

PSAC Vancouver Island Young Workers Committee (VIYWC)

Date: Feb 13th 2026

Time: 5:00 PM PST

Location: Virtual Zoom meeting

Attendees:

1. Kaj Stirler, UNDE 21011 VP
2. Susan Young, UNDE 21008
3. David Marrack, UCTE 20220
4. Ashveen Singh, DCL 20500
5. Darcy Gibbs UNDE 21008
6. Yameena Zaidi, PSAC Staff

Summary of Discussions:

- **Meeting called to order 1706 PST**

Land acknowledgement from Kaj Stirler, VP

Call to action 57: We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

Motion from Susan to approve the agenda as circulated, seconded by Ashveen. Carried.

Motion to approve the previous AGM minutes as circulated, from Susan, seconded by David. Carried.

President's report: Kaj has been busy with different elements of representation, and is still looking at larger events that could be hosted, among them a "dry rave" up in the Cowichan Valley sort of area. More can follow, but looking to enlist Susan to look at the feasibility of such an event.

Kaj is also looking at ways to improve membership, and will bring it up at the triennial, possibly establishing something to look at why there is either not as much engagement or not as much representation of young workers in government.

Kaj is also working on steering for the national young workers conference, looking at getting things set out with that, and it sounds like it will be a very exciting event.

Motion from Ashveen to approve the President's report, seconded by Darcy. Carried.

Treasurer's report, from Kaj- situation is still stable, there's been nothing in the way or serious expenditures. Yameena displayed the budget, including \$100 for hosting meetings, and three larger events at \$1000 per. Motion from Ashveen to approve budget as presented, seconded by Darcy. Carried.

Reports from Susan (Co Chair) and David (Secretary), nothing significant to record.

Update on banking process, things should now have been fully sorted with the bank accounts, and we should have full access to any actions we may want to take.

Sidebar to track down receipts for the BBQ that was hosted in the summer, reimbursing David for \$170.83 from Costco and Thrifty foods.

Motion from Susan to reimburse David for the amount of \$170.83, seconded by Darcy. Carried.

Review of bylaws has been on the list of old business for sometime, and will be addressed when we have time to go through the detailed review.

Other old business, the concert project from the previous year ran into some issues with both funding from the larger body, and licensing/legal issues. Kaj has found some support from smaller venues to organize events, looking at about \$500 for venues, and a few different musicians who we could bring in for between \$1500 and \$5000. The primary issues we're looking at is "public" vs "private" events, and how we could advertise that amongst PSAC etc.

There's support for the rave, and David brought up the idea of looking at some kind of charitable/volunteering event- for example, helping out at the Goldstream Food Bank. **Motion to reallocate \$2000 from the Site Visits line item to Membership and Engagement, from Susan, seconded by Ashveen. Carried.**

Motion from Darcy to reserve \$3500 for a musical event this fiscal year, including organizing expenses. Seconded by Susan. Carried.

New Business

No update from the bargaining committee, but a good thing for folks to get into, especially as we look at the current proposals- among them to bring the threshold for increased leave down to 5 years, certainly something of value for young workers.

Moved to elections, Yameena assumed chair.

Kaj nominated for Chair from David, seconded by Susan. Acclaimed.

Susan nominated for Vice Chair by Kaj, seconded by David. Acclaimed.

No nominations for Treasurer, will be addressed at a future moment.

David nominated for Secretary by Susan, seconded by Kaj. Acclaimed.

Resolutions

Kaj received a request from Maxwell Gawlick:

Executive Officers under Trusteeship- see Annex A

This would not normally be passed regionally, as it affects the PSAC constitution as a whole. There is language that would likely spark debate; it includes elements that are those of a bargaining relationship with the employer. Kaj's primary point with this is would be a resolution to bring forward to the Region, which would then be kicked up to National (in theory). The context is that UNE has been put into trusteeship for the second time in three years, and the Mainland Haida Gwaii YW is looking for our support/endorsement. Motion from David to pass this resolution as distributed on to the Regional Triennial Convention, seconded by Darcy. Carried 4-1.

Other Business

Kaj will continue working on recruitment for young workers, and will also continue to push for more spaces for members to represent the VIYWC at regional items.

Next meeting will be set for April 15th, 2026, at 6:00.

Get staff updates from Yameena.

Oaths of office for Kaj, David and Susan

Meeting ended 1827