



**GSU National Council Conference Call**  
**Tuesday, July 14, 2011 – 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

**Minutes of meeting**

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## 1) Call to Order

Brother Mark Brunell, GSU National President called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. He called the roll of officers present, as follows:

### Present:

#### In person – Bonnie Robichaud Boardroom

Mark Brunell, Chair  
Daniel Charron, NVP  
Donna Lackie, NEO  
Ron Le Blanc, RVP NCR  
Alex Sauvé, NVP

#### By phone:

Martine Babcock, RVP Western  
Bob Cameron, RVP Atlantic  
Randy Ford, NVP  
Jack Gale, RVP Pacific  
Mélanie Hamel, RVP Quebec  
Michelle Little, RVP Atlantic  
Phil Robinson, RVP Pacific

Nicole Rousseau, RVP NCR  
Mitch Sylvestre, RVP Western  
Dave Thomson, RVP Ontario

### Regrets:

Pierre Alarie, RVP Quebec  
David Cuning, RVP Ontario  
Robert Spencer, RVP NCR (French  
Training)  
Bill Walsh, RVP Atlantic

### Staff:

Laura Griffin, Special Advisor to  
National President  
Maria Thomas, Administrative  
Assistant to National President

## Opening Remarks

Brother Brunell thanked the National Council Members for participating in this Conference Call. He explained the process on how the Convention Committees were selected.

## 2) Ratification of nominations to Convention Committees

m/s Donna Lackie / Phil Robinson

To ratify the revised Convention 2011 Committees.

**Recorded vote #1. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 3) Approval of Previous Minutes

### A) Conference Call of September 14, 2010

m/s Jack Gale / Bob Cameron

That the minutes of September 14, 2010 be approved.

**Recorded vote # 2. MOTION CARRIED.**

**B) Victoria, B.C. – September 23 and 24, 2010**

m/s Alex Sauvé / Bob Cameron

That the minutes of September 23rd and 24th, 2010 be approved.

**Recorded vote # 3. MOTION CARRIED.**

**C) Conference Call of October 26, 2010**

m/s Phil Robinson / Nicole Rousseau

That the minutes of October 26, 2010 be approved.

**Recorded vote # 4. MOTION CARRIED.**

**D) Conference Call of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

m/s Nicole Rousseau / Phil Robinson

That the minutes of March 3rd, 2011 be approved.

**Recorded vote # 5. MOTION CARRIED.**

**E) Conference Call of April 7th, 2011**

m/s Ron Le Blanc / Phil Robinson

That the minutes of April 7th, 2011 be approved.

**Recorded vote # 6. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4) Motion Re: Local 10141**

m/s Daniel Charron / Nicole Rousseau

That GSU reassigns the members of Local 10141 to Local 10161 and apply all the administrative measures required under the by-laws, regulations and policies of the GSU.

**Recorded vote # 7. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5) Result of secret ballots (June 21, 2011)**

- Sister Griffin announced the results of the secret ballot which was conducted by email. National Council voted in favour of the Union Recognition Committee recommendation that Brothers Brunell and Robinson be awarded a GSU Life Membership. Also, the Union Recognition Committee recommended that Brother Brunell be awarded a PSAC Life Membership. National Council voted in favour of this recommendation and it was forwarded to Brother John Gordon, PSAC National President for his consideration.
- National Council congratulated Brothers Brunell and Robinson.

m/s Daniel Charron / Ron Le Blanc

That the ballots (conducted by email) be destroyed.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **6) Round Table**

- The meeting ended with a round table discussion.

### ***GSU Convention:***

- Brother Brunell is looking into the possibility of engaging a firm to conduct electronic voting for the National elections at Convention. However, details need to be finalized. He will keep National Council informed.
- If National Council would like to obtain a list of delegates attending Convention, they should contact Sister Griffin.
- A brief discussion took place on the following item: 'Should the banquet be followed with a dance at the Convention'. Brother Brunell conducted a 'Straw poll'. The majority of the National Council Members preferred not to have a dance. Brother Thomson, member of the host Committee will inform the other members.
- Brother Brunell would like to invite Sister Nycole Turmel as a key speaker to the Convention. She is the Public Works and Government Services critic and National Caucus Chair for the NDP.

