

**Minutes of the Regional Council Meeting
October 28 & 29, 2006**

Present:	Kay Sinclair, REVP, Sam Wiese, Alternate REVP, Benilde Gomes, NorthWest Coord., Carol Pegura, Surrey, Delta, Langley Coord., Cindy Little, South Island Coord., Craig Langston, Aboriginal Coord., Debbie Stangrecki, North Central Coord., Floyd Knelsen, Persons w/Disability Coord., Gail Jewsbury, North Island Coord., Jamey Mills, Coord. For Youth, Jayne Johns, Fraser Valley West Coord., Megan Adam, Metro Coord., Nick, Humphreys, National Officers Coord., Patt Holmes, Regional Women’s Coord., Sargy Chima, Racially Visible Coord., Sharon Brine, South Island Coord., Sharon Tieman, DLC Coord., Sheila Pearce, Southern Interior Coord., Steve Houston, BLT&G Coord., Susan Yaciw, Northern Interior Coord., Terri Lee, Metro Coord.
Excused:	Angela Marafon, Metro Coord., Joy Hennen, Health & Safety.

Agenda Item	Proceedings	Action
Swearing-in	Alternate REVP and new RC Coordinators were sworn in by REVP.	
Agenda	<p>Motion: Adopt agenda as amended. Patt Holmes: Addition to Agenda – Election of Alternate to RWC Sheila Pearce: Donations Committee Report add to Agenda first thing Sunday morning as Committee hadn’t met. Gail Jewsbury: Announcements? Kay suggested announcements to be made at the end of the day. Megan Adam: Add Colombian Frontline Report under Reports. Moved: Adoption of Agenda – Sam Wiese Seconded: Steve Houston CARRIED.</p>	
Previous Minutes – Apr 2-3, 2006 Errors & Omissions	<p>Motion: Adoption of Minutes as presented</p> <p>Steve Houston: Agenda Item should be BC Fed Human Rights Instead of just Human Rights as it may cause confusion.</p> <p>Typo error on second page, should be were instead of “ere”.</p> <p>Motion to adopt minutes as amended. Moved: Sam Wiese Seconded: Megan Adam CARRIED.</p>	

Reports	Motion: Adoption of Reports as submitted. Moved: Sam Wiese Seconded: Sargy Chima Discussion followed.	
REVP Reports	Concerns raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equity representation in the CFIA bargaining unit. - Table 3 mailout ballots. <p>Area Council Bylaws being reviewed nationally. Timeline – probably December. There will be recommendations as well as analysis.</p>	
Report to the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comment on the difficulties encountered by organizers in this province. Suggest writing a letter to the Minister. Alt REVP will assist in drafting the letter. - Table 5 decided to go with Table 3 re dispute resolution process. Concern that we might have to go back to our members as a result. - Flag Resolution 15, expand definition, review when it comes time to amend the constitution. 	Sam Wiese
Metro	No comments.	
North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correction on Northwest report – MOU instead of YOU. - Some discussion on a line referring to harassment. It was deemed to be generic and not a breach of confidentiality. Some value in mentioning incidents of harassment recognized, as it gives RC an idea of how prevalent it is and it is also an opportunity to share burden/information. 	
BC INTERIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- New coordinator concerned about duties. Report indicated that she is doing everything a coordinator should be doing. - Concern about a local union leader who did not post upcoming courses. New contact being developed in the local. 	
Surrey, Delta, Langley	Commended on good work done on Surrey School Board .	
PAC	No comments.	
International Solidarity	Megan Adam talked about “Defending Public Services: From Canada to Colombia” and her experiences during her travel to that country, See full report on Regional Website.	
	Motion to adopt the reports with corrections.	

