

PRC Conference Call
February 7, 2019

Attended: Sandra Ahenakew, Satinder Bains, Shannon Blum, Alec Goertzen, Sheilagh Hanson, Tim Hubick, Valerie Illingworth, Evelyn Jackson, Frank Janz, Glen Johnston, Deb Kosteniuk, Stasi L'Hirondelle (partial), Michelle Lang, Christopher Little-Gagne, Krysty Thomas, Wanda Quennell, Michael Weisgerber, Pennie Young, Marianne Hladun

Staff: Lisa Garnier, Thomas Linner, Alison Davis

Regrets: Glenn Hollyoake, Gus Mardli, Kristy Slattery

Absent: Phillip Chan, Dragana Ristivojevic

Call to order: Call to order by Marianne Hladun at 6:38 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Bargaining Update – submitted by Marianne Hladun
2. Committee/council reporting – submitted by Marianne Hladun
3. Political action network and strategy – submitted by Marianne Hladun
4. Alberta provincial election – submitted by Marianne Hladun
5. Federal election – submitted by Marianne Hladun
6. Roundtable

Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

m/s Michelle Lang Krysty Thomas

MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Item # 1 – Phoenix Update

- Four TB tables declared impasse and government challenged. The ruling was based on submissions submitted. Unfortunately, less than two weeks ago the Board sided with the employer. Need to go back to the bargaining table. All four tables back to bargaining table next week. NSCC set for Friday at noon. Not continuing with Common Issues table.
- Third week of January UTE declared impasse and believe a PIC is being set up. They have been at the table several times. Parks has one round

done, CFIA has scheduled dates and FB's have bargaining demands prepared but no dates as of yet.

- February 28, 2019 will be a Day of Action in the NCR. Each Component has committed to sending 50 members to the event. It will not be a national day of action.
- Two weeks following the 28th MP's are home and members should try to arrange meetings with their MP's.
- RSCC's would become strike committees. Reps have struggled to get representatives from each Local and Regional Reps have been reaching out to each Local directly. This has been discussed with the National Officers.
- Michelle Lang advises that there will be bargaining at the casino in later February. Sr. Hladun advises she will be there for it.
- Provincial bargaining – no critical dates at this point. Still working on Deer Lodge with the Local and the Component and don't know if we will still represent them. Their agreement expired in 2016. May need PRC to advocate.
- Port of Churchill – no agreement since closed down in 2016. Was just there with negotiator and RVP and met with the new employer.

Agenda Item # 2 – Committee/council reporting

- Deadline is March 15th to be received in the REVP office. A scan is good as all RO's have that capability. No paper copy needs to be mailed. The updated package with finance committee changes was sent out by the RO's and sent directly to the PRC. Br. Goertzen advises that if there are any questions to please contact any member of the Finance Committee.
- Area Councils should not overload their upcoming yearly budgets with too many things as there will be lots of work leading up to the election.
- Br. Goertzen asked where the money for the federal election will come from and where money for the Alberta election will come from? Sr. Hladun advises that the federal election funds will come from National or regional political action. The Alberta election funds will likely come from HQ. The plan is to work with the AFL as the Alberta Elections Act is very restricted. She has submitted a funding request to Ottawa but has no answer as of yet.

Agenda Item # 3 – Political action network and strategy

- Follow up from the political action training. Thank you to everyone as it was short notice. Br. Linner has an email list of all attendees that will become our network. If there are others who want their name added, please have them contact Thomas.
- We will be doing a webinar on political rights.
- Encourage AC's to build recruitment into their strategy (budget).

Agenda Item # 4 –Alberta provincial election

- There is a commitment from National to help out.
- Cannot make donations to parties or candidates.
- As mentioned in agenda item # 2 will be working with the AFL.
- Sr. Thomas encourages the engagement of District Labour Councils.

Agenda Item # 5 – Federal election

- Not much to tell you yet, the strategy document is going to the NBoD on Tuesday of next week. It will be a different type of campaign about respecting bargaining.
- Will be targeting ridings where a Conservative may take a Liberal seat. All still yet to be determined.
- Sr. Hladun will circulate the strategy document.
- AC's should look at planning for phone banks, town halls and should identify priority/targeted ridings where some extra resources could be put in. Please discuss this at upcoming Area Council meetings.

Roundtable:

- Sr. Lisa Garnier asks for feedback on including a new clause in acceptance emails for education that advises that if they are a no show, that may impact their registration for future courses. The RO's have seen no shows happening regularly and Sr. Garnier would like PRC feedback. **Action:** The Education Committee will look at this and bring back to the PRC. Sr. Ahenakew will try and set up a conference call as soon as possible for the committee.
- Sr. Thomas is wondering if any additional Here for Canada swag will be sent out? Sr. Hladun advises that she doesn't know and will get back to the group.
- Sr. Davis is sending more Phoenix t-shirts to the RO's next week.
- Sr. Kosteniuk would like to see the deadline to send in Committee Terms of Reference to be the same as the financial reporting date of March 15th. All terms of reference and bylaws will be submitted with the reporting packages and Sr. Davis will pull them out and scan them as one document to Br. Weisgerber.
- Br. Goertzen asks for an update on the Phoenix expos. Sr. Hladun advised that PSAC is encouraging members to participate but it is an employer event and we were not consulted and she has not heard much feedback on it.
- Sr. Illingworth asks for confirmation on travel dates for the May PRC meeting. Sr. Hladun advises travel on May 23rd and return travel on May 26 or 27th depending on flight.

- Sr. Hladun advises that another official PRC conference call will be scheduled for May to clear up some business prior to the May meeting. She is hoping that PRC will help Br. Janz with the decoration of the float.
- Sr. Hladun will be visiting each RO area in the next couple of months. Dates will be sent out once they are decided.

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

m/s Deb Kosteniuk Pennie Young

MOTION CARRIED.