

# Okanagan Area Council

## November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Attended:** Nadia Sokal (AGR 20043), Kelly Megyesi (CEIU 20972), Analyse Papadopolous (CEIU 20914), Kathy Durham (AGR 20027) Robert Strang (PSAC Staff) **Regrets:** Brigitte Willman (USJE 20069), Bernie Frampton (UTE 20003), Jeanne Olineck - (CEIU 20914)

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement** – Analyse acknowledged the Kamloops indigenous land and asked us to take a minute and acknowledge the land we are each on. Kelly wanted our council to acknowledge Murray Sinclair, who recently passed, and to thank him for his contribution to Canada and his lifelong commitment to justice, education, community service, and reconciliation.

### Previous minutes

Minutes from September 16th, 2024, reviewed. **m/KM, s/AP – all in favour**

**Treasurer report** – Kelly gave the treasurer’s report

\$ 2,467.34	Opening balance September 15, 2024
\$ 1,911.00	PSAC BC (\$2000 less Osoyoos Cultural Walk)
\$ (4.00)	Bank Service Charge
\$ 300.00	Donation – Kamloops Sexual Assault Center
<u>\$ 4,074.34</u>	<u>Closing balance November 15, 2024</u>

**m/KM, s/AP – all in favour**

### Motions

Previous motions entered into minutes: \$381.63 Penticton Meet & Greet; \$495.22 Kamloops Meet & Greet. **m/KM, s/AP – all in favour**

Kelly has been selected to receive a \$1000 Scholarship to attend the BCFed convention. Costs are quite high as it is a full week in Vancouver. (Registration \$375, wages, meals, hotel) Travel is covered as attending regional council meetings. The executive were in favour of sponsorship. Motion for \$600 - **m/KM, s/AP – all in favour**

Budget 2025 preliminary discussion.  
Include political under Events – Increase by \$500  
Education – Increase by \$250

## Presentation

Nadia gave an excellent power point presentation on **Membership Lists** (links to documents attached). The council had many questions and there was a full discussion on issues at the grassroots level concerning membership lists. The area council agreed to push forward and make sure that this was on UMCC agendas and other union agendas. A townhall was suggested or a possible zoom meeting for executive in our area. Kelly will take forward to this month's regional council meetings. Analyse thanked Nadia for her presentation and all the work that went into it.

Membership Lists should perhaps become a standing item on our agenda until we start to make some headway. Nadia will also send the council some resolutions that we can cosign or use to write our own. If you would like a copy, please email StrangR@psac-afpc.com.

## Projects/ Events

### Standing in Solidarity

The council wanted to “stand in solidarity” with striking postal workers. Nadia mentioned that she has been on the picket line. Her support and RVP snacks have been greatly appreciated. Kelly is hoping to participate on the Vernon line next week. The group talked about the strike and an action plan was developed with the following outcomes:

- Up to 10 sites will be visited.
- Suggested 3 Kamloops, Summerland, Penticton, Cranbrook, Nelson, Vernon, Salmon Arm, Kelowna.
- Nadia – Summerland & Penticton / Analyse – Kamloops(3) / Kathy – Cranbrook / Kelly – balance.
- Robert will reach out to Kristin to see if she can do us up a poster to put on work bulletin boards.
- Kelly will use the poster and add a note from the Area Council. Members from our council will reach out to their picket lines and hand deliver our support.
- Letter to include a \$50.00 Tim Hortons gift card.
- Once delivered please email to Kelly and she will reimburse you by etransfer and then write one cheque for the total amount. Cut-off will be November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Motion** – Up to **\$500** for Tim Horton \$50 gift cards to be given with Area Council support letter on the strike lines. **m/KM, s/NS– all in favour**

### Activism in the Arts

We were hoping to get an update on “Activism in the Arts” but Ashley-Rae was not on the call. Nadia mentioned that a date has been selected of **June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Please save the date as it will be a great opportunity to come together.

## Political

Brief discussion on upcoming federal election and the need for political action. Standing item for next year's agenda topics.

## Round Table

Nadia – Talked about the recent messaging about federal cuts. Members are concerned.

Robert – Courses in December in Kelowna. Deadline extended. Understanding Collective Agreement, Health and Safety Activism November 30/1. Kelly offered to come and speak as the Southern Interior Rep. Also depending on numbers, we may want to join the CUPW picket line or the Armstrong Regional Cooperative (ARC) who have been walking the line since mid September.

Growing the membership and awareness to Area Council.

Kelly – best date for AGM. Unfortunately, Todd has stepped back from his union work.  
Welcome Kathy – great to have the Cranbrook area represented.

## Next Meetings

AGM January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10am via zoom