

# GSU National Council Special Meeting Conference Call

Thursday, August 5, 2010 - 11:30 am (Ottawa Time)

## *Minutes of meeting*

### 1) Call to Order

Acting President Alex Sauvé called the meeting to order at 11:36 am.

He called the roll of officers present, as follows:

#### Present:

- Alarie, Pierre, by phone
- Charron, Daniel, in person
- Ford, Randy, by phone
- Fortin, Jean-Paul, by phone
- Gale, Jack, by phone
- Lackie, Donna, in person
- Le Blanc, Ron, in person
- Little, Michelle, by phone
- Sauvé, Alex, in person
- Spencer, Robert, by phone
- Sylvestre, Mitch, by phone
- Thomson, Dave, by phone
- Walsh, Bill, by phone

#### Absent:

- Brunell, Mark
- Robinson, Phil
- Cameron, Bob
- Cunning, David
- Mongeon, Martine

#### Staff:

- Griffin, Laura, in person

### 2) Approval of NC Minutes

A) Ottawa, Ontario - October 21 and 22, 2009

M / S            D. Charron / D. Lackie

To accept the minutes of October 21 and 22, 2009 as distributed with the inclusion of the issue raised by P. Alarie.

Carried            Recorded Vote # 1

P. Alarie stated that an item was missing from the minutes as follows: M. Brunell agreed to seek a legal opinion related to “written agreements” and job description grievances. Brother Alarie stated that he had asked for an opinion himself on this issue and was advised that a written agreement would not be valid.

B) Conference call of April 15, 2010

M / S            D. Charron / M. Little

To accept the minutes of April 15, 2010 as distributed.

Carried          Recorded Vote # 2

C) Conference call of June 30, 2010

M / S          M. Little / D. Lackie

To accept the minutes of June 30, 2010 as distributed.

Carried          Recorded Vote # 3

### 3) Collective Bargaining Update

J. Gale provided the Council with an update on the status of negotiations at the Mint and with Treasury Board.

Members of the Mint bargaining team will be meeting in Ottawa during the week of August 9, 2010 and will meet with the PSAC negotiator at a later time.

The GSU Bargaining Committee met on Aug. 5 to review and select the GSU representatives to the PSAC Bargaining Conferences, in accordance with GSU Policy 6. Notification will be distributed to all next week and the names and coordinates of the GSU representatives will be forwarded to the PSAC before the deadline of August 13, 2010.

Brother Gale reminded everyone that the deadline for receipt of bargaining demands in the GSU office is August 31, 2010. He asked all NC Officers to encourage Locals to prepare demands and to submit them in accordance with the correct procedure.

### 4) RPBAC Update

R. Ford reported that he is still waiting for confirmation from RPB officials that they agree with the new RPBAC format. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for later this month. Brother Ford will discuss the details with M. Brunell upon his return to work and advise the NC accordingly.

### 5) Local Presidents' Council Update

L. Griffin reported on the preparations for the upcoming National Council and Local Presidents' meeting in Victoria this fall. She asked for RVP to assist in following up with certain Local representatives who have yet to finalize their travel arrangements. In response to a question about the strike at the Vancouver airport, she said that WE Travel is now making travel arrangements to avoid Vancouver airport. Officers who made their arrangements earlier through Vancouver should hold on to them for now in case the strike ends soon. GSU staff will review these arrangements later in August and make decisions then.

### 6) Membership motion - Jack Gale

M / S          J. Gale / J.-P. Fortin

In accordance with Regulation 6, Part 4 of the GSU By-laws;

In recognition of dedication and outstanding service to GSU members, I do hereby nominate Sister Monique Boyer to become an Honourary Member of Government Services Union.

Sister Boyer has been serving PSAC members in the former Union of Public Works Employees and currently the Government Services Union for the past 36 years.

Sister Boyer has long been the voice at the other end of the phone for our Members across the country. She has always been patient, helpful and professional in dealing with Local members and members of the National Council.

I am honoured to nominate Sister Monique Boyer.

Carried unanimously Recorded Vote # 4

7) Paperless Pay cheque stub update

A. Sauv  reported on a PWGSC Briefing he attended with D. Charron and D. Lackie. A copy of the slide deck was provided to the NC with the meeting notice. He reported that they were all surprised by this announcement and expressed GSU concerns at the briefing about the lack of consultation on the issue. An additional meeting will be held in September with all the branches involved to discuss the HR implications.

It was agreed to ensure that this item is raised at the next NLMCC meeting.

8) PSAC Changes to EOC

D. Lackie reported on a report commissioned by the PSAC NBOD to review the PSAC Equal Opportunities Committee. The Consultants have made recommendations relating to EO leadership and development, improve communications and internal PSAC networks. The report will be presented to the next PSAC NBOD meeting. In response to a question, she said that the role of Component representatives in the Committee will be preserved.

9) Ottawa Pride Weekend Donation

M / S D. Lackie / D. Charron

That GSU provide \$500.00 to assist the PSAC National Capital Region in this year's Capital Pride Weekend in support of Think Public Fight Back Campaign.

Carried Recorded Vote # 5

10) Round Table

D. Lackie advised the Council of a new Departmental Policy on Discipline which was posted on the PWGSC Intranet recently. She was very surprised by this policy and asked all Officers to review it and comment. Some of her concerns are, again, the lack of consultation; and why is PWGSC creating a new policy when TB direction is to reduce the number of policies.

J. Gale reported that B. Mackenzie has announced that she will retire this fall.

11) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.

<b>Legend / Légende:</b> 1. Yes / Pour 2. No / Contre 3 Abstain / Abstention 4. Absent / Absent-e	Minutes Oct 21- 22/2009	Minutes Apr 15/10	Minutes June 30/10	Honourary Membership	NCR Pride donation
<b>Vote # / N° de vote</b>	<b>#1</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>#3</b>	<b>#4</b>	<b>#5</b>
Alarie, P.	1	3	3	1	3
Cameron, B.	4	4	4	4	4
Charron, D.	1	1	1	1	1
Cunning, D.	4	4	4	4	4
Ford, R.	1	1	1	1	1
Fortin, J.-P.	1	3	3	1	3
Gale, J.	1	1	1	1	1
Lackie, D.	1	1	1	1	1
Le Blanc, R.	1	1	1	1	4
Little, M.	1	1	1	1	1
Mongeon, M.	4	4	4	4	4
Robinson, P.	4	4	4	4	4
Sauvé, A.	1	1	1	1	1
Spencer, R.	1	3	3	1	1
Sylvestre, M.	1	1	1	1	1
Thomson, D.	1	1	3	1	1
Walsh, B.	3	3	1	1	1
Brunell, M.	4	4	4	4	4