

Winnipeg Area Council General Meeting

2026-02-17 (Hybrid)

In attendance :

Kyle Berry (Chair) – UTE 50021

Wyatt Delbridge (Vice Chair) – CEIU 50005

Karine Drobko (Treasurer) – CEIU 50770

Christian Boulley (Secretary) – CEIU 50767

Angelique Parajas – AGR 50071

Crag Kremer – CEIU 50072

Helene Seradilla – UNE 50262

Joshua Crellin – AGR 50071

Lisa Brown-Alexander – UTE 50021

Maureen Dawson – CEIU 50770

Nestor Galarnyk – USJE 50027

Cristina Esposito – UNDE 50705

Debbie Leaman – AGR 50073

Dana Whitehill – UTE 50021

Kristin Bowler – AGR 50071, PRC Representative

PSAC Regional Representative

- 1. Call to Order – 6 :07pm CT**
- 2. Land acknowledgement – Kristin Bowler**
- 3. PSAC Statement on Harassment – Kyle**
- 4. Introductions**
- 5. Adoption of Agenda**
 - a. Christian moves, Christina seconds
Agenda adopted unanimously
- 6. Minutes Approval**
 - a. Christian moves, Kyle seconds
Minutes approved unanimously
- 7. Human Rights Committee report – Debbie Leaman**
 - a. Committee is not currently in good standing – 4th meeting of 2025 was cancelled due to a variety of different circumstances.
- 8. Women’s Committee – Kristin Bowler**
 - a. Committee held elections at AGM on February 9th, 2026: Kristin B. is now chair, Christina E. is Co-chair, Debbie L. is secretary, and Dana W. is treasurer
 - b. Planning is underway for the International Women’s Day Pancake Breakfast March 9th, at Union Centre
 - c. Committee is also planning on joining the MMIWG2S+ Walk for Justice taking place May 5th, beginning at Oodeena Celebration Circle at the Forks
 - d. PSAC National Equity Conference happening at the same time (May 3-7, 2026, at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg); an effort will be made to encourage conference attendees to participate in the walk.
- 9. Young worker’s committee – Angelique**
 - a. Elections held at meeting 2026-02-03: Angelique P. is now Chair, Joshua C. is Treasurer – full executive in place.
 - b. Committee plans to collaborate with WAC for political action: proposal is to send angry letters to MPs.
- 10. PRC report – Kristin Bowler**
 - a. Postcard campaign: Postcard goes to MP, no postage required
 - b. Thursday February 19th, 2026: Member photos, all wearing red, using 10 years of Phoenix signs
 - c. RTO: meeting last week with Marianne + local presidents. Afterwards, email sent out to local presidents with questions about desk availability, condition of building, etc.
- 11. Treasurer report & Adoption of Financial Report – Karine Drobko**
 - a. No change in Area Council finances since last month
 - b. Karine moves Treasurer’s report, Christina E seconds
Report approved unanimously
 - c. Financial report: Karine moves, Christina E seconds
Report approved unanimously

12. Adoption of 2026 Budget & Discussion of 2026 Events

- a. Discussion concerning Winnipeg Labour Council Labour Day budget line --- \$250 budgeted for 2025 was going to be used to buy food, but we were able to use resources from regional office instead – Kyle suggests we bring additional snacks next year.
- b. Habitat for Humanity build—10 volunteers, \$3500. Funding has already been received, goal is to make this happen in 2026 – will have to quickly get approval from REVP, then register for Habitat for Humanity by March 2026.
- c. Christian asks whether supplementary budget items can be requested from the REVP throughout the year, Kyle and others confirm that yes, this is the norm.
- d. Nestor: wreath in regional office (used for Remembrance Day ceremony) is getting old. Proposal is to increase wreath budget by 150\$
This change was accepted and added to budget.
- e. Wyatt Wyatt proposed 500\$ for member outreach and education during 2026 municipal elections.
 - i. Funding could be used for providing e.g. member education, such as a limited mailout in a particular riding.
 - ii. This would build capacity for future elections (provincial/federal).
Addition accepted
- f. Craig moves budget, Karine seconds
Budget approved unanimously

13. Elections for Chair and Secretary

- a. Karine Drobko nominates Christian Boulley for Chair; seconded by Craig Kremer.
Christian Boulley is acclaimed
- b. Karine Drobko nominates Dana Whitehill, seconded by Cristina Esposito
Dana Whitehill is acclaimed

14. Determination of Next Meeting Date

- a. April 14th, 2026 at 7pm CT (virtual only)

15. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 CT