

**Vancouver Regional Women's Committee – Annual General Meeting  
January 23, 2019**

Present: Kelly M. (chairing), Amrit S., Corinne C., Kelly S., Jen H., Michelle G., Lea S., Johanne C., Nancy M., Zita L., Marvis A-B, Celine A. (on phone), Monica U (PSAC staff – took minutes)

Regrets: Chelsea C., Susie B., Wendy T.

Agenda:

Welcome

Previous Minutes

Financial Report & Budget

Elections

2019 Planning

Meeting began at 6:31 p.m.

Welcome

Kelly M. welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially new faces and women from Components who haven't attended in the past.

Previous Minutes

-17Jan2018 AGM draft minutes – m/s/c (Jen H./Johanne)

-Nov 2018 draft meeting minutes – m/s/c (Mavis/Lea)

The group did a round of introductions.

Financial Report & Budget

Corinne presented her financial report for 2018. Copies were distributed at the meeting and it had been audited by two PSAC members, as required. – m/s/c (Johanne/Amrit)

Corinne presented the proposed budget for 2019. She shared that the amounts were very similar if not the same from the 2018 budget. After some discussion, there was only a slight amendment to the final amount the committee is requesting to factor in the outstanding cheque that wasn't cashed in 2018 but has since been cashed, as this would affect the committee's actual balance available. – m/s/c (Corinne/Michelle)

Elections for the Committee Executive

At this point Kelly M. turned the chair over to Monica to conduct the elections. The results were as follows:

Co-chairs – Amrit Sihota and Zita Lambert

Treasurer – Corinne Clelland

Secretary – Michelle Gamble

Communications Officer – Johanne Chevalier

In between the elections Lea had a suggestion if representatives from equity positions (perhaps Regional Council reps?) could go to the beginning of courses like the TUB to introduce their role and how to get involved in related regional committees.

A motion was made to reimburse Kelly M. for the meal and printing costs of the March 7th event.  $\$98.81 + \$8.54 = \$107.35$  m/s/c (Kelly S./Michelle)

### 2019 Planning

Kelly M. explained that for the last two years the Vancouver RWC has been holding an event to Celebrate Women. The first was held around IWD 2017 and the second was held last year in May. This year we have returned to holding it around IWD.

Date: March 7, 6pm-8:30 pm

Location: Old Spaghetti Factory, 53 Water Street

Cost: \$12 each or 2/\$20

It was explained that this has been a very successful gathering for the committee (last year there were 43 women). It is held as an official meeting with some guest speakers, usually notable women with a connection to the PSAC. While there is a nominal cost, the Van RWC subsidizes the difference. Members were asked to canvass their Components for swag to be donated to the event and given as door prizes in hopes that each woman would walk away with one item. Note: we should definitely bring the sound system with mic this time so that speakers can be heard.

There is a max capacity of 50, so tickets were distributed amongst the newly elected executive and to Monica (for those who will contact the RO for tickets). Monica will create and maintain a ticket spreadsheet, and sellers are asked to gather the contact info of the women who purchase a ticket, because after the event they are encouraged to participate in the other activities of the women's committee throughout the year.

At this point, we took a few moments for acknowledgements to the outgoing executive (Chelsea Cameron as Secretary who has gone East for school) and Kelly M. (relocating to Vernon) and to members of the committee who made extra efforts this year, such as Celine and Mavis. These folks who hadn't yet received one of the Vancouver RWC's pink water bottles, were given one as a gift.

Aside from the March 7<sup>th</sup> event, the committee is still soliciting ideas for a year-long campaign. We shared in past we organized around Dress for Success and the Shoebox Campaign. Please let the executive know if you have any ideas.

### Other

Monica announced three upcoming events:

>USW Local 5114 Solidarity rally for those on strike in Idaho – Jan 28, noon-1 pm, Vancouver Convention Centre East.

>Retirement party for Irene Lanzinger (former BC Fed President). Feb 1, 6 pm at Pacific Gateway Hotel, 3500 Cessna Dr., Richmond. RSVP at [events@bcfed.ca](mailto:events@bcfed.ca)

>Farmworkers vigil to continue to raise the H&S issues in light of the death of three women farmworkers in March 2007. Vigil is on March 2, at 11:30, Matsqui Centennial Auditorium, 32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford.

Kelly S. shared that a Regional Women's Conference will be held this year, possibly in mid to late September. There will be a role for the Committees so stay tuned for that.

Kelly S. conducted the Oath of Office to the newly elected executive.

There was a special thank you to Kelly M. made by Kelly S. and Amrit for Kelly M's work with the Vancouver committee. She will be missed, but not far away as she is still Kelly S.' Alternate and will continue her support.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.