

Victoria Area Council AGM Feb 17, 2026 6pm Start

In Person:

Trish Martin President VAC CEIU 20975

Ian Wiggs Treasurer VAC UNDE 21008

Leanne Hughes VAC Scribe CIU 20042

Virginia Vaillancourt UVAE 20030

James McAllister UNDE 21008

Shawn Creamer UNDE 21016

Jim Sidel DCL 05/20500

Nielene Chand PSAC Rep

Jamey Mills REVP PSAC BC

Via Zoom :

Monica Racz Vice President VAC UNDE 21008

Danielle Dardengo UNDE 21011

Nicole Petrie, Guest DCL 05/20500

Barbara Richardson UTE 20028

Helena Cook CEIU 20975

Darcy Gasena UNDE 21008

Trish called the meeting to order at 1805 hours.

Trish delivered the Indigenous Opening.

Trish called for a motion to approve the agenda, one addition to add Resolutions

Mover: Jim Seconder: James all in favour, none opposed - passed

Trish- Previous AGM Minutes (Feb 2025) were sent out

Previous AGM Minutes Mover: Ian Seconder: Jim, all in favour, none opposed – passed

Trish gave a President's report, been a hard few years, especially now with WFA and RTO.

Looking to increase South Island Engagement, now in convention cycle , and going with the flow.

Ian gave a financial Report

Ian moved the member audited financials, Seconded by Monica

All in favour, none opposed – passed

Ian presented the Budget for 2026

Included in it were Solidarity Saturdays NVAC joint events, Indigenous events, and was approved by the REVP

Mover: Ian. Secunder: Jim. All in favour, none opposed – passed

Jamey on a call so will go onto resolutions till he is able to be back in room with us,

Trish

Resolution : Tax Credit for Transit Users

Mover: Ian Secunder: Monica, all in favour, none opposed – passed

Resolution: SA evidence kits

Mover; Jim. Secunder: James. All in favour, none opposed, passed

Trish- pausing Resolutions to resume elections with Jamey.

Jamey will be running the elections for Vice President and Scribe

They received a written nomination form for Monica nominated by William Cantwell and Seconded by Kelly Forsley.

Jamey thanked the previous Vice President and Scribe for all their work in the previous term.

Jamey called for nominations for Vice President 3 times with no other candidates, and Monica was acclaimed to the position of Vice President of the VAC.

Nominations for Scribe

Trish nominated Leanne Seconded by Ian

Jamey called for other candidates 3-times, no other candidates, and Leanne was acclaimed to the position of Scribe for the VAC.

PSAC oath taken by both Monica and Leanne. Congratulations on your Acclamations.

Discussion around the utmost disrespect of the RTO 4 days a week and WFA happening.

Jamey gave some PSAC updates including

10th anniversary of Phoenix- can call REVP's office to escalate claims

Damages ensuring, they are non-taxable, more compensation advisors, they work hard, try to get a public inquiry

Day Force – phoenix replacement not before 2032, Phoenix end of life for 10 years

RTO (return to office)

Sean Creamer member of the TC Bargaining team gave an update on Bargaining

Employer was unresponsive, there is a policy on that, want to remove the WFA from Collective Agreements, because it is in the NJC

UTE, PA and EB tables have declared Impasse

TC not there yet still fighting for other important issues,

The TC negotiator (employer side) has been totally remote for all the bargaining meetings.

Not willing to meet in person- lack of respect, only concessions in Employers offer, can read more in the notes sent out after each Bargaining Session.

Had a town hall reached capacity, lot more had registered

SV meet next on March 5

TC next meet on Feb 25

May be told go back to table after declaring impasse, could be a PIC. Employer will delay using all the processes available to them.

Trish Question Period had an MP talking to a rep from Service Canada, incorrect information, System paid every Canadian Incorrectly,

Shout out to Shawn from Monica for providing information to dental hygienists they got the information and appreciated it

Thanks Shawn

Trish -Back to Resolutions

Resolution Affordable Housing

Mover: James. Secunder Leanne. all in favour, none opposed – passed

Resolution Physicians Crisis in BC

Mover: Virginia. Secunder: James. all in favour, none opposed – passed

Resolution Expanding Mental Health Access Through Nurse Practitioners and Prescription Renewal Reform in British Columbia

Discussion around this

Mover: Ian. Secunder: Virginia. all in favour, none opposed – passed

Resolution Expanding Prescription Renewal in BC

Discussion around this

Can send resolutions direct to National Convention from Area Council

Mover: Virginia. Seconder: Leanne. all in favour, none opposed - passed

Resolution Addressing the Family Doctor Shortage through Team based Primary Care Models

Discussion around this

Mover: Jim. Seconder: Virginia. all in favour, none opposed – passed

Resolution A just Recovery...

Discussion around this

Mover: Jim. Seconder: Ian. all in favour, none opposed – passed

Resolution Increasing Area Council Funding

Discussion around this

Prices, inflation, line item, political arm of PSAC

Mover: James. Seconder: Virginia. all in favour, none opposed – passed

Resolution Maximum Hours Combined for Travel / Work/ Union Business Day

Discussion challenges of long travel days, traveling across country, leaving the island, entitled to 10 hours of rest in the PSAC travel policy

Mover: Monica Seconder: James all in favour, none opposed – passed

Trish Next Meeting may be a planning session in March

Round table

Island Human Right Training Virtual Anti Fascist training

Leanne- DTA cuts and WFA happening at same time at CBSA -WFA Thursday

Nielene provided dates for next WFA sessions

FEB 20, 24. March 9 check website for details

Trish Motion to Adjourn

Monica moved, none opposed, end 1925

