

PSAC local 901 General Membership Meeting
16 November
6:30pm
John Orr Room, JDUC

Members in attendance:

MaryAnne Laurico, English
Krystle Maki, Sociology
Erin Clow, Political Science
Sean Field, Geography
Hannah Johnston, Geography
Christo Aivalis, History
Doug Nesbitt, History
John Rose, Geography
Christine Grossutti, Geography
Genevieve Warren, English
Nicole Bedford, Cultural Studies
Morgan Teeple Hopkins, Philosophy
Carla Moore, Gender Studies
Andrea Choi, Geography
Anne Marie Grondin, Sociology
Dinah Jansen, History
Henry Ngo, Physics
Simon Robinson, SKHS
Matthew Scribner, English
Stephen Sheps, Sociology
David Thompson, History

Chair: David Thompson, History

Meeting Called to Order: 6:37pm

Agenda:

1. Quorum check
2. Adopt agenda
3. Adopt minutes from October Fall General Membership Meeting
4. Budget and amendments
5. Executive updates
6. Adjournment

1. Quorum Check:

Chair: Can the Information Officer provide a quorum check?

Information officer: we have met quorum.

Chair: question to accept the Information Officer's quorum check.

Motioned by: Stephen Sheps, Sociology

Seconded by: John Rose, Geography

Discussion: None

Result: Carried

2. Adopt Agenda

Chair: The Executive would like to amend the agenda to replace item 5 with "Executive updates and new business" because there are no bylaw amendments at this time and replace item 6 with "Adjournment"

Motion to amend: Simon Robinson, SKHS

Seconded by Anne Marie Grondin, Sociology

Discussion: None

Result: Carried

Chair: adopt agenda?

Motioned by: Stephen Sheps, Sociology

Seconded by: Morgan Teeple Hopkins, Philosophy

Discussion: None

Result: Carried

3. Adopt Minutes from last GMM

Chair: adopt minutes from October General Membership Meeting? The minutes have been posted on the 901 website for a few weeks now.

Motioned by: John Rose, Geography

Seconded by: Hannah Johnston, Geography

Discussion: None

Result: Carried

4. Budget and amendments

Chair: I will turn the floor over to 901 Treasurer, Sean Field for budget presentation and amendments.

Treasurer: Changes to the budget are very minor. Some key differences from last time include the following:

-Change to how we represent our revenue. PSAC national is going to receive dues and then they are going to release them to the local.

-Increased amount in other income category. Change reflects cost of having exec travel to conferences.

-Expense change – auditor amount reduced to 0. PSAC national will cover the cost of an auditor.

-Have also changed the honorarium amount because there is not a full exec. \$420 has been chosen as the appropriate amount to pay exec.

-LGBTQ committee line item to reflect this new committee.

-Kingston District Labour Council increased the amount to \$2000 total.

-Otherwise this budget is very much the same as last time. This is a conservative budget overall because there is some uncertainty about what will be happening next semester. This is a cautious budget which we wish to pass tonight.

Chair: Questions for the treasurer?

Stephen Sheps, Sociology: Question about benefits category.

Sean Field – Hoping to pay out \$100 000 by the end of the year to the SGPS for increased benefits. Negotiations are still going on with SGPS.

Chair: call question to adopt the budget.

Motioned by: Stephen Sheps, Sociology

Seconded by: Krystle Maki - Sociology

Discussion: None

Result: Carried

5. Executive updates and new business

Chair: turn the floor over to exec to give brief updates.

Executive updates:

President: Working on service agreement with PSAC national. Working on negotiating terms and conditions. We are negotiating an agreement of 90/10 portion of the local's portion of dues back to the local.

Information Officer: Getting to know the position of information officer. Joined the LGBTQ committee.

Equity Officer: Organizing positive space training on Nov. 28th, 2011. If you're interested in participating, please contact me at equityofficer@psac901.org

Co-Chief Steward 1: Dealing with a few different grievances. Grievances have generally been dealt with informally. Pay rate discrepancies is one of the grievances. Plug for Ontario council and a discussion of what Christo's (Young Worker Representative) and MaryAnne's (DCL Academic Worker) roles are on the Ontario council.

Co-Chief Steward 2: Organizing departmental rounds. Have knocked on doors for around 40 different departments. Talking about the need to have stewards in all departments. 15 active stewards and about 10 other stewards at the present time. Steward meetings have been focusing on how to deal with issues that arise. Plug for more stewards.

Vice President Community Affairs: Plug for committees which are part of PSAC 901. CLIFF film festival. Come out its free and open to the public. Partnered with KDLC and Cinema Politica. Krystle also met with the SGPS to discuss the drop fees campaign. Krystle is also working on international women's week. Also working on the new PSAC 901 website.

Treasurer: Working with exec on internal organizational stuff. Doing some rounds.

Question to Christo Aivalis from Simon Robinson – What is happening with those double dues?
What can he tell the TAs in his department?

Christo Aivalis –PSAC 901 is still working on this grievance. PSAC 901 has had a response from Queen's and now PSAC national will be working on this grievance.

6. Adjournment

Chair: question to adjourn?

Motioned by: Christo Aivalis, History

Seconded by: Henry Ngo, Physics

Discussion: None

Result: Carried

Meeting adjourned: 7:01pm