



**PSAC Okanagan Women's Committee**  
**July 30th, 2014**  
**Kelowna BC**

Annette Hale USGE  
Joan Coburn CEIU  
Kelly Megyesi CEIU  
Maria-Luiza Romano AGR  
Linda Woods UNE  
Michele Sibson UNE

Guests: Nick Hale, Rachel Romano

**Executive**

Chair Michele Sibson  
Vice Chair Annette Hale  
Treasurer Joan Coburn  
Secretary vacant

Kelly will take minutes.

Discussed meeting and reporting requirements, roles and responsibilities. Kelly committed to preparing a flowchart to assist Michele in her new role.

**Banking** – In addition to existing signers all new executive to be added. Account will remain in Vernon as we have free banking, a supply of cheques, and the treasurer resides in Vernon. Account will continue to require any two signatures.  
Kelly will work with Joan to get set-up. m/s/c

**Terms of Reference** – Michele circulated information from Women's coordinator. The group identified concerns as follows:

- 1) keeping our own individuality and own terms of reference
- 2) summer timeline difficult for the group.

Discussion about coordinator in acting position. Unsure if alternate (Kelly Sidhu) will be taking on. Also clarification required as who is the Women's PSAC staff rep as request identified Deanna Kimball but website is showing Janelle Ho-Shing.

Maria-Luiza felt that we should part of the terms of reference development. We could then review and modify for the Okanagan. Group agreed. Names to be put forward are Kelly Megyesi and Maria-Luiza Romano. (Note Maria-Luiza is not available for first call). Currently conference call schedule for Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with draft review Sep. 8 – 15, 2014.

**Childcare** – discussion on the current campaign and the participation in the Victoria demonstration July 2014. On behalf of the Okanagan Women's Kelly Megyesi participated in this important demonstration. Kelly motioned that we donate \$25 to Childcare Coalition Advocates of BC (CCCABC). Following group discussion motion made to donate \$50. m/s/c



**Summer Institute** – Kelly gave a full report on the Institute. It was an amazing experience and she thanked the women’s committee for their support. As mentioned under childcare part of the Institute was a rally and within the Institute they worked on demonstrations, creative signage, public speaking, media, organizing etc. Sharon Gregson, Irene Lanzinger, and others also spoke at the rally. Maria-Luiza asked that we try and incorporate some of the training in upcoming sessions/ education for the women in our area. Kelly shared pictures with the group and talked about being so proud of the BC Fed Committee adopting her logo and design.

**Telling our Stories** – Michele brought forward information on telling our stories. Group discussion followed and there was a commitment to gather stories where possible. It was noted that members are reluctant to share stories of potential conflict with government perception of values and ethics. Our stories will be a part of our election mobilization. Group discussion on having more conversations within community, family, etc..

**Planning** – The group talked about ideas. Seemed to be agreement that Dec 6 and March 8 were not what the group wanted to concentrate on but rather look towards newer initiatives like Sisters in Spirit Vigils, possibly a community fundraiser mixed with dynamic speakers. Maria-Luiza suggested a community women’s workshop. Everyone will think of ideas and the plan to be more formalized at our next meeting. Kelly mentioned beautynight.org might be something that the group would like to tackle. Rachel contributed a suggestion of concentrating on education for girls on a more global level (I am girl, Malala day, Billion Rising).

**Expenditure** - Motion that Maria-Luiza pay for the meeting dinner and be re-imbursed amount paid of \$125.00. m/s/c

**Roundtable** of concerns, suggestions, and questions finished the meeting off.

**Next meeting** – September 2014. Date to be advised.

