Conference in Ottawa from October 24-27. I had a chance to meet the CIC DM and raise concerns about the stability of the work force and the operation. It is of mutual interest to the employer and the employees to have a stable and knowledgeable team of staff. However, currently there is a large number of casual employees who do not have any job security and this may lead to discontinuity in operation.

I also mentioned to the DM that the small communities feel isolated and ignored when the local offices are closed and the itinerant team only offers services periodically.

It is not just the inconvenience to the one client who must travel from a small town to a city to receive service, but the absence of service is affecting the entire community.

The DM said she will study both issues.

Report from CEIU local 20974 by Crystal Warner

Our Local continues to have regular OHS and UMC meetings. Recently we were able to get a staffing poster changed by HR when we objected to the required experience listed. We have also been successful in outreach to our members – our events have been well attended and submissions for bargaining demands from our membership were overwhelming. WFA is still a very real concern at the IRB as referral rates for the refugee protection division remain low. We are also still subject to the sunset clause on our term CR 04's which has now passed the three year mark. Within our component, IRB is facing another challenge. There are 22 NVP's which make up our National Executive – only one of these is an NVP devoted to the IRB. There is discussion within the component of re-structuring which may result in the loss of our IRB NVP. The IRB Locals are banding together to fight this at convention with the hopeful outcome of retaining our NVP. We may be forced to look at leaving CEIU should this position be eliminated as it would silence our voice within the component nationally.

Report from UVAE local 20045 by Helio Lopes Da Costa

UVAE 20045 continues to dwindle. We now have 35 members only. As there is another Local at the same location, PSAC National is looking into amalgamating locals in the same location into one. The other Local at our location is also dwindling. It has been difficult to fill executive positions and the attendance at our Annual General Meeting has been very small. The local executive has lost its vice-president and its secretary, so it is now constituted of two members: president and treasurer. It may be that by the time the next AGM takes place the two Locals may have become one.

At our Local several positions were eliminated and for people who are retiring their positions are not being replaced. Those who can have left the Department for other opportunities in the Public Service. Those who stay are also always looking for other jobs and the atmosphere is gloomy.

On the bright side, we have been told that there will not be any more waves of cuts from now to 2015.

Report from UTE local 20027 by Jamey Mills

Our in person service has ceased as of October 1, 2013. The public can no longer make payments or even pick up basic tax forms. There are still hundreds of people coming for service they cannot receive and several security incidents have resulted.

Bargaining is not going well. The employer has cut in half the number of days in our next session without adequate reason. They are basically offering us something similar to the PA contract without meaningful discussion.

October 31, 2013 marks the anniversary of our contract expiring. Locals nationally will be marking the occasion.

On October 23, 2013 we held a member appreciation event. We had roughly 200 members attend and got almost that many WAAA cards signed.

Report from UNE local 20088 by Shawna Bundac

We recently elected a new Vice-President who sends his regrets for this meeting but may attend in the future. We submitted 3 bargaining demands following our last Local meeting. Half of our executive was able to attend the recent UNE National Human Rights Conference in Winnipeg. No further news on the transition of Passport Canada to Service Canada and Citizenship and Immigration at the moment.