

**PSAC - Okanagan Area Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting – January 27, 2006**  
**The Pantry Restaurant, Kelowna**

**In Attendance:**

Darrell-Lee McKenzie	AGR 20043	Susan Yaciw	UTE 20026
Kareen Stanich	AGR 20043	Denis Ringuette	CEUDA 20045
Allison Bunckle	AGR 20041	Linda Woods	NAT 20140
Roberta Gourlie	CEIU 20915	Jennifer Leenhouts	CEIU 20972
Kelly Megyesi	CEIU 20915	Maria-Luiza Romano	AGR 20027

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The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. with Susan Yaciw in the chair.

**Minutes:** Minutes from October 25, 2005 were accepted as distributed. m/s/c

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was presented by D-L. McKenzie (see attached). m/s/c

Dues for 2006 (\$1 per Local member located in the Okanagan) are now due and can be sent to:

Darrell-Lee McKenzie  
15-799 Creekside  
Penticton, BC V2A 1C5

**Update from Denis Ringuette, Regional Council Okanagan / Kootenay:** Report was presented which included: A planning session was held in Nelson on November 26<sup>th</sup> and unfortunately at this time not enough interest was garnered to establish an Area Council; Education schedule; The next Regional Council Meeting is March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> and leadership training will be provided to PSAC Triennial Convention delegates at this time.

**Education:** There are several new members in AGR Local 20027, and a new UTE Local 20003 established in Kelowna creating a more urgent need for Local Officers Training. S. Yaciw also reported that she is required to set-up a Women at Work course as part of training that she is completing.

**Action: S. Yaciw to determine needs and contact Regina Brennan regarding scheduling.**

**Participation of Retired Members:** There was a discussion in regards to retired members participating in Area Council and Women's Committee.

**Action: S. Yaciw to send a letter to P. Ducharme to seek clarification on the issue.**

**Member Appreciation Event:** Event will be held in Kelowna in September. Discussion and planning were tabled until the next meeting.

**PSAC Triennial Convention:** Sending an alternate delegate was discussed, and past subsidies were reviewed. A subsidy of \$300 will be provided to J. Leenhouts to attend convention as the alternate Okanagan Area Council delegate. m/s/c

**Bylaws:** D-L. McKenzie reported that the Okanagan Area Council bylaws had been sent to the REVP's office for review to determine if they are consistent with PSAC bylaws.

**Political Action:** The upcoming election of Alternate REVP for BC was discussed. Delegates to the BC Regional Convention will be receiving mail-in ballots soon.

The election of a new PSAC President at Triennial Convention was discussed.

D-L. McKenzie discussed the survey of bargaining team members after the last round of negotiations.

**Federal Election:** The need to meet with local MP's in order to make them aware of the concerns of PSAC members in their ridings was discussed.

**Action: All members to go back to their Locals and identify key issues to be addressed with MP's.**

**Action: L. Woods and J. Leenhouts to meet with MP to discuss critical issue of impending layoff of National Component staff in the region.**

**Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

**Next Meeting  
March 17, 2006 5:30 p.m.  
Perkins Restaurant (Ramada Lodge Hotel)  
2170 Harvey Avenue  
Kelowna**