

**PSAC BC Regional Women's Committee
Minutes of Meeting January 12, 2012
Teleconference**

In Attendance:

Jennifer Ho	Vancouver RWC	Cheryl Oenema	Vancouver RWC
Kelly Megyesi	Reg'l Co-ordinator	Virginia Vaillancourt	Victoria RWC
Roberta Gourlie	OK RWC	Patt Holmes	Northern RWC

CC: Janelle Ho-Shing, Kiera McCormick

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm with Kelly Megyesi in the chair.
Minutes – Roberta Gourlie

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>	ACTION
1) Blog – Virginia briefly talked with Janelle who advised other PSAC blogs have not been widely used. Group discussion – blog put on hold at this time as people may be too busy to effectively manage it. Can be revisited at a later date as currently we might be too busy to manage it.	
2) Flags – Virginia will follow-up further (folding flags with Women's Committee Logo) and will provide update via e-mail.	Virginia
3) Fans – Kelly couldn't find a supplier that could do more than one colour – Virginia will also ask her supplier.	Virginia/Kelly
4) Logo Contest – Kelly to re-issue draft e-mail AFTER Convention.	
5) Dec 6 – Letter with all committee member's signatures was well received. Feedback regarding the magnets...too large. Magnets not received in time up north.	Kelly
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	
1) Rulers with "Women in Power" printing. Info to be gathered	Kelly/Patt
2) March International Women's Day – no theme announced by National PSAC yet. Kelly reports everything seemed to stop in November due to focus on staff cuts. Kelly to follow-up with Andree Cote re: theme and materials from National. Direction is requested so that committees can begin their planning.	Kelly
3) December 6 th . All events went well. Congratulations to all that worked on these events. PSAC Women were in attendance at Vigils in Vancouver, Victoria, Kelowna, Penticton. In the North, Kiera produced a wonderful postcard and in Vernon a self-defense session was organized. Good media attention in Victoria and Vancouver.	
4) Convention – Brief discussion on convention. Kelly hopes to have some type of women's presence at the convention. Jennifer offered help if needed.	

<p>5) Communication – Still difficult to connect as a women’s committee. Everyone was in agreement that we should be meeting in person as often as possible. Kelly will ask Bob if we can meet on the Thursday morning prior to our regional meetings. Kelly will also check to see who is attending for the S Okanagan as we may also be able to have Roberta attend. Committee in agreement that we would like to meet by phone every few months and then try for a few in-person meetings tagged on to Regional Meetings. Kelly would like to see the group meet at the Naramata course September 15th, 2012. Please keep the date open.</p>	<p>Kelly</p>
<p><u>ROUND TABLE:</u></p>	
<p>Jennifer Ho- There will be a Children’s Forum in Vancouver</p>	
<p>Virginia Vaillancourt - Asked about IWD. Victoria is starting to plan for an International Food event and an information session for men. A reminder also of Walk a Mile in her Shoes” event in May 2012. Has been doing work with street workers. Will keep us posted on that.</p>	
<p>Roberta Gourlie - Okanagan is having their meeting on Saturday so will begin the planning for 2012.</p>	
<p>Patt Holmes – North RWC to provide support to " Stop the Cuts Campaign" as Women's jobs are being eliminated in various Components. One component staffed by Women (Veterans Affairs) will disappear from Prince George probably in 2012. *Have the Budget monies for 2012 been received by the Vancouver PSAC office for distribution to the 4 RWC? *Any budget reductions? Kelly will check with Janelle re: \$ from National to RWC. *The Northern RWC delivered a package to Women on "Women and Pensions" from the CLC Summer School at their 2011 November meeting. We also distributed the resources we had to Components for various types of Dec 6th events at our November meeting. Thanks to Kiera MacCormick we had Northern- made Dec 6th items such as: postcards; pamphlets; posters; smaller fridge magnets with Jack Layton on them writing on a whiteboard ."Stop Violence against Women" and candles for the Northern vigils that Women chose to attend.</p>	<p>Kelly</p>
<p>Cheryl Oenema – Vancouver locals are doing lunch box learning.</p>	
<p>Kelly Megyesi - Women’s course in the Okanagan (Naramata) in the fall, mid-September 2012. Hoping to have all chairs attend. Interested in supporting the RWC committees fully – please let me know if you would like me to attend any of your events/ meetings or calls.</p>	
<p><u>NEXT MTG:</u> Tentatively scheduled for BC Regional Council Meeting Thursday am March 28.</p>	
<p>Adjourned at 9:00</p>	