

Vancouver District Area Council Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023.

Called to order at 18:05

Present: Jennifer Horsley, UPCE 20095, President VDAC; Monica Urrutia, Regional Representative, PSAC Vancouver Regional Office; Damir Moric, CEIU 20937, Vice President VDAC, PSAC 2SLGBTQIA+ Coordinator; Denzil John Asche, UTE 20027, Secretary VDAC, PSAC 2SLGBTQIA+ Coordinator Alternate; Matthew DiNicolò, CEIU 20937, Metro Vancouver Coordinator, PSAC Metro Vancouver Coordinator; Scott Josephson, CCG 20233; Deanne La Rocque, UNE 20150; Edward He, CEIU 20951, Metro Vancouver Regional Council Coordinator; Priscilla Lam, UTE 20050, Women's Regional Coordinator; Aaron CEIU 20938, Treasurer VDAC

Welcome and Indigenous Acknowledgement

Gratitude to the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, and Musqueam people for caring for the land on which we find ourselves. It was put forward that the indigenous peoples would like to see a more meaningful acknowledgement, as per recent education at the PSAC Employment Equity Conferences, and it was asked that we bring ideas to the next meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Edward, Seconded by Matthew. Carried.

Acceptance of the Previous Minutes

September 20, 2023

Moved by Damir, Seconded by Deanne. Carried.

Business Arising

Financial Report

There have been no expenses since the last meeting, the only change may be interest in the account.

I did not catch the amount in the bank and interest. I apologise.

Standing Updates

Phoenix:

There have been grievances related to the overpayments.

PSAC filed a policy grievance

Metro Vancouver Alliance:

The delegates' assembly was put off to the new year as the strategy team has not come to a decision about the nature of the campaign. November 23, 2023, at 17:00 to 18:30, we will be hosting the strategy team. They are trying to encourage more member organisations to join. They intend this to be a hybrid meeting. People are welcome join. Priscilla expressed interest. We were asked to provide coffee, team, and snacks. Denzil moved to spend up to \$100 for this, seconded by Matthew. Carried.

Affiliate Reports

These can be sent to Monica or Denzil and they will be put in the reports.

New Business

Elections, Presided over by Monica Urrutia

Area Council delegate to PSAC National Triennial Convention:

Priscilla nominated Jennifer Horsely, seconded by Deanne. Jennifer was elected by acclamation

Area Council alternate(s) to PSAC National Triennial Convention:

Damir nominated Denzil John Asche, seconded by Jennifer. Denzil was elected by acclamation.

Café Etico requested a donation to support purchase of fair trade Nicaraguan coffee to give warm coffee to organisations supporting food security in Vancouver.

Damir moved and Priscilla seconded a donation of \$50 from the committee. This passed.

By-law amendment (Updating Section 5, Sub-Section 6 to reflect the change in PSAC BC By-laws) Regulation 1, Sub-Section 1, to which the VDAC must adhere.

Section 5, Sub-Section 6 to be amended to:

The Vancouver and District Area Council shall elect delegate(s) and alternate(s) to the B.C. Regional Triennial Convention at an AGM held not less than two four (4) months and not more than six eight (8) months prior to the B.C. Regional Triennial Convention. Every effort shall be made to schedule such meeting at a convenient time to permit as many members as possible to attend. Notice of the meeting, in writing, is to be given at least four weeks in advance of the meeting date.

Edward moved and Priscilla seconded this amendment. It passed.

We received a request to sign on to Support a Care Workers demand for Justice, sent to us by Vancouver Committee for Domestic Workers and Caregivers Rights, an organisation which works with childcare, healthcare, elderly care work and the gender justice movement in Canada. There was discussion and it was decided more information and discussion was needed, which we would request.

Round Table

Jennifer: A reminder to bring ideas for the acknowledgement and gratitude for land and indigenous peoples.

Monica: The current courses are full and PSAC is working on the spring courses. The Union Leadership and Development Program applications have closed.

Damir: We ought to set a date for the Annual General Meeting. There was discussion around this. We need to have someone audit the finances. The Vice President and Treasurer will be up for election. The date suggested was February 7, 2024, at 18:30, with food at the office at 18:00.

Scott moved and Edward seconded
Adjournment at 19:17. This carried.

Next Meeting Date – AGM February 7, 2024.