

WINNIPEG AREA COUNCIL MEETING - 2025-09-16

In attendance:

Kyle Berry (Chair) – UTE 50021

Wyatt Delbridge (Vice Chair) – CEIU 50005

Karine Drobko (Treasurer) – CEIU 50770

Christian Boulley (Secretary) – CEIU 50767

Alea Elliott – CEIU 50757

Angelique Parajas -- Ag Union 50071 – Treasurer for Young Worker’s Committee

Cass Barbour – USJE 50015

Craig Kremer – CEIU 50772

Cristin Esposito – Ag Union 50071

Cheryl DuBree – UNE 50235

Debbie Leaman – Ag Union 50073

Erin Johnston-Weiss – UNE 50235 – Human Rights Council Representative

Nestor Galarnyk – USJE 50027

Teresa Tremblay – CEIU 50772 – Chair of Winnipeg Region Women’s Committee

Tetang Sessingnong – UTE 40003

Kristin Bowler, PRC Rep

Tracy Thor – PSAC Regional Rep

1. Call to order

2. Land Acknowledgment – Kyle B

3. PSAC Statement on Harassment – Kyle B

4. Round introductions

5. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Kyle B, seconded by Cass B, passed unanimously.

6. Approval of April 10, 2025 Minutes

Moved by Christian, seconded by Wyatt. Passes unanimously.

7. Winnipeg Human Rights Committee Report – Erin J-W

Committee was able to establish an account with ASU and create a budget. Members of the committee marched in the Pride parade, gave out candy, and also participated in Rally for Trans Rights that took place day before Pride. The date for the committee's next meeting has not yet been set.

8. Winnipeg Women's Committee Report – Teresa T

Fourteen members attended recent hybrid meeting (which took place yesterday). Committee participated in a patrol with Mama Bear Clan in June: members walked around community, handed out sandwiches and snacks—a very positive experience. Upcoming events: Main Street Project's Socktober, distributing socks to the community; also discussed a possible event with Mama Bear Clan for Halloween. The committee now has a Facebook page: PSAC Winnipeg Regional Women's Committee.

9. Winnipeg Young Workers Committee Report – Angelique P

The Young Worker's Committee also participated in the Pride parade. Unfortunately, the committee is not in good standing currently, but hope to get there. The committee's next meeting is 2025-10-07.

10. PRC Report – Kristin B

Gus unfortunately decided to step down; Kristin, as alternate, has stepped in. Next PRC meeting is in November. Kyle shared his experiences from the PRC meeting in August, and reminded everyone that the Prairie Triennial Convention is taking place in June 2026.

11. Treasurer Report – Karine D

No activity or transactions at all since we last met. Report is moved by Karine D, seconded by Christian B, passes unanimously.

12. Labour Day Event – Kyle B

Held at Memorial Park, WAC executive attended; executive set up PSAC tent beside CUPE MB and Steelworker's union tents. There was food, a bouncy castle, a dunk tank, games, and a game of tug-o-war against both CUPE and UNIFOR, both of which PSAC won. WAC gave out a lot of PSAC swag. Suggestion from Kyle is to hand out more hats next year, as they were popular and the PSAC office has a great number of them. Provided information on PSAC to a variety of other union members and other members of the community.

13. November 11 – Remembrance Day – Kyle B

Wreath is stored in PSAC Regional Office. Kyle and Nestor will speak with Nicole Papineau and will report back re: location for this year. Discussion of wreath-laying protocol.

14. Resolutions Deadline for Prairie Tri-Annual Convention

Kyle attended PRC meeting August 22nd to 24th as an observer. Convention callout will be going out November 4th, updated bulletin in January, another in February and another in March. In March, launch of Prairie Voice Awards. Deadline for receipt of resolutions is January 23rd 2026. Members interested in presenting resolutions for submission should aim to have them ready by late December to allow time for submission—we will have to have WAC meeting in early January. At that meeting, we will also need to determine who the WAC delegate to the Prairie Triennial convention will be. The resolutions committee will be meeting Feb 6th to 8th. Deadline for final resolutions and formatting to REVP must be done by March 12th.

15. November Fun Event – Kyle B

Debbie L suggests that it would be good to have all the PSAC committees get together and go bowling or a similar event; Area Council could invite committees and ask them to invite members. Alea E suggests a trivia night. Discussion of potential locations for a trivia night. Karine D suggests a pub instead of, for example, the regional office. Alea suggests Smitty's, on Wings Night, and that those who don't already have a team get assigned to a team to help those who might not know many people. Cass B comments that we should be sure not to hold this during the National Women's Conference (November 21st-23rd). Wyatt suggests creating teams based on component so that the components can compete against each other. Discussion of whether we would create trivia ourselves or go somewhere that already does trivia. Wyatt suggests that if we have enough

people, we might be looking at renting an establishment. Cristin suggests we consider taking cues from PSAC meet and greet (taking place tomorrow) for future events. Cristin and Wyatt will both be attending this event and will report back. Kyle states he will reach out to chairs of each committee to discuss combined event. Tracy brings up potential budget issues that might arise from renting a space for such an event; Kyle states that he has spoken with Marianne and she stated that she would be lenient re: use of budget for something beyond the WAC's scope, since event would be used for member engagement. Kyle stated that Marianne requires that we submit a budget for the event beforehand in order to receive approval.

16. Next Meeting Date

Kyle proposes virtual meeting for November, then in-person meeting in January, and AGM in February. November meeting will be 2025-11-26 at 7pm CT.

17. Roundtable

Christian B asks if there are resources for member who want help writing a resolution. Tracy advises of resolution writing training taking place at end of October; info available on PSAC website.

Wyatt D brings up the Winnipeg City Council By-election October 25th in Elmwood East Kildonan: the Winnipeg Labour Council has endorsed Carmen Prefontaine.

18. Adjournment

Meeting concluded at 7:02pm.