

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
PSAC LOCAL 70125 (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)
HELD AT 53 QUEEN STREET, ROOM 14
JUNE 18, 1979

1. The President called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

<u>PRESENT:</u> Françoise Maher	President
Hélène Goyette	1st Vice President
Margaret George Blagrove	Corresponding Secretary
Joan Sparks	Recording Secretary

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Joan Jeakins	Membership
Ed Walsh	Steward
Ruth Hutchinson	Foreign Service Directives

GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Garry Curtis	CR - Chairman
Barry Kemball	AS - Delegate
D. Dodge	AS - Delegate

MEMBERS

D. Whitford	SCY
A. Wong	SCY
B. Blackmore	SCY

GUEST

Chris Dann, PSAC Services Officer, National Component

2. AGENDA: M/S/C R. Hutchinson, B. Kemball that agenda be adopted as presented.

3. MINUTES OF MAY 28 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

The President made the following correction to her report, attached as Annex B of the Minutes: In second line delete "sponsored by the OFL presided by" and replace with "organized by" Eleanor Ryan ... In fourth line of second paragraph, replace "staff" with "members" to read "to have members instead of officials...").

M/S/C R. Hutchinson, B. Kemball that the Minutes be adopted as amended.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

B. Kemball asked whether Diane Astles had replied to the invitation to attend this meeting in her capacity as Regional Vice-President. The President said Miss Astles had accepted verbally so had been expected to attend but since she was not in attendance, the President would enquire.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: See Annex A page 5.

The following item on the list was questioned:

No. 14 - Circular letter re: Foreign Service Employee Concept: The President replied that employees at posts concerned are satisfied in general, but so far we have received only three replies to our request for feed-back from the six posts. Geneva is a unique situation so an individual review was being undertaken.

6. REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Françoise Maher thanked the executive and all others who had attended meetings throughout the year and who had volunteered for special tasks, including ballot-mailing. Because she had been away for a while, she had not been as active as usual during the past few weeks. The main items since the last meeting of the Local were requests for submissions for collective agreements.

M/S/C M. George Blagrove, R. Hutchinson that report be accepted.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: HÉLÈNE Goyette submitted her resignation as she is leaving on posting shortly.

TREASURER: André Laporte was absent due to a death in his family. The President presented the financial report .

RECONCILIATION FOR MAY 1979

1. Cash on hand as of April 30, 1979	579.96	CR
2. Revenues for May 1979	1,029.00	CR
3. Expenditures for May 1979	1,312.09	DR
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4. Equals Cash on hand as of May 31, 1979	296.87	CR
5. Outstanding cheques as of May 31, 1979	n i l	
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6. Equal Bank Balance per statement May 31, 1979	296.87	CR

FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash on hand (in bank)	296.87
Petty Cash Advance	50.00
Saving Certificates	5,000.00
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Prepared by: L. Kemball

Approved by: A. Laporte Treasurer

June 15, 1979.

M/S/C R. Hutchinson, D. Dodge that report be accepted.

The administration of the Local's regular business during the summer months was then discussed, in view of the current scarcity of executive officers.

M/S/C R. Hutchinson, D. Dodge that joint signing authority be given to the officer clerk, Leonne Kemball, effective July 1, 1979 until September 30, 1979 with the exception of all cheques payable to her.

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS REPORTS

Membership: Joan Jeakins reported that an experiment had been tried with the STSCY Arbitral Award by having the award picked up by members in the SRB Conference Room. As a result, 15 membership cards had been signed. Books will be placed in the display rack. There is now a total of 191 Rand deductees remaining in the Department.

M/S/C J. Jeakins/R. Hutchinson that report be accepted.

Steward: Ed Walsh reported that the GS contract was signed on June 15. Ratification vote had been 684 for and 48 against. Ed. Walsh attended an in-residence course for Chief Stewards which was held June 2 - 7 at Lake Opinicon. The course dealt with the role of the Chief Steward within the Local structure and as union representative in defending the rights of the members. A full report is on the Local file (36-1)

M/S/C E. Walsh/G. Curtis that reported be accepted.

B. Kemball asked what concept the Department had for Security Manager positions at posts. Ed. Walsh replied that job classifications had not been finalized yet, but there was some concern over the amount of responsibility and hours of work, on call which might be entailed with the new positions. Chris Dann remarked that these positions might be classified to PRC 8 level.

The President asked Ed. Walsh to report on the situation more fully in September when the Department's policy would be more defined.

AS Group: Barry Kemball reported that an LMC is scheduled for June 19, at which it is hoped the confusion about the Department's intentions would be clarified. Representatives from AS, CR and SCY groups will attend.

M/S/C B. Kemball/M. George Blagrove that report be accepted.

CR Group: Ruth Hutchinson reported as follows: During the past month the CR bargaining demands were prepared and forwarded to PSAC. Due to lack of CR interest here in Ottawa, the demands were submitted by only a few (inexperienced) members and the time given to their preparation was limited. Also, we were unable to find a CR willing and available to represent our CR group in discussion of our demands at the Component.

The centre of interest this month has been APO's proposal to post non-rotational AS abroad this year on single-assignment in anticipation of the creation of a new rotational AS stream next year, in 1980, which was being instituted without union consultation and was also contradictory to Admin Circ Doc 36/79 of May 30/79.

At an ad-hoc meeting of 14 CRs on June 11, questions on the rotational AS group and the single assignment proposals were prepared. Three representatives, Herb Knox, André Laporte and Rutch Hutchinson were selected to arrange a meeting with APO to discuss these questions. We will therefore attend the meeting scheduled for tomorrow, June 19 and will report to a general meeting of rotational CRs on June 20.

M/S/C R. Hutchinson, M. George Blagrove that the report be accepted.

PM Group: The President commented that she has tried to contact someone of the PM group for bargaining input but has been unsuccessful so far. A. Ménard of FAC agreed to look into this matter.

STSCY Group: Margaret George Blagrove announced that she had arranged a SCY Group meeting for June 26 at 12:00 noon with the following agenda: 1) Bargaining proposals, due August 3 and 2) Participation in the Local. Gerry Sarazin, Assistant Executive Secretary, National Component would be present as guest speaker.

7. The President invited Chris Dann to speak about his visit to overseas Locals, May 24 - 27 with Don Golding, President, National Component, PSAC. The first call had been at The Hague where members had talked mainly about bereavement leave entitlements while abroad and assignments to meet couriers. A seminar had been held in Brussels for members in the vicinity. The question of trusteeship for London Local was discussed briefly and it was agreed that Peggy Jones be appointed Acting Chairman as an interim measure.

Joan Jeakins mentioned that the FSDs now allow for carry-over of Canada leave on cross-posting. The FSD Committee will investigate some problems being encountered by members in Geneva in this regard.

The President thanked Chris Dann and remarked that such trips are most valuable in gaining first-hand knowledge of members' problems abroad.

8. ELECTIONS: First Vice-President

Margaret George Blagrove was nominated by Françoise Maher and seconded by Hélène Goyette. Elected by acclamation.

Second and Third Vice-Presidents: No nominees

9. NEW BUSINESS

The right of excluded members to take part or attend union meetings was brought up for discussion. Chris Dann stated that persons designated as exclusions could not work for a union and should not even attend meetings, although exceptions may be made regarding the latter, depending on the subject of the meeting.

M/S/C Ruth Hutchinson, Ed Walsh that Gilles Poirier be appointed Steward for Tel Aviv.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C M. George Blagrove, R. Hutchinson that meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Joan Sparks
Recording Secretary