

# ***PSAC NCR Communications Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

November 14, 2017

### **I. Call to order**

Shawn Walker called to order the minutes of the PSAC NCR Communications Committee on November 14, 2017 at Pat McGrath Room at 5:50 pm.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Shawn Walker, Karen Reimer, Robert Hawgood, Jeremy Dumont, Carla Ross, St. Clair Currie, Anne Kelly, Behiye Cinkilic

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Approved with minor corrections to be made.

### **IV. Approval of agenda**

Agenda approved.

### **V. Chair's Report**

#### **a) ODLC Election in February**

- The ODLC President is refusing affiliation to up to 5 Locals and PSAC Staff locals. As an example, Federal employees only have 3 representatives, many less in comparison to smaller organizations such as prison guards, transit workers, etc.
- The ODLC is supposed to be our voice to the city (for example, when the employer decides to move the work location to an inaccessible area of the city with inadequate transportation options.)
- There has been poor to nil communication from the ODLC. While the ODLC is basically the regional arm of the CLC, there is no support from the CLC; issues must be resolved from the inside.
- Shawn wants Local affiliation January-March 2018 to help overthrow the current President of the ODLC, in order to make it more democratic. Shawn is running for Treasurer.

#### **b) Shawn attended Remembrance Day ceremonies**

#### **c) The OPSEU is supporting the College Strike; now 5 weeks on the picket line.**

#### **d) Solidarity Ottawa (formerly Solidarity Against Austerity) will have a political action against Phoenix on November 21 at 6:30.**

- There are news releases from both PSAC and PIPSC today.
- Auditor General's report is being released tomorrow, is expected to be interesting.

## **VI. Chair's Report - Director of Engagement**

- e) UHEW Local 70008's Executive was let go by the Component, the Local was exonerated last week after having CLC chair at meeting. Next elections are in January 2018.
  - Discussion regarding PSAC – Component – Local partnerships, communication, support and lack of assistance. Karen raised the idea of a training course specific to where we fit into the labour movement, to be discussed further.
- f) Executive to meet separately in the next few weeks to determine list of priorities for December meeting.

## **VII. Chair's Report - Director of Outreach**

- g) Rob continues to work with Shawn with the ODLC
- h) Assisted Behiye with a movie night. Comment that once a year movie screenings in Ottawa is very labour intensive.
- i) International Labour Film Festival (CLiFF, [www.labourfilms.ca](http://www.labourfilms.ca))
  - It was discussed that we will support a labour movie screening.
  - Post-script: On November 15, there were communications to establish the contribution amount. Executive then came together on November 22 at 5:30 pm to discuss further after receiving support from committee on November 14<sup>th</sup>. After reviewing the budget, it was unanimously authorized that the PSAC-NCR Communications Committee would contribute \$400 to CLiFF in support. Also, Shawn and Rob will be volunteering to assist on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **VIII. New Business**

- j) Behiye raised that Sunday, December 10 is International Human Rights Day. Larry Rousseau had previously said PSAC's 50 year anniversary would be combined with IHR Day. Greg McGillis as the new REVP has said that the IHR Day recognition will happen in January 2018. This has left people scrambling, and wondering if it is too late to re-organize something. Behiye and Shawn to work with MDAC.

## **IX. Old Business**

Fact Sheets for Provincial Elections; Vincent-Carl to present next week.

## **X. Round Table**

No further comments.

## **XI. Adjournment**

Shawn Walker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Reimer