

Local 70125

external affairs



PLEASE CIRCULATE

VEUILLEZ CIRULER

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 25 1993

ASSEMBLER MENSUELLE
MARDI, LE 25 MAI 1993

7:30 P.M.
246 QUEEN STREET
ROOM 202

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CHAMBRE 202

ASSEMBLEE

MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 1993
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
6. CORRESPONDENCE
7. REPORTS
Executive
Committees
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

1. OUVERTURE DE LA RÉUNION
2. APPEL NOMINAL DES DIRIGEANTS
3. PROPOSÉ ORDRE DU JOUR.
4. COMPTE-RENDU DU 19 AVRIL, 1992
- ASSEMBLÉE MENSUELLE
5. DÉBAT DU COMPTE-RENDU
6. CORRESPONDANCE
7. RAPPORTS
Executif
Comités
8. AFFAIRES NOUVELLES
9. FERMETURE

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PSAC LOCAL 70125 - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 25, 1993

1. The First Vice President, Jacques Quinn, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **PRESENT:** Jacques Quinn - First Vice President
Corrie Pyl - Second Vice President
Peggy Coupland - Third Vice-President
Les Cundell - Treasurer
Anna Sipos - Secretary
Laura Burgess - Education and Publicity
Tim Rainboth - Chief Shop Steward
William Gloss - National Director Outside Canada
Bob McVicar - Membership

ABSENT: Eunice Dubé - President
Dave Delaney - Steward
Gary Doherty - Vice-President Outside Canada

3. **Adoption of Agenda:** M/S/C Cundell/Pyl

4. Adoption of the Minutes of regular monthly meeting - March 15, 1993 - M/S/C Coupland/Gloss

5. **Business arising from Minutes:**

Floor was opened to questions:

There were several errors in the Minutes as the secretary was twice unable to distinguish voices on the tape. These errors were corrected at the meeting and are as follows: It was Corrie Pyl who referred to having had telephone calls from Tehran (page 2 of the Minutes) not Bill Gloss and it was Dave Delaney who noted increasing problems with stress in his workplace on page 3 of the minutes not Corrie Pyl.

6. **Correspondence April 16 to May 14/93.** No questions.

7. Reports - President, absent - no report
Second Vice President - no report
Third Vice President - M/S/C Coupland/Cundell
Secretary - no report
Treasurer - there is no financial statement. There is approximately \$12,000 in the bank at the moment. We will probably not get rebate cheques until June as we were late filing information with the component for the annual audit. May 1st was the deadline date it had to be received in order to comply. M/S/C Cundell/Coupland

Membership Chairman - Someone at Gilmour Street did their own membership drive and contacted all RAND deductees. ESSA raids on SI group at External (approx 120 people) and IS group (approx 30) - needs ratification vote - Essa to make representations by the end of June. Bill Gloss commented that we are the Local and they are our people, we do have a membership committee and effort should be made on our part to have a membership drive. Doug Chaulk instigated this with mailouts to non-members. We should have this list. M/S/C McVicar/Cundell

Health and Safety Committee - Report submitted by Corrie Pyl M/S/C Pyl/Gloss. Laura Burgess would like to see more pamphlets available on ergonomics.

Bill Gloss advised that the FSDs are finished and there are major changes. Probably Treasury Board will send out a copy that the Department will distribute. He noted changes to a number of FSDs.

Chief Shop Steward - no report

New Business:

Bill Gloss commented that it is the responsibility of the Chief Shop Steward to stay in contact with anyone who is handling a grievance and that the Chief Shop Steward's report should indicate how many cases are being handled and inform the Executive on a regular basis. The Chief Shop Steward, in order to be kept informed himself, could issue a directive advising that he wishes to be kept informed of all grievance activity.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.
M/S/C Pyl/Coupland

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Submitted by E. B. Dubé

As I was absent for our last monthly meeting, I will try to provide you all with a brief overview of what has taken place since the preceding session.

Attended a meeting relating to GE Conversion with Brother Gloss and there was nothing concrete put forth by APSC as the ADM of Personnel was attending meetings the following day to get information from Treasury Board concerning levels, groupings, etc. As Mr. A. Dillon suggested that we allow them time to digest the new information and put it in perspective we agreed and asked for a follow up meeting which should take place some time next week.

Spent a week in May in Laval with the Resolutions Committee with Brothers Doherty, Gloss, Cundell and Kruithof as well as Sister Brooker. Brother Doherty was Chairman of the Officers Committee (Finance) and Brothers Gloss and Kruithof were on the Resolutions Committee pertaining to Finance, Brother Cundell was on the Resolutions Committee pertaining to Collective Bargaining, Sister Brooker was on the Resolutions Committee pertaining to Constitution and By-Laws and I was on the General Resolutions Committee. It was a taxing experience and the political undercurrents could be felt by everyone. I found it an uphill battle all the way as there was, as usual, hidden agendas and issues foisted upon the unsuspecting by those who hide under the union banner to promote their own causes and all in all self serve. I was not too popular in Committee but, I did not go there to win a popularity contest. Rather, I was there to defend the views of our Membership and I shall continue to do so. If this was an indication of things to come, it should be a very interesting Convention in August!!

June 2nd to 7th was spent just outside Lisbon at the Hotel Village Cascais. It was a very well organized Seminar and the courses provided by Mr. L. Fucile and our Service Officer, Mary Ramsay proved beneficial to all those in attendance. Sister Heather Brooker made a presentation on behalf of Equal Opportunities and Bill Gloss gave an update of the Foreign Service Directives. Both presentations were very well received. I was pleased to be in attendance and distributed a list of our Executive to the Members present and was proud to provide them with our facsimile number for future use. At least our Members abroad will now have a direct line to their own Local and perhaps will not feel so isolated. For your information our facsimile number is 233-2717 - please feel free to convey the number to any Member who requires assistance. While on the subject of the Seminar in Portugal, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brother Gary Doherty for a very successful Seminar and for giving me the opportunity to meet with many of our rotational Members.


Well to sum up, grievances are on the increase and seem to relate mostly to job descriptions, job classifications and harassment in the workplace. I wonder why??? Could it have anything to do with PS 2000 or the GE Conversion exercise???

I would now like to thank my Executive for their help and support and wish them a safe and enjoyable summer - remember our next meeting will be held in September. For those attending the National Component Convention as Delegates or Observers, I will see you in Laval in August but keep me informed re your whereabouts as we do plan to hold an informal meeting for members going to Convention to give them an update on where we stand and to prepare them for Convention concerning Rules of Procedure, voting, etc. etc. The meeting will be convened in the near future at a time agreed upon with Brother Doherty.

Last, but certainly not least, my profound thanks to our Treasurer, Les Cundell who has seen me through some difficult times and manages to keep our accounts in order. I sincerely appreciate the cooperation and the many tasks he has taken on recently. I feel we now have a great team in place, that we are becoming much better organized, the work is more evenly distributed and, as the commercial states: "TOGETHER, WE'RE MAKING GOOD THINGS HAPPEN !!!

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER, ENJOY YOUR VACATIONS AND GET PLENTY OF REST, BECAUSE WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US!!!!

June 17, 1993


E. B. Dubé