

Minutes: PSAC-NCR Education Committee

May 17, 2016

In attendance:

Chantal Fortin USGE

Ashley Cederwall UNE

Christine Griffin NHU

Diane Girouard NHU

Erick Martel AGR

Anna Bogdan UNE

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Staff Resource:

Johanne Labine

Item	Discussion	Decision	Follow-up
1. Agenda	Adopted		
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Adopted with corrections [Johanne will adjust]		
3. Education Program Update	Johanne explains they had to cancel the French TUB. Recruitment assistance is needed for the Building Solidarity with Aboriginal Peoples course. This is a new course designed in consultation with the PSAC National		Chantal will discuss with Shawn and send

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	<p>Aboriginal Rights Program.</p> <p>As soon as the Outlook transfer is complete, we will send an e-mail to all Locals, RVPs and Council Executive members announcing June courses, the CAPE/PSAC-NCR Learning Series and the PSAC-NCR Reading Circle.</p> <p>Christine asked about the possibility of filming our courses for members who cannot attend. It was noted this would not be possible at the current time. It was noted that the Workers' History Museum has produced videos we can use (Note: The Education Program has purchased copies of these).</p> <p>Erick noted the PSAC online training and other tools available. Committee members noted that these are insufficiently publicized.</p> <p>The fall schedule will be discussed at our next meeting.</p> <p>Johanne will resend the NCR Education Committee mandate to committee members, in addition to the 2016-2018 Education Plan.</p>		<p>Committee members an update.</p> <p>Johanne will resend the NCR Education Committee mandate to committee members, in addition to the 2016-2018 Education Plan.</p>
<p>4. Joint Education and Committee meeting</p>	<p>There is interest to hold a joint meeting with the Communications Committee who have commonalities. Attempts will be made to hold this joint meeting in June. Chantal will follow up with Shawn and advise what is</p>		<p>Chantal to advise of the date of joint meeting.</p>

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	<p>possible.</p> <p>The NCR Fall Education Plan needs to be approved at the June Education Committee meeting and elections must take place for the position of Chair or alternate Chair.</p> <p>Shawn Walker and Chantal want to have a discussion with the NCR Regional Offices about the various registration forms used on the website, such as education, conferences and council events. Some forms are confusing. Forms could be improved, more user-friendly for all members. Johanne explains the need to have admin staff involved in creating these forms present during this discussion and that there are limitations in what can be changed.</p> <p>The Committee agrees this conversation should involve Education, Communications and MDAC Committees. Johanne will advise the NCRO Coordinator of this request so that this can be arranged and required staff present.</p>		<p>Johanne to have the education committee and notice of elections posted.</p>
<p>5. Elections</p>	<p>Chantal explained that we are due to hold the elections for Chair and Alternate for the Education Committee in June as per our committee's Terms of Reference. Given that June will be a joint meeting with the Communications Committee, Chantal asked for</p>	<p>The committee decided to hold our elections at the joint meeting with</p>	<p>Chantal will send an email to all committee members</p>

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	<p>members' guidance as to when to hold the elections. Chantal provided the following options: hold the elections in June 15-20 minutes prior to the start of the June meeting with the Communications Committee (date to be confirmed), hold a special meeting at another time in June to conduct the elections or hold the elections in the fall. Chantal explained that should the committee decide to hold the elections in the fall, she will need to ask the REVP for a special dispensation on behalf of the committee in order to do so.</p>	<p>Communications Committee.</p>	<p>with a meeting date.</p> <p>Johanne will put a notice of elections on the PSAC-NCR website.</p>
<p>6. Reignite Series</p>	<p>Ashley explains the series were launched by CAPE/PSAC-NCR. The next event (Pension Event) is this Thursday, May 19th, on Queen Street (CAPE Office).</p> <p>The next event is Sharing Economy, May 24th at 251 Bank Street.</p> <p>CLC President will be the guest speaker at the June event.</p> <p>The July event was to focus on equity and unions. Winnie Ng is being invited (long-time union activist, former CLC Ontario Region Director and current Sam Gindin Chair. Johanne suggests it is more appropriate to have Winnie travel and speak to a larger crowd in the fall. It was questioned whether or not this summer series</p>		<p>Anna B prepared to moderate.</p> <p>Johanne to follow up with Winnie.</p> <p>Ashley to follow up with Reignite working</p>

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	<p>could be spaced out in the fall as summer attendance might be low.</p> <p>Ashley and Greg are our representatives on this working group. A flyer was distributed announcing the series at the June Council meeting and Greg spoke to it as well.</p> <p>Ashley announces that the group is looking for more women moderators – since many of the guests are men. Anna Bogdan and Chantal volunteered for this.</p>		group.
7. Reading Circle	<p>Ashley asked if Johanne has a communication strategy for the reading circle. Johanne explained the communications tools which are available: recruitment posters (which she designs, e-mail messages to various PSAC-NCR groups and members, reminders to staff. Members can also make announcements at various NCR and Local meetings.</p> <p>Not many members signed up on the registration list (sign-up sheet) which were available at the NCR Council meeting but this could be because the forms were not distributed to all tables.</p> <p>Committee members discussed the following:</p>		Johanne will check and book at 233 Gilmour for the next events.

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	<p>Do we want to outreach to the Community on the June event?</p> <p>Are we best placed to announce a large community event on the Truth and Reconciliation? Other groups (who have engaged in this work) might be best placed to do this?</p> <p>We may want to start with our NCR members first and see where this takes us? Word of mouth can go a long way.</p> <p>It was agreed to begin with our members. Committee members agreed that CAPE (members and staff) and PSAC staff can also be invited.</p> <p>Location has not been determined yet but this needs to be done soon. Perhaps 233 Gilmour or 251 Bank Street? To accommodate everyone, it was recommended to break into two groups, language specific.</p> <p>It would be best to schedule June, July and August, regardless of possible low attendance or not as to not lose momentum on this initiative.</p>		

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	<p>Ideas were offered for July and August events, namely Indignez-vous (available in English) and the Salt of the Earth film. Ashley indicates The Grapes of Wrath will be the September offering (to coincide with Labour Day).</p>		
<p>8. World Social Forum</p>	<p>It was noted that the World Social Forum will be held in Montreal this year from August 9-14th. PSAC is represented in the organizing committee. In addition to the opening march, workshops will also be offered. PSAC-NCR has set aside some funding towards this event and it will be used to pay the bus rental to have members attend the opening.</p> <p>A prior discussion took place with the REVP and the Coordinator and it was deemed important to ensure that NCR Committees who want to sponsor members should apply the same criteria and pay the same amounts. Salary and lodging will not be covered, but everyone would get \$150 daily to cover meals and other expenses. Shared accommodations will be encouraged.</p> <p>It was agreed that the PSAC NCR Education Program allocates \$5000 from its budget, which could mean sending up to 5 persons to the event. Selection criteria should include a demonstrated commitment of</p>		<p>Johanne to announce subsidies.</p>

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	sponsored members to apply the knowledge and skills when they return from the WSF.		