

**Prairie Region Council
Official Call Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022 via Zoom
7 pm MB, 6 pm SK/AB**

PRESENT :

Marianne Hladun, REVP Prairies
Neha Channan, Young Workers Rep
Kathy Ajram, Racially Visible Person Rep
Tim Hubick, Persons with Disability Rep
Sherry Hunt, Regional Womens Committees Rep
Janette Husak, Indigenous Peoples Rep (till 745 pm)
Michelle Lang, Directly Chartered Local Rep
Stasi L'Hirondelle, Northern Alberta Geographical Rep
Danielle Poissant, Southern Alberta Geographical Rep (till 745)
Steve Sukhbir, LGBTQ2+ Persons Rep
Krysty Thomas, Alternate REVP-Prairies
Michael Weisgerber, North-West Manitoba Geographical Rep
Brea Baresinkoff, Southern Saskatchewan Geographical Rep
Lisa Garnier, Regional Coordinator-Prairies
Brienne Goertzen, Regional Political Communication Officer-Prairies
Vanessa Hruska, Interim Executive Assistant to REVP Prairies

Observer:

Alex Creamer, Calgary Area Council President

Guests:

Colette St-Onge and Nat Madison, Point Blank Creative

1. The meeting was called to order by Marianne Hladun at 7:07 pm MB time.
2. Point Blank Creative, Colette and Nat introduce themselves. Colette provided an overview of the Prairies Campaign including key findings learned to date and timelines of each phase.

Discussion:

- Members will receive a call with a recording from Marianne encouraging them to participate in the membership survey followed by an email from Stratcom with a link to complete the survey. We will also be putting out a special e-news so members know the survey is legitimate and not spam.

- We have a diverse membership in the prairies. We are looking for things that are common that build that sense “yes”, these are my people, this is my community, I belong here.
- We are looking for equal representation in six different geographic slices, three provinces and the urban/rural split between each. We are looking at demographic criteria including age and use an algorithm to determine gender based on names. We will not close the survey unless we have sampling from the three provinces and a good demographic mix.
- We will not be putting out a public link to complete the survey so that we can ensure only PSAC Prairies members are completing the survey.
- Self-id is included in the survey so that we can ensure we have good representation.

3. Oath of Office

- Conducted for Kathy Ajram and Brea Baresinkoff.

4. PRC Minutes 9 – 11 Feb 2022

m/s Krysty Thomas / Tim Hubick
 Abstained Kathy Ajram / Brea Baresinkoff

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5. Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee met with the auditors. Krysty provided a current snapshot of where we were at the end of the fiscal year for finances,

2021 Audited Financial Statement

m/s Krysty Thomas / Michael Weisgerber
 RECORDED VOTE – APPENDIX C

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Action Item

Due to a glitch, Q1 Financial Statement is not reconciled and will have to go back to Finance Committee for the next meeting

6. Reports from Standing Committee:

a. Bylaw Committee:

Michelle Lang selected as Chair. Nothing further to update at this time.

- b. Communication Committee:
Nothing new to report. PRC newsletter did go out and it's on our Instagram link.
- c. Education Committee:
Nothing to report. Committee has not met.
- d. Health and Safety Committee:
Michelle Lang selected as Component/DCL Co-Chair. Nothing new to report.

7. Update on Committee Budgets and Reporting Packages:

We received most reporting packages. The Finance Committee met to review. Committees will be set up on an electronic deposit. We may start with a \$5.00 deposit and once we get confirmation money is in the account, we will deposit full amounts. This will be in the next few days.

8. National Public Service Week:

Boycott or not boycott. We had a discussion at the NBoD meeting and no decision yet. There is an AEC update Monday and if no formal notice is received prior, Marianne will ask again.

9. Next PRC Call:

Normally PRC does not meet in July or August, but it might be useful to set a date in July. We will have to do resolutions for Convention 2023 at our September PRC meeting. Recognizing people are on holidays please let us know some dates so we can find common ground to do a call.

10. September 15-17, 2022 PRC meeting will be in person at the Delta Hotel. We will need to discuss resolutions and timelines for the 2023 convention.

- Reminder to Education and Communications Committees that resolutions from the 2021 convention were assigned to your committees for actions.
- All PRC committees have to review their committee terms of reference and submit them to the PRC for ratification. We have been unable to locate terms of reference for the Education Committee.

11. TB Mobilization Summits are scheduled for next week. MB locals in Tues., SK locals on Wed. and AB on Thurs. In person summits were moved to virtual due to COVID.

12. Round Table:

Marianne Hladun:

Please advise if you are waiting for an email reply.

For those who are delegates to the National Convention, the Prairies Caucus is at 1:00 pm EST for 1.5 hrs. All delegates and observers registered will receive bandanas with a reminder of caucus by mail. During the caucus, delegates can discuss any resolutions and we will also highlight resolutions passed at the Prairie Region Convention.

Brianne Goertzen

Please tag us in your social media posts if you are attending National Convention. We would like to reshare and retweet all your messages and make a virtual community online. If you haven't followed us, it's @psacprairies.

Steve Sukhbir:

Locals are not getting messages out from the executive to the membership.
- this is one of the reasons for the Prairies campaign. Once members are engaged, they will expect more from their locals.

Stasi L'Hirondelle:

Members pulling away from union because of union stance of COVID and mandatory vaccinations.

Neha Channan:

Accepted an excluded position in her workplace and will be resigning effective today. Alex will be the new Young Worker Representative. Neha thanked everyone for their support and Welcomed Alex to PRC.

Marianne Hladun:

Accepted Neha Channan's resignation. Marianne thanked Neha for her time and participation with PRC and invited Alex to introduce himself.

Alex Creamer:

Started with the Public Service since 2012 and has been involved with the union in some aspect since. Currently Alex is the local president for Calgary Parole Office and Chair of the recently reformed Calgary Area Council. Alex attended the TB Bargaining Conference and Prairie Region Convention, where he was elected Alternate Young Worker Rep. This will be his only offering for this position as he will reach the age limit prior to the next convention.

Marianne Hladun:

Applications are open for the Young Worker Conference on the website and social media and closes on May. If you know young workers 35 and under who are interested, please encourage them to apply. It is in person, but we may be offering a virtual option. We are checking technology to see if that is going to be an option.

Committee work is left to you to complete it, please let us know if you need anything such as links etc.

Action Item:

Vanessa Hruska to send PRC an updated contact list.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:42 pm.**

m/s Brea Baresinkoff / Tim Hubick

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