

Victoria Area Council AGM Feb 28, 2025

In person and hybrid

Attendees

Trish Martin President Victoria Area Council CEIU 20975

Monica Racz Vice President Victoria Area Council UNDE 21008

Ian Wiggs Treasurer Victoria Area Council UNDE 21008

Leanne Hughes Scribe Victoria Area Council CIU 20042

Martha Johnson PSAC Rep Victoria RO

Marcelo Lazaro RVP UNDE

James McAllister UNDE 21008

Katie Poulous UNDE 21008

Warren Wulff UHEW 20076

Jim Sidel DCL 20500

Darcey Gasema GSU 20001

Guest- Nicole Petrie DCL 20050 Nanaimo

Guest- Kaj Stirle UNDE 21011

Meeting called to order by Trish at 605 pm.

Motion to approve Agenda - Mover Monica Racz

Seconded by Jim Siedel

None opposed- passed.

Motion to approve previous Minutes February 2024

Mover Ian Wiggs

Secunder Monica Racz

Only those in attendance at that meeting can vote.

None opposed- passed.

Quorum has been met.

Jamey Mills REVP BC is in Ottawa, so he asked Trish to give a brief update.

Winter / Spring Education is on PSACBC site:

Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities (3 Days) – Victoria

Friday, June 6 - Sunday, June 8

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM all three days Building Community with Indigenous Community

Grievance Handling (GH) (2 Days) – Victoria

PSAC Victoria Regional Office (202 – 503 Park Place, Esquimalt, BC V9A 6Z9)

Saturday, April 26 - Sunday, April 27

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM both days

Phoenix anniversary Feb 28, 3 billion dollars spent so far

Federal election expected early spring or October 2025

Fight back campaign against conservative policies.

PSAC right to participate in democratic process.

Remote work campaign. Swag available on front table.

9.3 billion in federal pension fund and the government is pocketing it. Campaign

[StopPensiontheft.ca](http://StopPensiontheft.ca)

WFA and job cuts – how many FTE's

Know your WFA section of your Collective Agreement now and not when it is needed later.

Stay engaged mobilized and ready.

Trish gave her President's report.

PSAC for 12-15 months not a lot of engagement for our members.

Funding and support mobilization and engagement does not seem to be a priority for PSAC

Can't be only during a strike, solidarity Saturdays – one Saturday per month.

Theme MP / MLA lobbying.

Last year has been hard and busy for everyone. Liberals don't like public servants too much right now.

Goal to grow and try to get all locals represented on Victoria Area Council.

Ian gave the Treasurer's Report

Does not have an audited 2024 statement right now but should have it done by the end of this week.

Balancing from September 1 2024 to Dec 31 2024 will send to VAC executive and Angela tomorrow.

Budget has been submitted to the Regional Office and REVP's office.

\$6750 in projected expenses

That includes \$800 AGM, \$700 solidarity Saturdays, Saanich Fair, 2000 for membership engagement.

\$1847.13 in bank Dec 31, 2024.

4402.87 not including 500 for the protein project from UHEW.

Cap of \$2500 for Regional Allocation.

Previous years got money to get BC members mobilized. Ian will send out financial report then after audit will resubmit. The Region prefers each geographic area to do their own events, but we like the solidarity of working with other geographic areas on the island.

Hoping to have a PSAC ball tournament. 2016 cost \$4000. Saanich Fair

Have REVP's office help with food.

Warren-live in one area work in another good to show those connections.

Finances to be sent electronically and voted on by email or at another general meeting.

Save money for push back against conservative policies.

Need to mobilize and engage upfront.

Trish notes REVP Feb 28

New survey on working remote.

Ian Saanich Fair, 350,000 cases

NCR messaging

Phoenix

Burnout is Real

Locals need to organize Solidarity Saturdays started with 10-20 members then got 55-60 members.

Martha called the election for position of Treasurer and President.

We will elect President first,

First call for nominations for President, no written nominations received.

Jim Sidel nominated Trish Martin

Ian Wiggs Seconded the nomination.

Second call for nominations, none received.

Third and final call for nominations, none received.

Closing the nominations.

Trish Martin accepted nomination Congratulations, Trish Martin you are acclaimed as President.

For Treasurer one written submission

Nominating Ian Wiggs, nominated by Monica Racz and Seconded by Ian Dortch

First call for nominations from the floor, none received.

Second call for nominations from the floor, none received.

Third and final call for nominations from the floor, none received.

Ian, do you accept the Nomination? Ian – Yes, Congratulations you are acclaimed as Treasurer

Thanks, and next meetings will be held third Tuesday of every month. 530 food and 6pm meeting starts

Round Table

Warren- brings greeting form the Victoria Labour Council, House of Labour, Unions of the Canadian Labour Congress, will be hosting a brunch on March 8 here at the RO. Women are welcome and brunch will be served by Victoria Labour council, details on Facebook or contact Warren for more info. They will also be hosting a workshop with a guide to civil disobedience, will feature a lawyer and will cost \$25 per person and you have to pre-register and lunch will be provided. Saturday March 22 930-3pm.

Motion to adjourn, adjourned meeting ended at 720 pm