

Okanagan Area Council meeting September 22, 2026, via Zoom

Attended: Ajay Anwal Chair (UTE 20026), Jeanne Olineck (CEIU 20914), Brigitte Willman (USJE 20069), Kelly Megyesi (CEIU 20972), Desiree Leichtfried (CEIU 20914), April Roberts (AGR 20043) Varinder Johal - PSAC BC Regional

Regrets: Ashley-Rae Snape (UTE 20026), Nadia Sokal (AGR 20043)

1) Welcome & Land Acknowledgement – Ajay

Attendees were invited to introduce themselves.

2) Agenda

- Approved as submitted m/Kelly, s/Brigitte, all in favour

3) Previous minutes

- Approved as submitted m/Kelly, s/Brigitte, all in favour

4) Treasurer report – Kelly

Moving three interim motions that were made between meetings to be entered into the record.

- Motion to provide Ashley-Rae with \$500 to offset her travel costs/expenses to attend CLC Facilitation training in November. Moved by Kelly, s/Brigitte. all in favour
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- Motion for \$500 for project called Penticton Building Communities to purchase supplies for those affected by Summerland fires. Moved by Kelly, s/Brigitte. all in favour
- Motion for up to \$500 for labour day event in Penticton through North Okanagan Labour District Council. Moved by Kelly, s/April. all in favour

Treasurer's Financial Report as of September 15, 2026.

Opening balance April 1	\$2594.65
Expenses: auditor thank you	\$54.90
service charges	\$10.00
convention basket	\$ 193.00
Income: PSAC funding	<u>\$2000.00</u>
Closing balance	\$4336.75

Report moved by Kelly, s/April. all in favour

5) Projects and Events

Labour day in Penticton

- There was a motion to spend up to \$500 on this event.
Our expenditures were \$185.68 for printing & buttons (\$22.97 for Nadia and \$137.69 for Kelly). Motion for reimbursements moved by Kelly. s/ April all in favour

Building Communities event in Penticton.

- Penticton Building Communities project put on hold and may be done at another time.
No expenditure at this time.

CLC Facilitation Training funding.

- Ashley withdrew request for funding for CLC course as she is no longer attending.

Cranbrook Training October 3-4, 2026

Tour of Ktunaxa Interpretive Centre located at the St. Eugene Golf Resort & Casino in Cranbrook, British Columbia. Training till 4:30 and centre closes at 5pm. Kelly made a motion to spend up to \$500 for area council activities (\$350 for tour and speaker plus possible elder gift and hospitality for members from the area), s/April all in favour

PSAC Mental Health Comedy Show on October 10 in Penticton

- Being held by the PSAC Circle Human Rights Committee
- [Share a laugh for mental health with the CIRCLE Human Rights Committee – PSAC British Columbia](#)
- Discounts for this event.

6) Resolutions to National PSAC Conference – discussion and debate. Three resolutions passed as found below;

ELIMINATION OF UNION-FUNDED ALCOHOL – Submitted by the PSAC Okanagan Area Council

WHEREAS the subsidization of alcohol at union events, including open bars, drink tickets, or hospitality suites, constitutes a non-essential expense with health and safety repercussions; and

WHEREAS purchasing alcohol is not a prudent use of member's dues; and

WHEREAS the culture around alcohol has shifted where sober spaces and events are becoming more common, encouraging inclusivity for those with addictions and those choosing not to partake; and

WHEREAS members on travel status receive per diem where they may choose to purchase alcohol:

BE IT RESOLVED that PSAC funds, outside of members per diems, shall not be used to purchase or subsidize alcohol at any union-sponsored events.

*Motion to submit this to PSAC National convention on behalf of this area council made by Kelly,
s/April. Passed Jeanne recorded against.*

**MANDATE TIME GIVEN FOR RESOLUTIONS DEBATE AT PSAC
EQUITY CONFERENCES - Submitted by the PSAC Okanagan Area
Council**

WHEREAS there is no statement in the PSAC constitution concerning the length of time for resolutions debate at equity conferences; and

WHEREAS resolutions debate is essential to the democratic process of the union: and

WHEREAS submitting and debating resolutions at PSAC National and Regional Equity Conference elevates the voices of equity-seeking groups to influence change in the union:

BE IT RESOLVED that the top 10 resolutions at a minimum must be debated at all PSAC National Equity Conferences

Motion to submit this to PSAC National convention on behalf of this area council made by April, s/Kelly. Passed unanimously

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WHEREAS there is no statement in the PSAC constitution concerning the length of time for resolutions debate at equity conferences; and

WHEREAS often not even the top 10 priority resolutions will make it to the floor, leaving the remaining resolutions without debate, which is essential to the democratic process; and

WHEREAS submitting and debating resolutions at Equity Conferences elevates the voices of equity-seeking groups to influence change in the union:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at least 1/4 of the time at all PSAC Equity Conferences are allotted to resolutions debate.

Motion to submit this to PSAC National convention on behalf of this area council made by April, s/Kelly. Passed unanimously

7) Roundtable

Kelly

- Jeanne and Kelly are leading the mobilization efforts for this region. Goal is to involve as many components as possible.

Jeanne

- Kudos to April for creating and putting the resolutions forward.
- Kudos to Ajay leading the meeting.
- More talk on mobilization.

Brigitte

- Mobilization – Brigitte reaching out to USJE Parole office in Kamloops
- Meet up in Kamloops on October 23rd after training.
- Election at November's meeting for candidate for PSAC National Conference. Consider this if you are interested in going.

April

- Overview of her involvement in the labour day event.

Ajay

- Jacob who has attended a few of our meetings applied for and was selected the Racialized Leadership Training.
- 42 members in the Summerland community were affected by fires this summer and wanted to acknowledge that they may need assistance and that the locals are there. There was also a fire in the Vernon/Fintry area. Be proactive in reaching out to assist? How can we ensure their voices are heard? Make sure they are supported during this life altering event.
 - Hardship fund to be considered.

Varinder

- Bargaining > PA/EV/TB back to table. FB still in negotiation. Asking members to send a pre-drafted letter to the government for not offering a fair contract.
- TUBS course available Talking Union Basics (TUB) (2 Days, in person) – Kamloops – PSAC British Columbia

Next meeting November 17, 2026, at 7 pm. Virtual via Zoom

Motion to adjourn m/Ajay s/Brigitte, All in favour