

**Minutes: Education Committee
January 17, 2017**

1. Adoption of the agenda

Proposed: Christine

Seconded: Anna Bogdan

The agenda was adopted

2. Adoption of the minutes of the November 15, 2016, meeting

The following spelling mistake should be corrected:

- Number 5. Change “planed” to “planned” - with 2 ns
- Number 6. Change “are presented” to “be presented.”

Proposed: Anna Bogdan

Seconded: Christine

Minutes have been adopted

3. Naming an alternate for the NCR PSAC Regional Triennial Convention

Chantal's Local has one seat for convention and no one on her local has expressed an interest in going to convention at present time. As such Chantal may decide to go as a delegate from her Local so that someone else can be the delegate from the Education Committee.

Chantal is proposing to have elections for an alternate delegate for the Education Committee should we need to replace Chantal as the delegate from the Education Committee.

The Committee accepted the recommendation and a vote by secret ballot was held.

Nomination : 2 candidates – Louise Sicard & Sylvie Leblanc

Sylvie Leblanc was elected as the alternate

4. Welcome to new members and introductions

Welcome to Louise Sicard

Roundtable of all members of the Committee introducing themselves and how they are involved in union work.

5. Follow-up on items from previous meetings

- 1) Bilingual courses: ongoing, we will continue the discussion on having bilingual courses at next education Committee meetings.
- 2) There were glitches in the course registration system at one point – people could not register to more than 1 course. If people have issues, they should send an email to advise the staff that coordinates the education registration.
- 3) To follow up on discussions from the fall on improving the education registration form and the form used for Council meeting, Chantal proposes to set up a group to review the education registration form. List of committee members that volunteered: Louise S., Anna, Behiye, Christine, Diane and Chantal. Elizabeth suggests having a resource person from the staff. Week of the 30th of January evening is the targeted date to have the meeting.
- 4) CLC training for candidates: Chantal to follow up with Raphael, Anna Marie, and Sandrine & Jennifer. Greg McGillis to be available as a resource person on this project because he has experience in the domain.

6. Education program update

Elizabeth provided the education program update

Jan-Feb: 10-12 people signed up in English TUB.

French TUB course cancelled due to low registration.

Resolution course has been cancelled.

Reminder emails are being sent out to members to encourage registration.

Tailored training can be organized for locals – we can have a representative to come and provide training.

New local officer course – April

PSAC's website now has Q & As on the tentative collective agreement for the PA group

Follow-up on retirement course coordinated by PSAC with other groups.
Suggestion to have those courses set up for PSAC members only because of the

facilitators can focus on answering questions geared to public service employees. Elizabeth will follow up with Johanne.

When finalizing spring schedule, we will see where we can fit the retirement course.

7. Debate on resolutions

Education Committee discussed and debated submitting 3 resolutions at the Triennial Regional PSAC Convention in May 2017

Resolution A: Proportional Representation Education - See appendix

The resolution aims to have the PSAC offer training on Proportional Resolution (PR) given that it has taken a position on supporting PR.

Moved:

Seconded:

Adopted as amended

Resolution B1 & B2: Statement on Multiple Chemical Sensitivity. See appendix

The resolution is reading a statement to at PSAC events or PSAC-NCR events on Multiple Chemical Sensitivity is seen as an awareness tool on the severity of impact of certain chemicals contained in scents.

The Committee also agreed to discuss at a later meeting other activities that could be done to raise awareness.

B1

Moved: Louise S.

Seconded: Behiye

Adopted as amended

B2

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Christine

Adopted as amended

8. Reignite speaker series

Greg informed the committee that a significant portion of the funds that were allocated for 2016 for the Reignite series were unspent and are set to expire on December 31, 2016. As such a motion was put forward to allocate the unspent funds to 2017.

Motion: Be it resolved the funds for reignite that were scheduled to expire on January 1, 2017, be assigned for the next fiscal year.

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Anna

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Resolution A

To be presented at the PSAC-NCR convention

TITLE: Proportional Representation

WHEREAS the Federal Government has promised that 2015 will be the last federal election conducted under the first-past-the-post voting system;

WHEREAS studies have shown that proportional representation is a fairer electoral system and would elect more individuals from diverse groups;

WHEREAS the PSAC has demonstrated that it supports proportional representation by endorsing the “Every Voter Counts Alliance”;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC undertakes an education campaign for its members regarding Proportional Representation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT training be offered on Proportional Representation to members before the next general election (2019);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the PSAC report back biannually on the progress of the Proportional Representation education campaign to Regional Councils until its completion.

Submitted by the PSAC-NCR Education Committee

Resolution B-1

To be presented at the PSAC-NCR convention for PSAC-NCR events

TITLE: Statement on Multiple Chemical Sensitivity

WHEREAS the PSAC has had a scent-free policy for many years;

WHEREAS on multiple occasions, members have needed to be reminded of this policy during PSAC-NCR events;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC-NCR compose a statement explaining what is Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) and its impact on those who suffer from it;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the relevant PSAC-NCR regional committees be consulted in the crafting of this statement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this statement be read at PSAC-NCR events;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the PSAC-NCR implement this resolution no later than six (6) months following its adoption.

Submitted by the PSAC-NCR Education Committee

Resolution B-2

To be presented at the PSAC-NCR convention for all PSAC events

TITLE: Statement on Multiple Chemical Sensitivity

WHEREAS the PSAC has had a scent-free policy for many years;

WHEREAS on multiple occasions, members have needed to be reminded of this policy during PSAC events;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC compose a statement explaining what is Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) and its impact on those who suffer from it;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the relevant PSAC standing committees be consulted in the crafting of this statement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this statement be read at PSAC events;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the PSAC implement this resolution no later than six (6) months following its adoption.

Submitted by the PSAC-NCR Education Committee