

**Kingston Area Council**  
**June 09, 2011**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was held at the Kingston Regional Office and was called to order at 18:45.

**Roll Call**

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| Ralf Bucherer    | President | UCTE Local 00056 |
| Laura Eastcott   | Treasurer | UNDE Local 00641 |
| Janet Lisk       | Secretary | UCTE Local 00056 |
| Richard McNeil   |           | USGE Local 00016 |
| Peggy Jones      |           | CMRE 818         |
| Roger Imeson     |           | CMRE 818         |
| Ed Jones         |           | CMRE 818         |
| Chris Varley     |           | CMRE 818         |
| Christo Aivalis  |           | DCL 901          |
| Maryanne Laurico |           | DCL 901          |
| Phil Trottier    |           | PSAC Retired     |

**Staff**

Linda Cross PSAC

**Regrets**

Chris Snooks, John Singleton, Randy Skeggs, Lorraine Diaper

Sister Lisk read the PSAC Harrassment Policy.

**Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting**

m/s/c                      Richard McNeil/Roger Imeson

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

At our last meeting we elected Brother Richard McNeil as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President because that position was deemed vacated. According to Brother John Gordon declaring a position vacated, (see minutes of previous meetings), is not in line with the constitution, therefore Brother Skeggs remains our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

## **Old Business**

The area council didn't get our spring barbeque done. Several people looked into getting the use of a park with a barbeque etc. but it was found that the cost would be too high. Brother Phil suggested we set the tent up at Kingston Mills Lock and have a barbeque there at the next meeting. Tents are not allowed to be put up unless there is a boat with a mooring pass. The council will buy Brother Phil the mooring pass.

## **Convention Overview**

The Kingston Area Council has five members on the Ontario Regional Council, Christo Aivalis ( young workers rep), Maryanne Laurico (DCL Academic Workers), Ralf Bucherer (Area 3 Rep) Laura Eastcott (1<sup>st</sup>. Alternate region3), Christal Cote (region 3 Rep) from Petawawa and Clarence Welton (2<sup>nd</sup> alternate).

Sharon DeSousa was elected as REVP Ontario in three ballots. Brad Faraday was elected as Sharon's alternate.

Linda Cross suggested that next time electronic voting might be put into place. The voting at the conference held in the West used electronic voting and took only 50 minutes to complete. Either another day has to be added to the convention or a change to electronic voting.

One other interesting thing that came up during convention was a lot of the 'be it resolved' did not speak to the 'where as's'.

UCTE has 20 locals in Ontario and only 9 had delegates at the Convention. Situation with USGE was similar. Why are only some locals sending delegates to convention?

## **PSAC Triennial Convention 2012**

Resolutions should be in at our next meeting. Area Councils can send their resolutions directly. Brother Bucherer is looking for volunteers for a resolution committee. Brother McNeil, Christo Aivalis and Maryanne Laurico volunteered to sit on this committee.

## **Events and Actions**

### **Commissionaires – Roger Imeson**

New DCL, June of 2010. They are at an impasse at the negotiating table. On May 25<sup>th</sup> they have walked out of negotiations. There is an information picket on Monday morning June 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 at the gates of RMC/Fort Henry.

## **Fight Back Campaign**

Local 00056 had an information picket outside of Head Quarters in Peterborough. About 7 people from the local handed out fliers to staff. A few other locals had plant gating also.

Wearing union buttons or stickers is published in the Public Service Employment Act which gives us the legislative right to engage in union activities at work so we can participate by wearing the Fight Back Stickers.

## **KAC Barbeque**

The barbeque that the KAC had planned was put on the 'back burner' because of the election. The KAC helped with mail outs (2400) in Mario LeClerc's riding. Do we still want to have a barbeque? On July 1<sup>st</sup>, KCAP, Kingston Coalition Against Poverty is having a 'Fun Day' at the Wally Elmer Rec. Centre. It was decided that we will participate in that day and we will supply the crowds with watermelon and we could use our new tent that we purchased for just such an occasion. Sister Eastcott, Brother Bucherer and Sister Lisk will be there and Brother Imeson volunteered also and maybe he could bring a couple of his members.

## **Upcoming Provincial Election**

The election date is set for October 6<sup>th</sup>. Brother Bucherer would like to see three working groups set up; one that organizes phone banks, one that organizes public meetings and one that organizes mail outs and E Day. There is a proposal drawn up to be sent to PSAC by mid August to help in the funding, mail outs etc.

## **Round Table**

Sister Eastcott – Changes with their executive; Chris Snooks has stepped down as President. Some contracting out is going on too although LSS (Transport/Stores) has hired some permanent part time drivers. A new base commander is coming in this month.

Brother Aivalis-DCL 901 has ratified their contract and are busy building the local.

Sister Laurico – Went to the OFL forum for strikes and lock outs and met some amazing people.

Brother Trottier-He has a few cases that keep him going between Toronto and Ottawa.

Brother Jones- Would like to see as many people at the information picket as possible.

Sister Cross-The berets were made by Cavan.

Brother Imeson-Thanked the council very much for the support we are giving the commissionaires and he will be attending more council meetings in the future.

## **Next Meeting**

Next Area Council Meeting will be held August 11<sup>th</sup> in Trenton or area. We could have our meeting at the Yukon Lodge once again. The location will be sent out via e-mail to everyone before the next meeting. A car pool will be set up prior to the meeting also.