Union of Taxation Employees Local 00013 Central Council Minutes

Meeting of April 10, 2007

In Attendance:

Presiding		Recording		
Jean De Peiza	President	Ryan Ward	Secretary	
Linda Collins	Vice-President – TSO	Eric Range	Treasurer	
John Woodburne	Director – TSO	Dario Gritti	Chief Steward	
Frank DeBlasio	Director – TSO	Rob Hamilton	Director - TSO	

Absent:

Dave Taylor	Vice-President – TCC	Bev Bryant	Director – TCC
Sheila Reuben	Director – TCC	Sandra Cribar	Director - TCC
Anna Caruso	Director – TSO		

COMMENCEMENT

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Jean De Peiza.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by Dario Gritti / Second by Frank DeBlasio / Carried.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Adoption of "Revised Bylaws and Regulations"

Dario Gritti reported that:

Changes to the bylaws and regulations of the union local were provided to a variety of amendments to be passed by the executive and ratified by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Recommendations of Regulation 14 will be reviewed in May and June 2007 by the Nominations Committee

The proposed revised by-laws and regulations, as tabled, be adopted referred to the AGM together with a recommendation that the revised Bylaws and Regulations be adopted; and

The Bylaws and Regulations Committee be authorized to make such editorial changes as may be necessary prior to tabling its report to the AGM.

Moved by Dario Gritti / Second by Eric Range / Carried.

Noted: Robert Hamilton abstained.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to adopt minutes for February meeting.

Moved by Eric Range / Second by Linda Collins / Carried.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jean De Peiza reported that:

The elections are over. Congratulations to all the elected, re-elected and acclaimed members of council. Any problems and complaints arising from the elections has been addressed and dismissed by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Tuesday, April 24 @ 6 pm is the Annual General Meeting at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 18 Elm St. Tickets are available from John Woodburne and Dave Taylor. The new deadline to purchase tickets is April 18. This is bargaining time and members will have an opportunity to address the UTE President and ask any questions that anyone may have.

At the President's Conference, a large amount of membership cards were given to Jean to disperse to all the members. These are new membership cards that will be given out to all members that have filled out a membership card.

Betty Bannon discussed how not enough people are reviewing the local's e-mail accounts on UTE. Some people have been given the new e-mail password for our UTE account and it will be given out to the rest of the executive.

Anybody who has outstanding grievances should bring them to the UTE Local office to submit into a log. They will all be held in one place to be able to review patterns on similar events and have a better idea of what is going on. Physical documents will be in local office and copies can be made for local stewards for their own records.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

No Front St and Call Centre report.

BUSINESS ARISING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REGULAR BUSINESS

<u>Item 1 – Adoption of Revised Bylaws and Regulations</u>

Dario Gritti reported that:

Moved by Dario Gritti / Second by Eric Range / Carried.

Item 2 – Amending per diem rate from \$20 to \$25 per evening meeting

On March 18, Sheila Reuben proposed an amendment to change the evening meeting per diem rate from \$20 to \$25.

There has been no increase in at least 15 years for executive council.

We have 11 meetings per year for the executive council with up to 13 permanent members. The only month where there is no meeting is in December. Also, the PSAC Area Council meetings allow for 3 members to attend with an increase.

Motion to accept a change of per diem of \$20 to \$25. Moved by Jean De Peiza / Second by Dario Gritti / Defeated.

ROUNDTABLE

Ryan Ward: The PSAC Area Council is trying new ways of recruiting members to the Area Council. For this year, there is no membership fee for any organization and meetings include a free dinner. There was a call for components that are interested in helping start up a Committee for Aboriginals/Metis. Also the Area Council Women's Committee is trying a few initiatives including a protest outside Status of Women Minister Bev Oda and a rally on March 30 at 4900 Yonge to protest the closing of the Status of Women office inside the building.

John Woodburne: A standard letter of Accommodation should be designed in order to provide real information on what accommodations should be written. An idea for a UMI initiative is to have a training session for management.

Frank DeBlasio: Reference material including an ordinary dictionary and a laws dictionary would be very useful

Linda Collins: If anyone is having any problems

Rob Hamilton: Request to find out if we will be getting a grievance checklist form. Suggestions to have availability of executive and steward so that we can see if we have someone to refer to.

Dario Gritti: The CRA Charities Division is having issues with the wording for the Diana Gee Memorial Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT Council adjourn forthwith.

The next meeting shall take place on Monday, May 14, 2007.