

GSU Special National Council Conference Call

April 15, 2010 – 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm Ottawa time

Participants

Present in person

Brunell, M
Charron, D
Lackie, D
Sauvé, A
Spencer, R

Staff

Griffin, L
Peck, G

Participating by Telephone

Cameron, B
Ford, R
Gale, J
Little, M
Mongeon, M
Robinson, P
Sylvestre, M
Thomson, D

Regrets

Alarie, P
Cunning, D
Fortin, J-P
Le Blanc, R

Due to technical difficulties the meeting was delayed until 1:30 pm.

Call to Order – 1:30 pm

1) Federal Budget

M Brunell briefed the participants on the impact of the recent Federal Budget on PWGSC and on GSU in the short and long term

A copy of the PWGSC Plans and Priorities will be emailed to NC members shortly

2) Local Presidents' Council and National Council

M. Brunell advised the NC of the proposed schedule for the upcoming Local Presidents' Council and National Council

Location – Empress Hotel, Victoria, British Columbia, Sept 19 to 24, 2010

Schedule of meetings

Sunday, Sept 19 – GSU Standing Committees

1) committee chairpersons are responsible to advise members if their committee will meet (copy to national office)

2) Opening reception in evening

Monday, Sept 20 – Annual RVP and Local Presidents meetings

1) 9:00 am to 3:00 pm approx. – meeting rooms will be provided.

2) 3:00 pm to 5:00 – Plenary session of LP to receive input from Regional meetings

Tuesday, Sept 21 and Wednesday, Sept 22 – Local Presidents' Council

1) To include trip to Esquimalt Graving Dock on Tuesday afternoon and group dinner

Thursday, Sept 23 and Friday, Sept 24 – National Council Meeting

1) Pacific Region Local Presidents may stay to observe NC

Note:

Friday, July 9, 2010 – Deadline for Reports of National Officers and Committees

Friday, July 9, 2010 – Deadline for NC Agenda Items

Reminder to all GSU Committee Chairs - if you plan to report to this National Council meeting your committee must have met and your report finalized before July 9, 2010

M / S / M. Little / B. Cameron

To approve the outlined program for the 2010 Local Presidents' Council.

Recorded vote #1 – Carried

3) Staff Announcements

M Brunell advised the NC of the death of Brother Hans Meyer, UPWE Life Member and long-serving union activist.

M Brunell announced that Br Bill Walsh has accepted a term position as a PSAC Regional Representative for up to 6 months. In consultation with the other RVPs in the region, he will not be appointing a replacement

M Brunell announced that after 36 years with UPWE and GSU Sister Monique Boyer will retire this summer

M Brunell advised the NC that as it has been 10 years since our reorganization and there will be two vacant positions on staff he has decided to have the work and positions of the national office reviewed. The PSAC has arranged for a consultant to do this kind of work for Components and M. Brunell will be contacting them soon.

4) Miscellaneous

M Brunell thanked NC officers for participating the Union time surveys and asked that the daily surveys for March be submitted as soon as possible. The data will be very useful for the Consultation Working Groups and for the Structure Committee.

R Ford has been working at setting up the next RPBAC. Due to the travel cap, PWGSC wants to do this next meeting by Video Conference. We will use this as an opportunity to improve consultation with Real Property Branch. M Brunell committed to a conference call of all GSU RPBAC participants soon to provide an update.

A Sauv  has been working with the Print Production Sites and recently attended the first Consultation meeting to include representatives of all three print sites. M Brunell congratulated Brothers Sauv  and Cameron for their work on this file.

M Brunell reviewed the changes to Parking fees made by the employer. GSU has been very active on this subject. D Lackie has been working with disabled members to improve the situation. We have now involved the PSAC as it is a public-service-wide issue. There may be a call for regional actions in the near future.

5) Round Table

B Cameron announced that Mike Lavery is retiring and his farewell dinner is scheduled for May 26.

R Ford announced that he had attended the Forum on Pension Reform to defend public service pensions if required. He encouraged other officers to attend the Forum as well if one was held in their region

M Brunell advised the NC that he has invited the Deputy Minister, or his delegate to address the Local President's Council, or the National Council.

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Recorded Votes - GSU Special NC Conference Call – April 15, 2010

Legend 1. Yes 2. No 3 Abstain 4. Absent	To approve revised format of 2010 Local Presidents Council
Vote Number	#
Alarie, P.	4
Cameron, B.	1
Charron, D.	1
Cunning, D.	4
Ford, R.	1
Fortin, J.-P.	4
Gale, J.	1
Lackie, D.	1
Le Blanc, R.	4
Little, M.	1
Mongeon, M.	1
Robinson, P.	1
Sauvé, A.	1
Spencer, R.	1
Sylvestre, M.	4
Thomson, D.	1
Walsh, B.	4
Brunell, M.	1