

WINNIPEG AREA COUNCIL (WAC)
General Meeting Minutes
6 November 2023

Attendance:

Simon Baer AGR
Seth Baker AGR
Tetang Sessingnong AGR
Yvonne Hein AGR
Debbie Leaman AGR
Karine Drobko CEIU - Treasurer
Craig Adolphe CEIU
Carl Gohl CEIU
Thai Lam, CEIU
Wyatt Delbridge CEIU – YW Chair
Curtis Dubar UHEW
Mona Simcoe UNDE – Secretary
Cristina Esposito UNDE
Cheryl DuBree UNE
Helene Seradilla UNE
Nestor Galarnyk USJE - Chair
Kyle Berry UTE – Vice Chair
Nicole Papineau – UVAE – WRWC Chair
PSAC Rep/technical Advisor for the WAC Ted Klassen

Call to Order – Pizza dinner 5:30 Meeting 6:02pm

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

Voting is two per component local – voting members identified

Adoption of Agenda

Motion Nestor Galarnyk/Kyle Berry

Approval of Minutes

02 August 2023 Minutes as circulated

Motion Mona Simcoe/Karine Drobko

19 September 2023 Special Meeting Minutes for Resolutions not completed yet

Treasurer’s Report – Karine Drobko

Bank balance \$1,302.53

Proposed budget was approved, and reimbursements made.

Motion Karine Drobko/Cristina Esposito

Prairie Regional Council Update – Gus Mardli

No report

Winnipeg & Area Human Rights Committee Update – Kyle Berry for Khalid Ahmad Chair

Last meeting was a video presentation on the Israel-Palestine conflict. It was an informative video on the Palestine approach. Next meeting is 27 November. Discussion will be on the Ukraine conflict/war. Holodomor Memorial Day is November 24 (4th Saturday of November) The Holodomor, also known as the Great Ukrainian Famine, was a man-made famine in Soviet Ukraine from 1932 to 1933 that killed millions of Ukrainians.

Winnipeg Regional Women’s Committee Update – Nicole Papineau Chair

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.

Winter Wear Drive – West Central Women’s Resource Centre

Collecting of new or gently used items or money to support this drive.

Christmas Hamper Drive Donations – North Point Douglas Women’s Centre

Collecting items such as toys, adult gifts, food hamper to support this drive.

If you wish to help support these drives, contact Nicole for more info.

Next meeting is 22 November

Winnipeg Young Workers Update – Wyatt Delbridge Chair

29 November event to learn about the union encouraging engagement from locals and components. Working on the networking and mandate of the YW committee.

Bargaining Updates – Ted Klassen

PSAC Regional Rep Update – Ted Klassen

Resolutions for 2024 PSAC National Convention

Special meeting was held on 19 September which approved 4 resolutions to be moved forward by deadline which was 29 Sep 2023.

Remembrance Day Wreath – Nestor

Nestor will purchase wreath and Nicole will present it at the Convention Centre ceremony.

Labour Day March update – Nestor

Approximately 20 PSAC members were in attendance. The march ended at the museum which was giving out free admissions and water to those in attendance.

Santa Clause Parade – Nestor

November 18 at 5:00pm. Free parking for participants. Meet at Main Street between York and Portage. This will be a March not a float. Dress for weather and walking. Candies will be purchased. Members to dress “festive.” Ideas were as gift boxes with big bows or garland and twinkle lights. Ted will ensure an email is send out with instructions to the membership for participants.

Area Council Delegates to PSAC National Triennial Convention 2024 – May 26-31

Delegate

Kyle Berry nominated Karine Drobko seconded Wyatt Delbridge

Nestor Galarnyk nominated Mona Simcoe seconded Nicole Papineau

Karine Drobko nominated Kyle Berry seconded Carl Gohl

Delegate Nestor Galarnyk

1st Alternate

Karine Drobko nominated Kyle Berry seconded Nicole Papineau

Kyle Berry nominated Wyatt Delbridge seconded Karine Drobko

Kyle Declined **1st Alternate** Karine Drobko by acclimation.

2nd Delegate

Kyle Berry nominated Karine Drobko seconded Nicole Papineau

2nd Delegate Kyle Berry by acclimation

Motion to destroy ballots Mona Simcoe/Craig Adolphe

Budget 2024

Area Council AGM is Feb 13, 2024. Any budget items will be motioned at this meeting.

Elections and Audited Treasurer's report will also be on Agenda.

Next meeting date

13 February 2024

Adjournment

Kyle Berry

Nestor Galarnyk
Area Council Chair

Mona Simcoe
Area Council Secretary