

Southern Interior Regional Women's Committee Meeting

Date: May 6, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM PDT

Location: Video Conference

Quorum met

ATTENDEES (LOCAL):

Executive:

Carmen Theissen (CEIU 20914) Co-chair
Sarah MacIntosh (UTE 20026) Treasurer
Tamara Breitzkreitz (CEIU 20914) Secretary

Members:

Nadia Sokal (AGR 20043)
April Roberts (AGR 20043)
Kelly Megyesi (CEIU 20972)
Kathy Durham (AGR 20027)
Roxanne Craigdallie (UTE 20026)
Nadine Kinshela (USGE 20067)

Guest:

Karen Sutton (CIU 20045)

PSAC Staff:

Varinder Johal (Vancouver Regional Office)

Call to Order:

- Carmen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm PDT

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- Carmen provided a thoughtful land acknowledgement and encouraged others to do the same.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Nadia Sokal

Second: April Roberts

Outcome: passed unanimously

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Minutes not adopted as they were not able to be distributed prior to the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Balance - \$1976.73
- No transaction since last meeting

Motion to adopt report: Sarah MacIntosh

Second: Kelly Megyesi

Outcome: passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS AND PAST ACTION ITEMS

- Nadia provided an overview and update for Activism and the Arts event
 - o Discussion was held regarding transportation prospects from Kamloops

DISCUSS AND FINALIZE RESOLUTIONS FOR SUBMISION TO THE NATIONAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

- Discussion of Resolution: “UPDATE LANGUAGE IN THE EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT FOR MATERNITY BENEFITS”

Motion to submit resolution to the National Women’s Conference: Nadia

Second: Roxanne

Outcome: passed unanimously

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

VOTE FOR DELEGATE TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL TRIENNIAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

- Varinder called for nominations for a delegate.
 - o Nominate: Carmen by Kelly; Second: April
 - Carmen declined
 - o Nominate: Tamara by Carmen; Second: Kelly
 - Tamara let name stand
 - o Nominate: Nadia by April; Second: Tamara
 - Nadia declined
 - o Nominate: April by Tamara; Second: Kelly
 - April let name stand
- Vote held; ***Tamara acclaimed as delegate.***

VOTE FOR ALTERNATE(S) TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL TRIENNIAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

- Varinder called for nominations for First Alternate.
 - o Kelly nominated April; Second: Carmen
 - April let name stand: ***acclaimed***

- Varinder called for nominations for Second Alternate
 - Tamara nominated Nadia; Second: April
 - Nadia let her name stand: ***acclaimed***
 - Kelly nominated Carmen; Second: Tamara
 - Carmen declined

- Varinder called for nominations for Third Alternate
 - Kelly nominated Carmen; Second: Tamara
 - Carmen let her name stand: ***acclaimed***

- Varinder called for nominations for Fourth Alternate
 - Kelly nominated Sarah; Second: Tamara
 - Sarah let her name stand: ***acclaimed***

ROUND TABLE

- Varinder provided an update on:
 - 2025 fall education schedule - committee encouraged to submit requested for preferred courses. Deadline: May 15, 2025
 - 2025 summer institute for union women– PSAC BC providing subsidies
 - PSAC scholarship program for 2025 is now open for post-secondary education
 - RTO campaign – opportunity to sign a petition
 - PSAC Stop the Pension theft campaign
 - Event: Saturday, Jun 7 in Vancouver – “labor night”, BC lions ticket give away
- Karen spoke to the value of the Summer Institute for Union Women and encouraged members to apply.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn: Carmen

Seconded: Nadia

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm PDT