

# NWAC meeting

April 24, 2023 5:30 PM

PSAC-BC Northwest Area Council Meeting

April 24, 2023 – Harbour Room

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Zoom Link:

Agenda

## **Acknowledge Territory, Welcome and Introductions**

Attendees:

Jill MacNeill (UHEW 20147)

George Armstrong (UCTE 20213)

Ashley Cornish (UCTE 20213)

Jen Gordon (UHEW 20147)

Madison Carey (AGR 20042)

Gai Sta Maria (AGR 20042)

Craig Balderson (AGR 20042)

David Lewis (CIU 20042)

Donald Jonneson (AGR REVP)

Jen Blake (UCTE 20213)

Sean McGovern (CIU 20042)

Varinder Johal (PSAC REP)

Patrick Bragg (PSAC REP)

Ed Trowell (UCTE 20213)

## **Review Agenda**

Motion to amend the agenda to move Regional Update to after agenda approval and mobilization/strike discussion

Moved: Jen Gordon, Second: Madison Carey, all in favour, passed.

## **Regional Update (Patrick Bragg/Varinder Johal)**

Will not be authorized to picket the port or grain terminal

- Just got an injunction from port of Vancouver (Cascadia) and a hearing will be coming, our job is to show strength and power to the employer, public reaction has been good.
  - No other ports/terminals will be picketed in BC.
- Multi-union sites can become challenging to picket due to previous provincial case law precedent at federal picket lines. BC unionized workers are protected from discipline for not crossing a picket line.
- Lack of disruption of service currently.
- This is the first time that we know about that a kernel of grain has gone on a ship without a certified grain inspector, since non-PSAC members are currently doing the CGC members jobs.
- Leafletting outside the port may be an option - AGR will discuss with leadership to get some feedback. There is a leaflet available. Patrick will email the leaflet to the group and we can print off copies. DO NOT take picket signs with us - take flags, etc. Keep saying this is an INFOPICKET.
- Encouraged to raise the issue with our city councillors and other representatives.

FB members will not be going to bargaining table this week in solidarity with PSAC.

More education courses coming in the near future on public speaking/political action (June 3/4).

Register on PSAC website.

Varinder shared a link in the chat for members and supporters to sign.

## **Mobilization/Strike discussion (everyone)**

### Accommodation

- a few members still have not received a response from the coordinator for alternative duties (van-ro-admin@psac.bc.com). They should be provided strike pay from the date they requested and didn't receive a response - Varinder will follow up.

### List of designated essential personnel

- George hasn't received a list from PSAC yet - this is supposed to come through the component. Varinder will follow up.

### Picket line planning

- Grain - need to have a day where it doesn't rain
- 25th - CCG and 417 set up as normal; a number of people will stay at the 417 location while the rest go to CCG. The following day we can focus efforts on 417 and see about alternating locations to be more collaborative.

### **Seafest June 10-12 or National Aboriginal Day June 2**

- Could do a BBQ engagement session to celebrate when the end of the strike comes. Motion to allocate \$400 of the budget to a post-strike membership engagement - 1st Madison, 2nd George, all in favour

### **Executive Reports – President and Treasurer**

David presented his treasurers report

Moved by David, seconded by Jen all in favour.

### **Other**

- Signage messaging - if a sign with content that makes others uncomfortable is displayed at a picket line, the individual holding the sign can be referred to PSAC or Varinder for clarification on the unions position on messaging.
- Strike pay will be distributed every week on Friday (from the following weeks pickets).
- What will happen if we are still striking? Varinder will follow up.

### **Next meeting**

June 5 @ 18:30

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn: Jen, Second: David, all in favour