

Local 70125

external affairs



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1993

ASSEMBLER MENSUELLE
MARDI, LE 28 SEPTEMBRE 1993

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

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CHAMBRE 202

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 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 21 JUIN, 1993
- ASSEMBLÉE MENSUELLE
5. DÉBAT DU COMPTE-RENDU
6. CORRESPONDANCE
7. RAPPORTS
Executif
Comités
8. AFFAIRES NOUVELLES
9. FERMETURE

ASSEMBLEE

MEETING

Section Locale 70125

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PSAC LOCAL 70125 - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 28, 1993

1. The President, Eunice Dubé, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **PRESENT:** Eunice Dubé - President
Jacques Quinn - First Vice-President
Corrie Pyl - Second Vice-President
Peggy Coupland - Third Vice-President
Les Cundell - Treasurer
Anna Sipos - Secretary
Gary Doherty - Vice-President Outside Canada
William Gloss - National Director Outside Canada
Laura Burgess - Education/Publicity
Heather Brooker

ABSENT: Tim Rainboth - Chief Shop Steward
Dave Delaney

3. It was moved to amend the Agenda under New Business as follows:

- 8.(a) Facsimile
- (b) SI Group
- (c) Announcements
- (d) Life Membership
- (e) Election of observers PSAC Convention
M/S/C Dubé/Coupland

4. The Minutes were accepted.

5. Business arising from the Minutes:

Gary Doherty has written a letter to the President of the Component saying that we should treat the Passport Office as we treat Parks Canada. In January at the Executive Meeting Gary will be putting forth a Motion that we set up a meeting with Passport Office requesting that, if they so wish, to stay part of the Inside Canada and External Affairs Local, and not join the new Public Security Department and that's within the Constitution. He did this because he is looking at the loss of revenue to the Local as well as for the Component.

6. Correspondence:

Strike Survey has resulted in a Strike Survey Report - agreed that 25 copies in each language would be ordered.

7. Reports:

Report of the President-M/S/C Dubé/Cundell

No report from 1st Vice President

Report of 2nd Vice President - MRD - SOA (Special Operating Agency) - implications - employee status won't change; there will be different rules. MRD will be responsible for real property around the world. To date there has been no official announcement. Pyl will speak to DG on Sept.29th re Health and Safety matters and will bring up point that something official should be forthcoming soon. M/S/C Pyl/Cundell

Report of 3rd Vice President - Agreed with President's report on Convention and added that she experienced some frustrations but also a strong sense of teamwork. M/S/C Coupland/Gloss

Report of the Treasurer: Corrections were noted on Financial Statements from January - May,, 1993. June, July and August Financial Statements are new.

Health and Safety: Corrie will attend a conference on multiple chemical security in near future. The Health and Safety Committee at the Pearson Building has run aground; no accomplishments, most meetings are cancelled due to lack of attendance. Options were looked at such as putting pressure on other staff associations. He advised us that the nurse will no longer be on duty full time and that there will not be a nurse in the building on Tuesday afternoons. A stand-by is needed. H & W nurses are not mandated to provide emergency medical services; they provide counselling and educational information.

Laura Burgess commented on air circulation on A-2. There is a strong smell of something similar to nail polish remover at approximately 11:00 a.m. each day.

Pyl advised that senior management has the power to close down the floor. If they don't respond to complaints then people should advise either PYL or Dubé who can then call Labour Canada.

FSDs: There are still problems with FSD-50 (Shipment of Effects) - The Director has recently changed and there is a new Director. Gloss has made him aware of some concerns specific to FSD 50.06 has also been in touch with PSAC and PAFSO. He is waiting for them to come out with some wording or guidance to the Missions and has asked that it be given to us before they send it out. Grievances are anticipated. Once our fax machine is up and running he would like to send through the Local a fax to all Missions asking them to start compiling what they would like to see or demands for the next round providing detail and rationale behind any requests. Brooker felt this was quite an expenditure for the local and that the National Component should bear this expense. It was agreed that if the cost was not too great we could vote on this ourselves but that if the expense was great it would be a topic for the AGM. Our Local is restricted to amounts under \$100.00; most other locals have a limit of \$500.00. No one is to use the fax machine without prior consent of the President or the Executive. M/S/C Gloss/Brooker

