

WINNIPEG AREA COUNCIL (WAC)
Annual General Meeting Minutes
07 February 2023

Attendance:

Gus Mardli AGR - Chair

Yvonne Hein AGR

Karine Drobko CEIU

Faye Kingyens UHEW

Jamie Bonner UHEW

Dana Lee Armstrong UHEW

Mona Simcoe UNDE – Secretary/Treasurer

Nestor Galarnyk USJE – Vice Chair

Kyle Berry UTE

Nicole Papineau UVAE

PSAC Rep/technical Advisor for the WAC Ted Klassen,

PSAC Rep Tracy Thor

Call to Order – 5:40

Land Acknowledgment –read by Gus Mardli

In this region we work and live on Treaty 1 land, in the traditional territory of Annishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

We are dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Reconciliation and Treaty 1 is honoured and respected. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

PSAC Statement on Harassment - read by Gus Mardli

If you experience harassment at this event contact Ted Klassen PSAC Rep for WAC

Roundtable introductions

Adoption of Agenda

Motion Mona Simcoe/Faye Kingyens

Approval of last AGM Minutes

22 Feb 2022 Minutes circulated and posted on PSAC Web page

Motion Mona Simcoe/Nestor Galarnyk

14 Mar 2022 Minutes circulated and posted on PSAC Web page

Motion Mona Simcoe/Nestor Galarnyk

Treasurer’s Report – Mona Simcoe

Bank balance \$1,122.35 for end of Jan 2023

Bank Statement printed for the year showing no transactions.

Annual Report/Budget need to be prepared before March deadline

Motion Mona Simcoe/Faye Kingyens

Reports

Chair’s Report- Gus Mardli

It has been a difficult three years with COVID, challenge for engagement of members.

We have lots of work to do and this is a new year to move forward.

Please bring a friend when you come to the next meeting.

Quorum for meetings as per WAC Bylaw 5 Section 2 is 3 executive members and a minimum of 1 delegate from the affiliated bodies. Bylaws are posted on the web site

Mona/Faye thanked Gus for his time as WAC chair

Winnipeg Regional Women's Committee Update -

Winnipeg & Area Human Rights Committee Update – Tracy Thor

Meeting is scheduled for 13 Feb. This committee will participate in the Pride Parade and is requesting WAC and WRWC support with this event.

Winnipeg Regional Women's Committee (WRWC) Update – Nicole Papineau

Please check the Calendar of Events for our committee. It show what is planned for the year and what has been accomplished to date. The WRWC has a Facebook page to stay connected to members and post anything relevant or of interest to women. March 18 there will be a Non-violent Crisis Intervention Workshop. It will be open first to WRWC members as there is only 15 spots available.

Bargaining Updates – Ted Klassen

PSAC has strike vote training sessions and members are encouraged to participate.

TB PIC and Strike vote information is all on the PSAC web site under Bargaining.

It is important that locals ensure their members contact information is up to date. U-Link training is available update contact information directly to the membership information of PSAC.

PSAC Regional Rep Update – Ted Klassen

Ted introduced himself as the WAC new PSAC rep.

Election of Winnipeg Area Council Executive

Chair

Nestor Galarnyk nominated by Mona Simcoe/Gus Mardli

Gus Mardli nominated by Kyle Berry/Karine Drobko

Gus Mardli declined **Nestor Galarnyk by acclimation elected Chair**

Vice Chair

Kyle Berry nominated by Mona Simcoe/Yvonne Hein

Kyle Berry by acclimation elected Vice-Chair

Secretary

Mona Simcoe nominated by Faye Kingyens/Jamie Bonner

Mona Simcoe by acclimation elected Secretary

Treasurer

Karine Drobko nominated by Yvonne Hein/Kyle Berry

Gus Mardli nominated by Faye Kingyens/Jamie Bonner

Gus Mardli declined **Karine Drobko by acclimation elected Treasurer**

Signing Authorities

The signing authorities for the bank account at Assiniboine Credit Union will be any two of the three executive members (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer) consisting of the Chair-Nestor Galarynk, Vice Chair-Kyle Berry, and Treasurer-Karine Drobko.

WAC Previous Business

Prairies Area Council Representatives – Phoenix Meetings 19 Jan/2 Feb 23

This committee was formed from members of the Area Councils across the prairies. Feb 28 will be 8 years of Phoenix and this committee would like to investigate a national enquiry into the Phoenix pay system.

PSAC is not planning on any actions as the bargaining and strike votes are taking priority. Our PSAC Wpg reps are also tasked with strike votes and therefore their time is also limited.

It was decided by consensus that the WAC will participate in a day of Action at 17 Wing Wpg Whyteford gate at 12pm offering pizza or hotdogs. The Phoenix banner and signs will be available. WAC will then plan a lobby campaign and have members book a time with their MP and go as a delegation. This is a more targeted approach and will include members in each riding. With the elections in the fall this should raise attention. Mona will work on the MP campaign dates with Ted to organize from now till sept.

WAC New Business:

Annual Report 2022 is almost completed and due 15 Mar 23

Budget Approval 2023 is due 15 Mar 23

Budget presented and following changes made.

Line 14 will be changed to Phoenix MP Lobby Meetings

Line 18 Manitoba Election should read 1250.00

Motion to approve budget 2023 as corrected. Motion Mona Simcoe/Kyle Berry

Reminders/Notes/Activities/Updates

Feb 07 – AGM

Feb 28 – Phoenix Pay Day Picket – 17 Wing Wpg at 12:00 pm

May 02 – Mtg Theme political action/mtg with MP's

Jun 04 – Pride Parade support WHRC

Jun 18 – Manitoba Marathon tent - Budget \$100

Sep 04 – Labour Day tent – Budget \$250

Sep 12 – Mtg Theme Elections-forum

Oct 06 – Manitoba Election – Budget \$1250

Nov 11 – Wreath presentation – Budget \$150

Nov 13 – Budget Mtg

Pay Day Lobby 1st pay day of month with MP's - Budget \$500

Mar 15 – Phoenix Pay Day Picket

Apr 12 – Phoenix Pay Day Picket

May 10 – Phoenix Pay Day Picket

Jun 07 – Phoenix Pay Day Picket

Sep 13 – Phoenix Pay Day Picket

Round table

Bargaining Support Photo-Ted will circulate on the PSAC Facebook site

Oath of Office

Given by PSAC Rep Ted Klassen to Nestor Galarnyk, Kyle Berry, Mona Simcoe, Karine Drobko

Next meeting date

May 02 Hybrid

Adjournment

Kyle Berry

Signature

Nestor Galarnyk
Area Council Chair

Mona Simcoe
Area Council Secretary

