

GSU Special National Council Conference Call
Thursday, March 3rd, 2011 – 1:00 pm. (Ottawa time)
Minutes of meeting

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Supplemental Pension Plan
3. Finance Committee Recommendation
4. NCR Local Jurisdiction
5. Round Table
6. Adjournment

1) Call to Order

Brother Mark Brunell, GSU National President called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He called the roll of officers present, as follows:

Present:

In person - GSU BD

Mark Brunell, Chair
Donna Lackie, NEO

By phone:

Daniel Charron, NVP
Randy Ford, NVP (Joined late)
Pierre Alarie, RVP Quebec
Martine Babcock, RVP Western
Bob Cameron, RVP Atlantic (Joined late)
Jack Gale, RVP Pacific
Mélanie Hamel, RVP Quebec
Michelle Little, RVP Atlantic
Nicole Rousseau, RVP NCR
Dave Thomson, RVP Ontario
Bill Walsh, RVP Atlantic

Regrets:

Alex Sauvé, NVP
David Cuning, RVP Ontario
Ron Le Blanc, RVP NCR
Phil Robinson, RVP Pacific
Robert Spencer, RVP NCR
Mitch Sylvestre, RVP Western

Staff:

Laura Griffin, Communications and Special Projects Officer
Paulette Michon-Hamelin, Union Representative
Gail Peck, Finance and Administrative Officer
Maria Thomas, Administrative Assistant to the National President
Chantal Wilson, Membership and Administrative Assistant

2) Supplemental Pension Plan

Brother Brunell presented a motion and provided background information on the issue.

M / S Daniel Charron / Donna Lackie

WHEREAS the PSAC National Board of Directors adopted the following resolution at its February 2011 meeting;

Whereas officers elected within the PSAC and PSAC Components who are employed by the Treasury Board, Crown Corporation and federal Agencies are normally eligible for a retirement pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act or a similar plan, and

Whereas officers elected within the PSAC and PSAC Components are eligible to join the PSAC Pension plan and are normally eligible for a retirement pension under that plan, and

Whereas the combined pension under these two plans is normally less than the officer would receive if his/her pension was paid out under one plan based on 2% of his/her salary (average best five years) multiplied by years of pensionable service.

Therefore be it resolved that the NBoD establish a Supplemental Pension Plan for elected officers effective March 1, 2011 that makes up the difference between the amounts paid by the employer and the PSAC pension plans and 2% of his/her salary (average best five years) multiplied by years of pensionable service.

Be it further resolved that the Alliance Centre and each Component shall have the option to participate in the Supplementary Pension Plan or not.

Be it further resolved that the Alliance Centre and each Component shall have the option to recognize past service of Officers on strength on March 1, 2011 within the Supplemental Pension Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GSU will not participate in the "Supplemental Pension Plan."

Recorded vote # 1. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Brother Brunell will inform the NBoD that GSU will not participate in the "Supplemental Pension Plan" and thanked the National Council for their support.

3) Finance Committee Recommendation

M / S Daniel Charron / Martine Babcook

WHEREAS the GSU National Council referred the following By-laws Committee recommendation to the Finance Committee for review;

Regulation 3, Section 12 (a) – Recommendation that GSU revise the maximum weeks of severance pay for the National President from 28 weeks to 30 weeks.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 12 of GSU Regulation 3 be deleted effective June 22, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all accumulated Severance Pay for the GSU National President be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the PA Collective Agreement in effect on June 22, 2011.

Recorded vote # 2. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Brother Brunell stated that the National Council could share this information with their members.

4) NCR Local Jurisdiction

M / S Nicole Rousseau / Donna Lackie

WHEREAS GSU Local 70068 has not been functioning in accordance with GSU By-laws for sometime;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with GSU By-law 10, Section 2, the National Council dissolves Local 70068 and assigns its members as follows;

Local 70068 GSU members working for CISSB will become members of Local 70055.

Local 70068 GSU members working for Corporate Services, Policy and Communications Branch and the Corporate Communications Directorate will become members of Local 70015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any assets of Local 70068 be distributed to Locals 70055 and 70015 on a pro rata basis.

Recorded vote # 3. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5) Round Table

The meeting was concluded with a round-table discussion.

- Brother Gale: Union Recognition document was distributed to National Council. He requested that RVPs raise this at their next Regional Union Management Seminar. Sister Griffin stated that this document is posted on the GSU website.
- Sister Little: Good news. The CR-04 and CR-05 in the Pay Office were reclassified to AS-01 and AS-02. After today, (March 3rd) Sister Little will be on holidays until May 2011. Brother Brunell confirmed that Brothers Cameron and Walsh would share her duties during her absence.
- Brother Brunell: On behalf of Brother Spencer, Brother Brunell informed the National Council that he is on French training. Also, from March 1st to 3rd, 2011 Brother Spencer will be reviewing the CA language for the SV Table prior to signing.

- Brother Brunell: Federal budget is scheduled for March 22, 2011. GSU will attend a debriefing on Mach 23, 2011.
- Sister Lackie: Asked if anyone had any issues regarding Parking for Disabilities. Will be writing an article and will share it with NC members. Will be attending the PSAC National Conference for Racially Visible Members at the end of this month.
- Brother Brunell: Stated that he will convene another conference call at the beginning of April 2011.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Recorded Votes / Votes consignés

Legend 1=Yes 2=No 3=Abstain 4=Absent	Supplemental Pension Plan	Finance Cttee Recommendation	NCR – Local Jurisdiction					
Vote Number / Numéro de vote	1	2	3					
Alarie, Pierre	1	1	1					
Babcook, Martine	1	1	1					
Cameron, Bob	4	1	1					
Charron, Daniel	1	1	1					
Cunning, David	4	4	4					
Ford, Randy	1	1	1					
Gale, Jack	1	1	1					
Hamel, Mélanie	1	1	1					
Lackie, Donna	1	1	1					
Le Blanc, Ron	4	4	4					
Little, Michelle	1	1	1					
Robinson, Phil	4	4	4					
Rousseau, Nicole	1	1	1					
Sauvé, Alex	4	4	4					
Spencer, Robert	4	4	4					
Sylvestre, Mitch	4	4	4					
Thomson, Dave	1	1	1					
Walsh, Bill	4	4	4					
Brunell, Mark	1	1	1					