### ***Work Force Adjustment:***

- Sister Griffin (on behalf of Brother Ford) mailed out to the National Council and Local President the 'PSAC Workforce Adjustment Brochures' which the Locals could find useful.
- Brother Ford will be sending an email to National Council requesting an update from each region on how they are managing the 'Affected' list of GSU members. He needs to know, if a Regional WFA Committee has been established and if any issues need to be addressed at the National level. The next National Workforce Adjustment meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2011 and Brother Ford is requesting feedback by June 25, 2011.
- Both of the RVPs for the Quebec region will be on holidays for the majority of the summer. Should any issues arise regarding WFA, National Council can contact the Local Presidents. As per Brother Brunell's request, Sister Hamel will send an email with their coordinates.

### ***Health and Safety***

- Brother Sauvé is requesting comments by July 27, 2011 on a proposal to consolidate the current PWGSC Health & Safety Policies. This policy will be more user friendly and accessible. He needs to know if he can approve or decline this structure.
- Another Conference Call will be scheduled before the end of the summer.

## **7) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

## Recorded Votes

Legend / Légende : 1. Yes / Pour 2. No / Contre 3 Abstain / Abstention 4. Absent / Absent-e	Ratify Committees	Minutes – Sept. 14, 2010	Minutes – Sept. 23, 2010	Minutes – Oct. 26, 2010	Minutes – March 3, 2011	Minutes – April 7, 2011	Local 10141
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7
Alarie, Pierre	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Babcook, Martine	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cameron, Bob	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Charron, Daniel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cunning, David	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Ford, Randy	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
Gale, Jack	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hamel, Mélanie	1	3	3	3	1	1	1
Lackie, Donna	1	3	1	3	1	1	1
Le Blanc, Ron	1	3	1	3	3	1	1
Little, Michelle	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Robinson, Phil	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
Rousseau, Nicole	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sauvé, Alex	1	1	1	1	3	1	1
Spencer, Robert	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Sylvestre, Mitch	1	3	1	1	3	1	1
Thomson, Dave	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Walsh, Bill	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Brunell, Mark	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

## **Appendix 'A' – GSU Convention 2011 Convention Committees**

### **Structure Resolutions Committee**

Courcelles, Alain  
Hamel, Mélanie  
Jedrasik, John  
Mercier, Monica  
Robidoux, Marc  
Rousseau, Nicole  
Sauvé, Alex – Co-chairperson  
Simard, Michelle  
Soubra, Souad  
Thomson, Dave  
Walton, Lori – Co-chairperson

### **By-Laws Resolutions Committee**

Alarie, Pierre  
Ehler, Stephanie  
Ford, Randy – Co-chairperson  
Gendron, Isabelle  
Le Blanc, Ron  
Nitschmann, Frank  
Oleny, Cora-Lee  
Power, Diane – Co-chairperson  
Robinson, Phil  
Walsh, Bill

### **Credentials Committee**

Robert Spencer, Chairperson

### **Finance Resolutions Committee**

Babcook, Martine – Co-chairperson  
Carter, Russel  
Charron, Daniel – Co-chairperson  
Gale, Jack  
Manolache, Liliana  
Murray, Larry  
Otis, Isabelle  
Parent, Michèle  
Roy, Bruce  
Sabourin, Linda  
Stein, Reni

### **General Resolutions Committee**

Cameron, Bob – Co-chairperson  
Cunning, David  
Howard, Randy  
Lackie, Donna – Co-chairperson  
Lambert, Sue  
Little, Michelle  
Monty, Yves  
Pleming, Bill  
Reda, Luigi  
Schauer, Janice  
Wilkie, Don

### **Nominations Committee**

Mitch Sylvestre, Chairperson

### **Sergeant at Arms Committee**

Mitch Sylvestre, Chairperson