

PSAC BC BRUSH Committee Meeting October 30/2025



Virtual Zoom Meeting —
Chair: Tracy Arrowsmith
Call to Order at 1832

Roll call – see attached excel spreadsheet

First Name	Last Name	Local	Virtual / In-Person	
Nielene	Chand		Virtual	PSAC Staff
Tracy	Arrowsmith	UTE 20002	Virtual	BRUSH Co-Ordinator
Julie	Kelly	CIU 20045	Virtual	BRUSH Alternate
Karen	Parent	CEIU 20921	Virtual	Secretary
Alan	Otrosina	USJE 20141	Virtual	
Bert	Farwell	UCTE 20220	Virtual	
Barney	Hynes	UCTE 20232	Virtual	
Damian	Dorschner	UVAE 20035	Virtual	
Jas	Gill	CEIU 20903	Virtual	
Corena	Arlitt	UTE 20026	Virtual	
Curtis	Chan	UNE 20140	Virtual	
Kirsty	Havard	USJE 20091	Virtual	
Kaj	Stirler	UNDE 21011	Virtual	
Leanne	Hughes	CIU 20042	Virtual	
Maxwell	Gawlick	UNE 20089	Virtual	
Nicole	Petrie	DCL 20500	Virtual	
Petula	Maxwell	UNE 20150	Virtual	
Rachelle	Abbott	UNDE 21008	Virtual	

Ron	Cawthra	DCL 20500	Virtual
Sabrina	Kerr	CIU 20045	Virtual
Sharon	Cowie	UTE 20027	Virtual
Zita	Lambert	UTE 20007	Virtual

Regrets

Devin	Bagri	DCL 22000	
Monique	Bakker	UHEW 20147	
Ankit	Arora	CEIU 20910	
Laura	Wildly	USJE 20017	
Zoe	Johnston	USJE 20011	
Priscilla	Lam	UTE 20050	
Josh	Peterson	UNDE 21009	
Zita	Lambert	UTE 20007	
Jackie	Robertson	UTE 20028	Treasurer
Colin	Cheng	CIU 20040	
Marcelo	Lazaro	UNDE 21016	
Richard	May	UHEW	
Tracy	Zylyk	USJE 20011	
Trish	Martin	CEIU 20975	
Varsha	Raj	USJE 20017	

1. Territorial Acknowledgement – Tracy

2. Introduction of executive – Tracy, Julie and Karen in attendance

3. Moment of Silence for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job – mentioned 2 Prince George workers killed at a mine -mentioned Tom G Ryan (UNDE 21016) passed away

4. Accepting the Agenda

- 1 st – Bert
- 2 nd – Kirsty

5. Passing minutes – Passed 1st – Bert 2 - Kirsty

6. Treasurer Report -

- Savings account - \$5868.59 (no changes since July)

- There have been cheques issued for the AGM and for the speaker's fee for the Toxic seminar
- 1st – Tracy
- 2nd – Bert

7. Old Business

- Holistic nutritionist booking – was great – Thank you Julie
 - Few people brought up issues with validating the studies cited in the course
- Newsletter articles – need some volunteers
- Adhoc resolution committee – call out in early Jn for people willing to look at resolutions for the BC PSAC convention (which are due by Feb 20/2025)

8. New Business

- Health and Safety Conference Recap
 - resources that were shared at the conference will be sent out
 - issues from many people regarding flights and timing – Tracy to look into (perhaps an idea for a resolution)
 - Winter School -application forms are out
 - Barney has applied and been accepted and he is looking for sponsorship (cost \$2300 registration, \$3000 round trip travel and Barney will be taking vacation time to cover the missed days) -much discussion
- Motion: to sponsor Barney in the amount of \$1000 and request he bring a report back to BRUSH

1st – Alan

2nd – Marcelo

Amended to the motion made by karen to up the sponsorship to \$2300, 2nd by Julie – defeated

Motion to sponsor in the amount of \$1000 – passed

9. BC Federation of Labour Update – Tracy to attach

10. Regional council Update (October 2025)

- Advanced DTA is now a 3 day course
- Spring/Fall education (working on catching up from pandemic years)
- BC Fed Climate Change Presentation

- impacts on the economy
- Impacts on water (shortages/flood)

11. PSAC Update

Applications for the Equity Conference close tomorrow

12. Round table

Protein to the people (provide protein like peanut butter to people in need) is hosting a basket raffle and looking for donation or a basket in the \$300-\$320 range – see? Robert for more info

AGM to be announced for date

13. Adjournment @ 2002