

Northwest Area Council AGM

January 17, 2024 Crest Hotel, Rockwell Room, 6:30-7:30

Chairs: Jill MacNeill, Area Council President - UHEW 20147
David Lewis Area Council Treasurer - CIU 20042

Attendees:

Jen Gordon – Area Council Vice President / UHEW 20147 (Via Zoom)
Gai Sta Maria, AGR 20042
Anthony Hague, CIU 20042
Nicole Pottle, CEIU 20926
Nielene Chand, PSAC BC Regional Representative (Via Zoom)
Jamey Mills, REVP, PSAC BC (Via Zoom)

1. Acknowledge Territory, Welcome and Introductions – by Jill MacNeill
Chair handed over to David Lewis
2. Adoption of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Gai Sta Maria.
Seconded by Nicole Pottle. Carried.
3. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes – Motion to approve 2023 AGM minutes of March 13, 2023,
moved by Jen Gordon and seconded by Jill MacNeill. Carried.
4. Executive Reports
 - a. President – Not much activity since last meeting of 2023-11-20. Union leave was used to connect with members to ensure awareness of this evenings AGM. I was scheduled to participate in an upcoming Area Summit but cannot travel at that time.
 - b. Treasurer – Motion to move Treasurer’s Report (Appendix C attached) by Nicole Pottle and seconded by Anthony Hague. Carried.
5. Area Council Request Described by David Lewis (Appendix E attached). Motion to approve the budget request was moved by Nicole Pottle and seconded by Gai Sta Maria. Carried.
6. Executive Elections – Elections conducted by Nielene Chand, PSAC BC Regional Representative
 - a. President – David Lewis nominated Jill MacNeill. Seconded by Nicole Pottle. Acclaimed.
 - b. Vice President - David Lewis nominated Jen Gordon. Seconded by Gai Sta Maria. Acclaimed.
 - c. Secretary – David Lewis nominated Nicole Pottle. Seconded by Jill MacNeill. Acclaimed.
 - d. Treasurer – Nicole Pottle nominated David Lewis. Seconded by Jill MacNeill. Acclaimed.Nielene Chand led the new executive through the Oath of Office for representatives of PSAC.
7. Regional Update from REVP Jamey Mills
Jamey Mills provided an update from the stolen land of Cherokee people (Nashville). Jamey and Jill will connect to discuss plans for Northwest site tours. Jamey had mentioned previously that

actions in relation to Phoenix are to ramp up to bring attention to ongoing issues; Jamey advised he will have more information in this regard after an upcoming AEC meeting. David Lewis asked if Jamey heard that many members have had problems with their first pay cheque of the year. David explained that there are problems with little deductions coming off. Jamey or Nielene have not heard of the problems with first pay cheque but will do a bit of investigating. Nielene also encourages that members with pay problems contact the PSAC Phoenix Team who addresses such issues at: [Contact us | Public Service Alliance of Canada \(psacunion.ca\)](https://psacunion.ca)

8. Upcoming Events – Nothing to report.
9. Other Business – Awards – Jill MacNeill wanted Northwest Area Council to consider nominating David Lewis and Jen Gordon for a PSAC-BC Award. There are four categories of awards: Mobilizing Mentor Award, Community Champion Award, Union Warrior Award, and Emerging Activist Award. A description of each can be found at: [Nominate a deserving PSAC member for a PSAC BC Regional Recognition Award – PSAC British Columbia](#) Jill recommends nominating David Lewis for the Mobilizing Mentor Award for his mentoring and leadership of NWAC members and new executives, which greatly contributed to their gain of skills as well as the process and activities of the Northwest Area Council. Jill recommends nominating Jen Gordon for the Union Warrior Award. Jen stepped up and led the area council in some highly creative and successful actions in relation to Phoenix. She displayed outstanding leadership on the strike line of April/May 2023. She is a first to put up her hand to help out and support Area Council initiatives such as Information booths at Seafest, fundraisers and/or support for community groups, and she is very approachable; a go to for members to bring their workplace concerns within her local for addressing at either UMCC, directing through the grievance process, or talking to the local MP. She also is very proactive with member orientation; when she is aware of a new member, she initiates the orientation process. NWAC members present support that Jill MacNeill sends in a nomination for both Jen and David on behalf of the Northwest Area Council.
10. Next Meeting – to be scheduled via email.
11. Nielene Chand provided an overview of courses and regional activity. There will be a virtual Grievance Handling course from February 23 to 25. Health & Safety Activism will take place May 11/12 in Prince Rupert, as well as many AGM taking place.
12. Motion to adjourn made by Gai Sta Maria and seconded by Nicole Pottle. Carried.