	Moved: Sam Wiese	
	Seconded: Sargy Chima Motion carried with one opposed.	
	Registered against: Patt Holmes	
Financial Update	Megan Adam presented budget update. Budget options for Regional Council Meetings and 2008 Convention were provided to give everyone an opportunity to look them over for discussion at the latter part of the meeting.	
RC Committees	- A list of the different RC Committees passed around. Everyone requested to put their name under Committees they wish to be part of.	
	- Short discussion on Coordinator's Budget – Do Coordinators have to ask permission for every expenditure? Motion: Refer back to Finance Committee with instruction to come back with written guidelines. Moved: Jayne Johns Seconded: Sharon Brine CARRIED.	
Donations Committee	Rejected as outside guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNICEF - Canadian Diabetes Assoc. - Juvenile Diabetes - Royal City Foundation <p>Already Given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doctors Without Borders - Sierra Legal Defence Fund - David Suzuki Foundation. <p>Recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coalition of Child Care Advocates - \$75 - West Coast Leaf -50 - Pollution Probe - \$50 - Marguerite Dixon Society - \$50 <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL \$225</p>	
	Motion: Implement recommendation of Donations Committee. Moved: Sheila Pearce Seconded: Floyd Knelsen CARRIED	
Issues for discussion/ action		
Negotiations with TB & Agencies Evaluation Report	Discussed at CB Training, however question raised about No. 10 of the Conclusions/ Recommendations which states that: the	

	<p>Regional Council play a greater role in building strategy and mobilization.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the RC meeting its obligation under this section? - Should be raised at the regional bargaining conferences so that it can be dealt with at the national level. - Regional presence on national committees would be an asset. - Collective bargaining and regional strike structure will be on the agenda for RC spring meeting. 	
Component Updates	Will be part of report to Regional Council.	
Role & Responsibility of Alt. REVP	<p>This requires changes/amendment to Bylaws. Motion: Refer to Bylaw Committee to be dealt with at the next Convention. Jayne Johns asked to submit a motion re proposed changes by next meeting..</p>	Jayne Johns
	<p>Moved: Jayne Johns Seconded: Megan Adam CARRIED.</p>	
Area Councils	<p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning session for AC to come together to look at priorities. - Have an Area Council Conference as in Ontario region. - Proposal prepared by Joanna exploring possibility. - Conference should be Area Council specific. - Focus more on community. - Each RWC and other equity groups need to be represented in Area Councils. - Solicit input from area representatives on the affiliation question by email. 	
Table 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - REVP did not think it is necessary to go back to Board to ask them to reverse their decision. - Ballot kits already been prepared and mailed out. - If there is significant vote for arbitration, REVP prepared to support another vote or stay on arbitration for the next round. 	

Ships Crews Designated Bargaining Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PSAC looking into separate bargaining unit for Ships Crews. - Meeting with Components to develop evidence/strategy for separate bargaining unit. - Not happening this round of bargaining because of timeframes involved. 	
Increase Council Meeting by 1 Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Propose increasing Council meeting by one day: - Part of the day for AC strategizing. - Part of the day for National Officers to meet. <p>Discussion to be continued at next meeting.</p>	
Communications Officer for Vancouver Region	<p>Only three full time positions will be allocated to the regions, there are 7 regions.</p> <p>To be discussed at next meeting. Will report back in a month or two.</p>	
Federal Election & BC Fed Convention	<p>Jim Sinclair spoke about finding ways to work together at the next federal election.</p>	
Count Me In	<p>Difference between Count Me In and Better Choices Campaign:</p> <p>Better Choices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - non partisan - issues based <p>Count Me In:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allow people in communities to have their own choices. - Need to build on what we did last time. - More calls, more work on targeted ridings. - New system will be used by Count Me In, which tracks people who worked on campaigns. - Seen as taking away workers from NDP. - Not meant to compete for volunteers but enhance use of volunteers.. <p>What we need to do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - start earlier - use strategic communications 	Janet Routledge
	Motion: To contribute \$5,000 to the B.C. Fed federal election campaign.	

	Moved: Sam Wiese Second: Megan Adam CARRIED.	
Regional Strike Strategy Meeting	Will be discussed at next meeting.	
	Motion to adjourn. Moved: Sam Wiese Seconded: Terri Lee	
	CARRIED.	