# Minutes of the Ottawa Area Council (OAC) Meeting Ottawa Regional Office May 8, 2019

# **Present**

Renelle Chalifoux	AGRU 70139	Chair
Silvia Andrighetti	AGRU 70139	Sec/Treasurer
Jeff Wrinn	UNDE RVP	Director
Robbie Henderson	UNDE 70603	Director
Mary Balino	UNDE 70603	Delegate
Philip Lillies	AGRU 70155	Delegate
Alex Silas	DCL 71250	Delegate
Carole Garneau	DCL 76000	Delegate
Kim Hum	UHEW 70008 EDUCATION	Delegate
Louise Sicard	UHEW 70008	Delegate
Anna-Marie Melanson	UNE 70044	Delegate
Roddie Dafoe	UNE 70044 MASC	Delegate
Carla Ross	UNE 70059	Delegate
Joanne Robinson	UNDE 70605	Delegate
Susan Bureau	UNDE 70605	Delegate
St. Clair Currie	USJE 70093 A/RVP	Delegate
Linda Walters	UTE 70030	Delegate
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# **Staff**

Fathiya Wais Regional Representative

# <u>Guests</u>

Jill O'Reilly Political Communications Officer

## **Regrets**

	Behiye Cinkilic	UNE 70125	Director
•	Virginia Noble	UNE RVP	
•	Dave Lanthier	UTE A/RVP	

1] Call to Order 5:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Renelle Chalifoux.

## 2] Opening remarks and introductions

Renelle welcomed Fathiya Wais, Jill O'Reilly and delegates for their participation and asked that delegates introduce themselves and identify their status within the committee.

## 3] Approval of Agenda

Add to item # 7e. - Establishing NCR-DCL Committee

Louise Sicard/Carole Garneau M/S Carried

## **4] Approval of Previous Minutes**

a. April 10, 2019 minutes

Item # 6 Reports – Omission of delegate who seconded. Alex Silas suggested that his name be recorded.

Silvia Andrighetti/Alex Silas M/S Carried

# 5] Business arising from the minutes

a. Update from the By-laws committee

St. Clair Currie, Chair of the By-laws Committee, called a meeting although members sent their regrets. Another meeting will be called before the next OAC meeting.

b. <u>Update from the Festivals sub-committee</u>

St. Clair Currie, Chair of the Festivals sub-committee, will call a meeting before the next OAC meeting. Alex Silas has indicated that he would like to join the sub-committee.

#### 6] Reports

Chair to Robbie Henderson

## a. Report from the Chair

On behalf of the PSAC, Renelle Chalifoux and Jill O'Reilly attended the Ontario Federal of Labour (OFL) Political Action committee meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 for the planning of the June 7, 2019 Day of Action: Resist Ford Cuts in Ottawa. Renelle voiced that the OAC does not focus on provincial issues although most of the OAC delegates live in Ontario and will join force with them. Renelle voiced that hopefully the coalition members will help in return at PSAC events. Details of the June 7<sup>th</sup> events will be shared with the OAC delegates.

The Chair also elaborated on the actions that were taken during the OAC Executive meeting of April 15, 2019.

Renelle Chalifoux/Roddie Dafoe Chair back to Renelle Chalifoux

M/S

Carried

#### b. Financial budget and report for 2019

Silvia Andrighetti reported that the PSAC-NCR has not yet transferred approved funds to the OAC.

# c. Ottawa District Labour Council (ODLC)

Philip Lillies, member of the ODLC, said the Day of Mourning event of April 28, 2019 was a success.

The ODLC has invited NDP federal candidates at their next meeting.

Philip Lillies can give a brief presentation of the history of the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919. An event commemorating the Strike will take place at the Bronson Centre Theatre on May 30, 2019. Philip mentioned the PSAC has confirmed a contribution of \$1000.00 for this event. A delegate brought the PSAC logo/branding should appear on all promotional items and website/Facebook page for events it sponsors. Phil Lillies will follow-up.

## 7] Requests for support and/or new business

#### a. Human Rights Day

Carla Ross sent her proposal to REVP Greg McGillis. Delegates want to know why Greg McGillis has stopped the funding for the Human Rights Day and funding comes from the Equity Committees. The proposal has since been sent to the Resolutions Committee for review and added to the PSAC-NCR AGM that will be held on June 1-2, 2019.

A delegate suggested that a search be done to find out how other regions fund their Human Rights day. Renelle Chalifoux asked Fathiya Wais to action this request. She also indicated that the May Day and Labour Day are key events for the Ottawa Area Council.

#### b. Centretown Movie Festival

Robbie Henderson received an email on May 7, 2019 with info about the festival. It will take place on every Friday in July and August 2019 and the cost for sponsoring a movie ranges between \$300 and \$500 (for the licensing fee).

**Motion:** For the OAC to sponsor up to \$500.00 for one movie screening at the Centretown Movie Festival in summer 2019.

Robbie Henderson/Jeff Wrinn M/S Carried

# c. Create sub-committee for Labour Day

Jeff Wrinn, Chair of the Labour Day sub-committee, suggested the rental of a firetruck to represent 'Burnt by Phoenix'. He mentioned that all submissions for donations and approval be brought forward no later than the end of July 2019. The tentative budget allocated for this event is \$1500.00. A motion is still required for the OAC to approve the funding.

Robbie Henderson, Anna-Marie Melanson, Philip Lillies and Silvia Andrighetti agreed to join the sub-committee.

#### d. <u>Create sub-committee for the federal election</u>

Robbie Henderson, Chair of the federal election sub-committee, would like to work with CRAPO. Jill O'Reilly will assist with this endeavor. An update on the activities for the federal election along with a proposal for funding will be presented at the next NCR-AGM on June 1-2, 2019.

Renelle Chalifoux and Kim Hum agreed to join the sub-committee.

#### e. Establishing NCR-DCL Committee

Carole Garneau discussed a resolution of forming a DCL committee in the NCR that was passed at the Young Workers Committee (YWC) on May 7, 2019. Currently, the unofficial DCL caucus in the NCR is composed of:

- 1. International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- 2. Bank of Canada
- 3. Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO)
- 4. Saint-Paul University
- 5. National Art Gallery
- 6. Salvation Army
- 7. Post-doctorate at Carleton University

Delegates spoke in favor of this resolution. The resolution will be presented at the next PSAC-NCR AGM of June 1-2, 2019.

# 8] Announcements and Round Table

Carla Ross was newly appointed Chair of the Ottawa Women's Regional Committee (OWRC). She is hoping that delegates attending the PSAC-NCR AGM on June 1-2, 2019 will support the proposed Human Rights Day funding allocation.

Louise Sicard thanked everyone who participated in the April 25, 2019 'Return to Sender' day of action at Tunney's Pasture. It was a great success and 500 post cards were sent to the Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

# 9] Adjournment 7:05 pm