Education and Publicity: Burgess went to the convention in August at Laval and took pictures for the newsletter. Deadline of newsletter is end of October and she suggested there might be a message from the President included. M/S/C Gloss/Burgess

8.(a) There will be a demonstration on how to use the fax machine held on September 30 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

(b) SI group - comments to the SI group on what they will be giving up if they leave has hit home base and Dubé has had several SIs tell her that this information has changed their minds. More information such as this may save the SI group.

(c) Announcements: A thank you note from Bill Gloss and his wife thanking us for our donation to the VON in the name of his father-in-law was read into record.

PSAC - Casino Fun Night on October 16 - ballroom of Citadel Inn - proceeds to the Snowsuit Fund.

(d) Life membership for Bob Philips M/S/C Cundell/Quinn

Motion: That the Local will pay for a plaque for presentation at the February AGM which says "Life Membership awarded to Bob Philips - 70125" and that plaque to be presented to him by the President. M/S/C Doherty/Gloss

(e) Election of Observers to PSAC, Montreal, April/94

As there is no meeting in December and the AGM is in February, it was proposed that we post a Notice of Motion that the election of observers to the Public Service Alliance Convention to be held in Montreal in April will be conducted at the monthly meeting of Local 70125 in October.

M/S/C Doherty/Brooker.

Sipos asked that one of the conditions of attending such convention be that substantial, informative reports be received by the Local from the observers which would be available to Members.

The number of observers to be sent by the Local was discussed. Cundell pointed out that we have, in theory, put money aside for 3 observers. We budgeted for three at this years AGM. If we wish to send more this would have to be decided at the October meeting. It would then be mentioned at the February meeting in the Annual Budget that it was passed at the October meeting. Approximately \$2500-\$3000 per member. This includes transportation, loss of salary, hotel, per diem.

Motion to set aside up to \$2,000 for a Christmas party in the crush lobby on December 15th with the same caterers as last year. M/S/C Cundell/Brooker. Guest lists for the party should be provided at the October meeting.

Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Submitted by E. B. Dubé


A long two months have passed since our last regular monthly meeting. I hope a good summer was enjoyed by all!!

The same two months were filled with filing of grievances, an increase in harassments of one nature or another reported, and an increase of problems in general.

I had attended the meetings in Laval and participated as a Member of the General Resolutions Committee and then attended our National Component Convention which was also held in Laval. It was a very interesting time and proved frustrating in more ways than one. Our Vice-President, Outside Canada kept the Finance Committee hopping, and I can sincerely say that all Delegates from 70125 represented us extremely well and our presence was felt. Doug Chalk is once again our National Component President and Joyce Hendy was elected as the Vice-President. We did not get all our points across but, a good number of our Resolutions were addressed.

Our observers were of great assistance and I am sure that for those observers who had not attended a Convention previously, they now have a better understanding of the process of Convention. I honestly feel that we proceeded in a spirit of team-work and accomplished a great deal.

Well the elections are looming just around the corner and it will be some time before the GE question is resolved. Apparently it has been put on the back burner for now. The general consensus is that we will have to wait and see and, depending on the outcome, the situation in the workplace could become better or worse. All we can do is keep the lines of communication open and keep the faith!!!


E. B. Dubé,
President.

September 28, 1993

LOCAL 70125 MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER

Gary Doherty,
Vice-President, Outside Canada
c/o TAM.

Dear Brother Doherty:

It would be sincerely appreciated if you would permit the date of our next local meeting to be changed to September 28, 1993 as, due to unforeseen circumstances, it is not possible to hold the meeting as scheduled on the 20th.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

E. B. Dubé
E. B. Dubé,
President,
Local 70125.

Sept 3/93

By Laws waived

*Gary Doherty
V.P. Outside Canada*