

PSAC NCR EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting
September 20, 2016

Attendees

Chantal Fortin Chair Elizabeth Wood PSAC NCR Rep Wael Afifi PSAC NCR Rep Diane Girouard Emelia Charest	Ashley Caldwell Christine Griffin (Record Keeper) Sandra Griffin-Bonaparte Greg McGillis Lee Pallotta
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1) Welcome – Opening Remarks & Approval of the Agenda (Chantal Fortin):

- New members were welcomed and introduced.
- Agenda – moved by Diane Girouard
- Seconded by Christine G/CARRIED

2) Approval of Minutes of the last meetings (All):

- The minutes of May 17, 2016 –moved by Christine G/2nd by Diane G/CARRIED.
- The minutes of June 14, 2016, amendment (attract more than bookworms) to the Reading Circle – moved by Lee P/2nd by Diane G/CARRIED.

3) Education Program Update (Chantal Fortin):

- Good attendance for the spring courses but we need to get more registration for the French courses.
- Participation statistics will be presented as the next education committee meeting.
- UDP is an advanced training program; we have 6 positions available in English and 7 positions available in French. The program is comprised of 6 steps that take place over an 8-month period, they meet with a mentor every 2 weeks, and the national recruitment runs until October 3rd.

4) CLC Conference “Rise UP” (Chantal Fortin/Elizabeth Wood):

- Proposed to set aside scholarships for 10 participants for a total of \$4 010.00.
- PSAC is still accepting applications.
- CLC “Rise Up” for the Young Workers Conference – discussions about the number of participants and scholarships being offered, Elizabeth W will check into this and report back to Chantal F.

5) NSGEU Training: Bully-Free Workplaces (Elizabeth Wood):

- Currently 30 participants registered and the committee is planning to organize another session, after further discussion it was agreed to open a few spots for participants from CAPE and PIPS and to pursue opening a few spots to participants from CUPW during the next session.

6) Publication Magazine Project (Greg McGillis):

- Representatives from the communication, education and young workers committees are working together to reach out and engage members by trying a fresh new approach. Funding and support has come from the Alliance Executive Committee and Young Workers Committee for this magazine. John Baglow is assisting with the content for this project. The publication will cover areas such as: your union, workplace wellness, and fairness statistics to name a few. Chantal F will forward the draft to committee members as an FYI only, no feedback is requested and the document is not to be shared.

7) Broadbent Institute, Online Leadership School Webinar (Elizabeth Wood):

- Program covering topics such as leadership and campaigning that take place mid-month, each session is \$40.00. Committee feels this is a good activity to pursue.

8) Ignite Series (Greg McGillis):

- Speaker series that began with CAPE and takes place every month covering interesting topics such as pensions. Next event is scheduled for Monday, October 3rd, Chantal F and Elizabeth W will forward this information for distribution.

9) Reading Circle (Ashley Cederwall):

- Discussion about the Conflict Resolution Toolbox by Gary Barlow, can be found at the 3 university libraries, will be held on October 6th at 7:00 PM.
- These events provide a great opportunity to encourage discussion and debate; committee recommended that we look at articles to be included as this may encourage participation from members who do not have a lot of free time for reading in their busy schedules, also material that is available online at no cost. Elizabeth W has a good source of articles and she will provide to the committee.
- November 2nd is the tentative date for the next event and Ashley C will select an article from the list provided by Elizabeth W.
- Winning of PSAC SWAG might encourage participation. Greg M moved that the Education Committee provide funds up to the amount of \$70.00 to purchase a PSAC sweatshirt to be awarded as a prize to a participant at the next Reading Circle event/2nd by Ashley C/CARRIED.

10) CLC Candidate Development for Women (Chantal Fortin):

- PSAC NCR, Elizabeth W will look into this training and provide an update at the next meeting.

11) Retirement Training Next Winter (Greg McGillis):

- Canadian Union Retiree's group can provide retirement training to members. The committee believes this would be a worthwhile venture and will revisit this item at the next meeting.