

**Kingston Area Council Meeting
Minutes
June 13, 2012
Kingston Regional Office**

Meeting Called to Order at 18:40

Roll Call

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE Local 00056
Laura Eastcott	Treasurer	UNDE Local 641
Janet Lisk	Secretary	UCTE Local 00056
Richard McNeill	1 st Vice	USGE Local 00016
Ed Jones		DCL 818
Peggy Jones		DCL 818
Paul Chaves		USGE Local 103
Michelle Poirier		UVAE Local 00013
Sherry Turcott		UNDE 641
John Singleton		Retired
Phil Trottier		Retired

Regrets: Christo Aivalis (Ottawa), Trevor Hammond and Reg Bruno. The RO Staff were in Toronto for meetings.

Adoption of Minutes from April 12, 2012

m/s/c/ Richard McNeill/Michelle Poirier

Business Arising from April 12th Minutes

Trying to disband the DCL's and making them join components or form a component of their own has been quieted.

The resolution of having Health and Safety Committees sponsored by the Regions was withdrawn.

Robyn Benson is our new National PSAC President
Chris Aylward, our new Vice President
Danielle LeDuc, the alternate

Membership dues to the PSAC will increase by \$2.80 (averaged on a \$50,000 salary) a month if our membership in the PSAC stays above 170,000 members. If membership drops below that, an increase of \$5.00 a month (averaged on a \$50,000 salary).

The Per Diem paid for education has increased from \$25.00 a day to \$50.00 a day.

A committee will be put into place to look into the increase to the Supplemental Pension Plan. Br. McNeill will ask John Edmunds the names of the members sitting on that committee and report back to council.

National Public Service Week

Robyn Benson, PSAC's National President, asked all members of the PSAC not to join in Employer sponsored events for that week.

Br. Bucherer received poor responses from Locals from Kingston, Brockville, Cornwall, Trenton, Belleville and Peterborough on creating their own events for their local members.

The Area Council sponsored an event held at the Legion on Montreal Street on Sunday. There was a barbeque, events for children and a band for entertainment.

Buskers Festival (Kingston) July 12th - 15th

Blues Festival (Kingston) August 23rd -26th

Proposals for these events were submitted to Sharon DeSousa's office asking for \$4400.00 for each event. Watermelon will be handed out again this year at the Buskers Festival, along with frisbees and other (swag) we can collect. And of course, we will actively be seeking support for the cut backs etc. that we all are experiencing.

Robyn Benson is launching a new campaign this summer and each region is to receive \$20,000. The area council will wait and see what the campaign entails before planning events for the Blues Festival.

We need people to staff the stations at these events therefore e-mails with time slots for these dates will be sent out to the membership asking for volunteers for these times.

Kingston Coalition Against Poverty July 1st

The Party in the Park will be held again this year at a different location, the Salvation Army building. The area council will not be participating in the event this year so a motion was brought forward to donate \$100.00 to the cause.

m/s/c Laura Eastcott/Michelle Poirier

Labour Day

An urgent request from Robyn Benson was received to actively work with the District Labour Council to plan events for Labour Day.

The Kingston District Labour Council meets the 3rd Monday of each month. Br. McNeill will attend the next meeting and report back to the Area Council what they are planning for Labour Day.

The Area Council voted on a new slogan for Labour Day. Public Services are Your Services was the slogan chosen out of the three that were presented. The Regional Council will be deciding which slogan to use at their next meeting in June.

m/s/c Richard McNeill/Phil Trottier

New Business

A motion was put forward for the Area Council to join the Association of Public Service Retirees (APSAR). The cost to join is \$20.00 per year and the proposal was to join for two years which would cost \$40.00 for the years 2013-2014.

m/s/c Richard McNeill/Janet Lisk

Sister Michelle Poirier is the new President of the newly formed UVAE local 00013. Congratulations to Michelle.

Round Table

Br. Ed Jones announced that there is a new CEO for the Commissionaires. They are expecting great changes.

Br. Richard McNeill handed out petitions for the Ontario Coalition of Health Care and asked all of the council members to get signatures on these petitions. Out of 32 industrialized countries, Canada ranks 2nd from the bottom on health care! He urged that we return the petitions by the end of June.

Meeting adjourned at 20:45.