# Union of Taxation Employees Local 00013 Central Council Minutes

# Meeting of August 22, 2005

## In Attendance:

Presiding		Recording	
Patricia Payton	President *	Ryan Ward	Secretary
Jean DePeiza	VP - TCTSO **	Dave Taylor	VP – TCC
Eric Range	Treasurer	Bev Bryant	Director – TCC
Anna Caruso	Director – TC	Linda Collins	Director – TC
Cheryl Grieve	Director – TC	Dario Gritti	Director – TC
Lisa Hamilton	Director – TCC	Rob Hamilton	Director – TC

**Absent:** 

Rita Neves Director – TCC

Guests:

None \* Excused \*\* Presiding

#### COMMENCEMENT

Call To Order at 6:00 pm by the Patricia Payton, President. The Central Council immediately resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to deal with a tabled resolution respecting section 1 of Regulation 2.

The Committee of the Whole rose and reported that following resolution was adopted by written endorsement from ten of the Council members present without dissent:

Be it resolved that section 1 of Regulation 2, which establishes the duties, powers, and prerogatives of the Office of President, be and is hereby suspended and inoperative as it applies to the incumbent President until the earlier of:

- A. the resignation of the incumbent President;
- B. the close of a special meeting of the Local held pursuant to By-Law 6 for purposes of making its final determination of the fitness of the incumbent President to remain in office; or
- C. the close of the 2006 Annual General Meeting where the matter of the fitness of the incumbent President to remain in office is heard and finally determined.

And be it further resolved that the Vice-Presidents be authorised to exercise all the duties, powers, and prerogatives of the Office of President pursuant to section 2(e) of Regulation 2 while the incumbent President is suspended;

And be it further resolved that the Regional Vice-President – Greater Toronto Region be

- A. notified of the adoption of this resolution, including taking formal notice of the preamble;
- B. requested to take such actions as may be deemed appropriate to advance the intent of this resolution; and
- C. requested to initiate an investigation of the conduct of the incumbent President and, where appropriate, call a special meeting of the Local pursuant to By-Law 6 to hear the evidence adduced during such investigation.

It was agreed that the Local will issue the following statement:

"Patricia Payton is on-leave for personal reasons as President of UTE Local 00013 until further notice. Dave Taylor (VP Call Centre) and Jean DePeiza (VP Toronto Centre) shall assume the duties of the President, as Co-Presidents of the Local, until further notice."

Jean dePeiza reported that the President asked to be excused, which was granted, and that she has been designated to chair the meeting of the Central Council.

The Agenda Items were approved without change or additions.

# REPORTS

The report of the President was tabled. There were no reports from the Vice Presidents.

## AGENDA ITEMS

## Item 1 - New Office, P.O. Box, and Funding Formula

Dario Gritti table the agreement to rent office space at 174 Willowdale Ave. starting September 15, 2005. The lease is a fixed six-month lease plus up to an additional six months on a month-to-month basis.

Eric Range confirmed there is a \$1 million insurance policy for the location of the new office.

Dario requested authorization to continue working with Esther Burt to conclude the details of a funding formula and the move to the new office.

That Dario Gritti be authorised to conclude negotiations with Esther Burt, President – Local 00048, to establish an equitable funding formula to maintain the new Office and to conclude the move to the new quarters.

Moved: Anna Caruso Seconded: Lisa Hamilton Motion Carried

Dario reported that P.O. Box 17006, 69 Yonge St. is located at Shoppers Drug Mart at Yonge and King Sts.

#### Item 2 – Personal Email Addresses of Council Members

Jean De Peiza requested that all Council members provide the Secretary with their personal email addresses so that sensitive information can be disseminated without the use of the CRA email system. The two Vice-Presidents' don't have personal e-mail addresses and are expected to obtain them as soon as possible.

# <u>Item 3 – Handbook - Rules of Order</u>

Dario Gritti reported that the By-Laws and Regulations Committee is working on a "Rules of Order / Procedure" which will also outline major aspects of the executive positions, including introducing director portfolios.

#### Item 4 – Annual Children's Christmas Party

Cheryl Grieve reported that because the location of last year's Christmas Party was well received, it is recommended that we continue to use the United Steelworkers Hall (on Cecil St. by Spadina and College). December 3rd was set as the tentative date for the party subject to availability. There are gifts that still are remaining in the office and they should have been donated to Variety Village but have not been. These gifts may be used for this year's party with any remaining gifts being donated this year. Cheryl Grieve will take the lead.

Council concurred.

#### <u>Item 5 – Local Website</u>

Rob Hamilton reported that:

- The UTE National does not build websites for Locals. Declan Calton has volunteered to help the Local with any technical information that we require to help administer it.
- Three examples of websites were presented to Council and Local 20026 in Southern British Columbia was considered the best model for our Local.
- Cost to host this site is up to \$150 per annum. When signing up for a period of time
  there could be a deal on the cost of registering the domain. Robert will look into
  registering "www.utetc.org" for our website. A Webmaster honorarium could also be
  provided.
- A committee of three members, chaired by Robert Hamilton, to include Linda Collins and Ryan Ward, be struck to deal with the website initiation and administration with a budget of \$750.

That Robert Hamilton be authorised to establish a website for the Local with his committee; that he be appropriated up to \$750 for this purpose; and that up to \$750 be allocated annually to maintain the website.

Moved: Robert Hamilton Seconded: Dario Gritti Motion Carried

# <u>Item 6 – Diana Gee Sponsorship/Scholarship/Achievement Award</u>

Dario Gritti introduced the concept of a memorial sponsorship in Diana Gee's name from this local or from the region. This could be tied in to the Aboriginal Centre of Toronto and deal with aboriginal youths. Cheryl Grieve and Dario Gritti will look into details about this project and will report back.

Council Concurred.

#### Item 7 – National Staffing Course

Jean De Peiza reported that the National Staffing Course will be held in Ottawa on September 25-26, 2005. Ryan Ward agreed to attend and report back.

# Item 8 - PSAC Area Council Meeting

The *Labour Day Parade* is coming up Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The PSAC float will be leaving around 9 am. The location where everyone should show up is at University Ave. and Queen St.

The next meeting of the PSAC Area Council is the Annual General Meeting, which takes place on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the PSAC Toronto Office (90 Eglinton Ave. E).

# ROUNDTABLE

Because of the late hour, no roundtable discussion was entertained.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

That Council adjourned to Monday, September 12 at 6 pm sharp.

Moved: Cheryl Grieve Seconded: Bev Bryant Motion Carried