

Southern Interior Regional Women's Committee Meeting

Date: May 12, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM PT

Location: Video Conference

Quorum met

ATTENDEES (LOCAL):

Executive:

Ashley-Rae Snape (UTE 20026) Co-chair

Tamara Breitreitz (CEIU 20914) Co-chair

Members:

April Roberts (AGR 20043)

PSAC Staff:

Julie Diels-Neufeld

Call to Order

Tamara called the meeting to order at 6:04pm PT

- Tamara provided thoughtful land acknowledgment

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- **Motion:** Ashley-Rae Snape
- **Second:** April Roberts
- **Outcome:** passed

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM OCT 15, 2025

- Tabled

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ashley-Rae supplied update in treasurer's absence
- ValleyFirst Financial introduced new online banking system. Ashley-Rae logged on, the system indicated there would be a way to add other representatives. Follow-up expected.
- Current Balance \$2,389.64

OLD BUSINESS

- Blankets & Tracking Spreadsheet
 - o *Tamara agreed to work on this and will provide update at next meeting*

NEW BUSINESS

- PSAC BC Regional Convention Basket
 - o Reviewed call out and found no deadlines
 - o Area Council doing local goodies
 - o Idea discussed: Human Rights themed children's books
 - Members contributed ideas about books
 - Ashley-Rae will purchase

Motion: Ashley-Rae moves to spend up to \$200 on items to make a raffle basket for PSAC BC Regional Convention

- o April seconds

Women in Politics

- Tamara and Ashley-Rae met with Julie previously to discuss potential event; to invite female candidates running for REVP, Alternate REVP, and Woman's Coordinator to speak virtually and invite women from throughout the region to attend. Julie conferred with PSAC and it was determined that the event would not take place as it did not include all potential candidates for these roles.
- Alternate event discussed: Women in Political positions; invite women holding political office, union office, etc to discuss campaigning and holding such offices as women. This event did not need to happen prior to Regional Convention and is something we hope to offer this year.

SIRWC Social

- The Women's Committee plans to hold a social event in the fall to celebrate membership, share current initiatives, and potentially engage new members
- Discussed artist lead make-your-own projects like epoxy charcuterie boards, painting pottery, paint nights, Turkish lamps
- Depending on costs the committee may pay for members to attend or may cover a portion of the costs
- The committee would provide snacks and non-alcohol beverages
- The committee favours creating an event that is not alcohol centric and this will be considered when selecting venues
- Events will take place in Penticton & Kamloops; possibly on the same or similar dates
- The committee welcomes and offers support to members from other areas we serve wanting to do a similar event in their area

ROUND TABLE

- Ashley-Rae Snape attended NEC. Jaime Black-Morrisette
- April Roberts returned to work and is working through balancing life as a mother, worker, and union activist. Congratulations to Tamara and job well done as first time chair.
- Tamara is looking forward to first convention at PSAC BC Regional this month. Excited to see her resolution on the concurrence list. Attended Treasury Board Mobilization Summit and gathered some support for the resolution there.
- Julie; tomorrow deadline for virtual Grievance Handling Course. Young Workers call out; takes place in November, resolution deadline is June, registration applications are due at the end of May. Discussed upcoming events and learning opportunities (both with PSAC and outside labour partners/activists). Julie provided several helpful links.

Meeting adjourned 7pm

Next Meeting September 27, 2026