

WINNIPEG AREA COUNCIL (WAC)
General Meeting Minutes
02 August 2023

Attendance:

Gus Mardli AGR

Simon Baer AGR

Mark Gautron AGR

Karine Drobko CEIU - Treasurer

Craig Adolphe CEIU

Jacquelynn Sharman CEIU

Phanie Koncan CEIU

Carl Gohl CEIU

Keri D'Avignon CEIU

Jude Mekwunye CEIU

Thai Lam, CEIU

Craig Kremer, CEIU

Mona Simcoe UNDE - Secretary

Raelene Ostash UNE

Angel Chartrand UNE

Colleen Mazurat UNE

Sylva Eudes Tanga, UNE

Nestor Galarnyk USJE - Chair

Nicolas Pawlak USJE

Kyle Berry UTE – Vice Chair

Tanya McClory UTE

Ayokurle Ojo UTE

Khalid Ahmad UTE

Susan Tsai UTE

Imranjit Pandher, UTE

PSAC REVP Marianne Hladun

PSAC Rep/technical Advisor for the WAC Ted Klassen

Call to Order – 5:40

Land Acknowledgment –read by Nestor.

In this region we work and live on Treaty 1 land, in the traditional territory of Anishinaabe, 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 Kyle.

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

Roundtable introductions

Adoption of Agenda

Motion Mark Gautron/Kyle Berry

Approval of last AGM Minutes

18 May 2023 Minutes circulated and posted on PSAC Web page.

Motion Mona Simcoe/Nestor Galarnyk

Treasurer's Report – Karine Drobko

Bank balance \$1,339.97

Proposed budget was approved, and reimbursements made.

Access to online statements is needed by treasurer.

Motion Karine Drobko/Kyle Berry

Prairie Regional Council Update – Gus Mardli

Virtual meeting on 06 Jul 23 which included orientation for the elected council.

PRC Southern Manitoba Rep is Gus Mardli. DCL's rep Michelle Lang. Separate Employers rep Amanda Wakeford. All standing committees and members of the PRC can be found on the web site. There is a PRC Handbook available on the web site.

The next PRC meeting is 29 August if WAC has any agenda items.

Outstanding resolutions that dealt with PRC business have been assigned to the appropriate committee.

Regionally PRC will determine a time to debrief from national strike.

REVP will contact AEC regarding where members should be directed when facing issues with PSHCP.

Winnipeg & Area Human Rights Committee Update – Khalid Ahmad

Supported Pride Parade. Thankyou to staff for all their work. Event went well was a positive experience.

Next meeting is 12 September.

Winnipeg Regional Women's Committee Update – Mona Simcoe

Please check the Calendar of Events for committee. It shows 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. Supporting Pride Parade with Human Rights Committee.

Next meeting is 11 September.

Winnipeg Young Workers Update – Wyatt Delbridge

Next mtg TBA encouraging engagement from locals and components.

Bargaining Updates – Ted Klassen

PSAC Regional Rep Update – Ted Klassen

Resolutions for 2024 PSAC National Convention

Deadline is 29 Sep 2023. Marianne gave a brief on what resolutions can be submitted and offered to review any with suggestions. Some ideas discussed were membership allocations – self identifying, accountability from PSAC to provide info, membership allocations flawed, holding employers accountable to resolve grievances. No timeline for final level grievances in the legislation. Lobby the government to change this legislation. Sub-committee to be set up to write any resolutions brought forward. The following members have volunteered Valerie Towers, Nicholas Paulak, Craig Adolphe, Keri D’Avignon, Nestor Galarnyk.

Labour Day 4 Sep 2023

Sponsored by Winnipeg Labour Council starting at 3:00 with PSAC marshaling point. Ted will have banners/flags available.

MFL Political Action Convention update – Kyle/Karine

Karine – first time attending an MFL event, and it was very interesting. Polls show NDP in the lead with priorities being nursing, health care, and cost of living. Learned about P3s within the school system and the issues. Attended two workshops – areas and trends that happen with voting and targeting swing areas.

Kyle – First MFL conference and great learning experience on how politically involved the MFL is. Workshop on analytics and data for showing different issues and perspectives.

Marianne – it was great to send folks. We have members that work provincially. Bill 28 by Pallister created many issues. Health care in the province is an embarrassment. We can’t do much work politically, but we can talk to members.

Manitoba Provincial Election 06 October

MFL takes the lead on elections and WAC will help out where needed. MFL is NDP. We can do phone banks, town halls, and candidates forums. Sep 20 Marianne is door knocking and members are welcome to join. Key is educating members of candidates so they can make informed decisions when voting.

Phoenix

Members are encouraged to lobby their MPs on Sep 13 pay day regarding Phoenix and to inform PSAC regional office to create a lobby event.

Reminders/Notes/Activities/Updates

Sep 04 – Labour Day tent – Budget \$250

Sep 19 – WAC meeting

Oct 06 – Manitoba Election – Budget \$1250

Nov 11 – Wreath presentation – Budget \$150

Nov 13 – Budget Mtg

Pay Day Lobby 1st pay day of month lobby MP’s

Round table

Marianne - MGEU will be at the legislature 03 Aug at 12 noon. PSAC will be there to support their strike efforts.

Keri – Red Dress campaign and MMI2S license plates to support cause. It was suggested to bring these ideas forward to the WRHR committee on 12 Sept.

Next meeting date

19 Sept

Adjournment

Kyle Berry

Nestor Galarynk
Area Council Chair

Mona Simcoe
Area Council Secretary