Union of Taxation Employees Local 00013 Central Council Minutes

Meeting of Feb 4, 2008

In Attendance:

Presiding		Recording	
Jean De Peiza	President	Ryan Ward	Director – TCC
Linda Collins	Vice-President – TSO	Eric Range	Treasurer
Veronica Eastman	Director – TSO	Robert Hamilton	Director – TSO
Sandra Cribar	Director – TCC	Bev Bryant	Director – TCC

<u>Absent:</u>

Dave Taylor	Vice-President – TCC	John Woodburne	Director – TSO
Vona Martin	Secretary	Lloyd Brown	Director - TSO

Frank DeBlasio Director – TSO

COMMENCEMENT

Meeting called to order by Jean De Peiza at 5:33 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the agenda be approved.

Moved by Sandra Cribar / Second by Veronica Eastman / Carried.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

THAT the January minutes be approved.

Moved by Eric Range / Second by Bev Bryant / Carried.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jean De Peiza reported that:

On April 29, 2008 is the Local 13 Annual General Meeting. Originally we looked at the Delta Chelsea Hotel to host the meeting but they could not accommodate us until after 6 pm. The meeting will take place at the Eagles Club on Elm St. There will be changes to the way the food will be served and with the menu.

The PSAC Ontario Convention takes place on May 2 to 4 in Toronto at the Renaissance Hotel by the airport. The AGM selection of delegates include: Linda Collins, Frank DeBlasio, Robert Hamilton, Jean De Peiza and the alternate will be Vona Martin.

The Triennial Convention takes place on July 16 to 19 in Vancouver, B.C. at the Hyatt Regency. At the last meeting the delegates and alternate were selected.

They were Jean De Peiza, Linda Collins, Dave Taylor and Eric Range as delegates, Bev Bryant as the alternate. The two observers that have also been selected are Frank DeBlasio and Robert Hamilton. Robert has said he is not available for the convention so Lloyd Brown is replacing him as observer. If Lloyd is not available, Sandra Cribar will be attending.

The Union-Management Initiative sessions, phase 2, have been put off until the next fiscal period. Back in the fall, I was informed Lloyd Brown had applied to attend the PSAC Racially Visible Convention in Montreal. At the meeting I mentioned this, I was told Veronica Eastman and Sheila Reuben were also interested in attending and had applied as well. In the future, it is important that all UTE Local 13 members should inform the Executive of their intent to attend any union conferences, especially in the case of asking for funding for these conferences.

VICE-PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Linda Collins reported that:

The meeting with PIPSC and Chief Steward decisions will be reported in regular business.

No report from Dave Taylor.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

No special business.

BUSINESS ARISING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REGULAR BUSINESS

<u> Item 1 – Chief Steward</u>

With Linda Collins acting as Chief Steward and Vice-President, a decision has to be made on the permanent replacement or abolishment of the position of Chief Steward. A committee should be set up to determine the criteria of the position and to come up with a short list.

THAT a Chief Steward criteria and selection committee be struck. Moved by Ryan Ward / Second by Veronica Eastman / Carried.

The committee will be made up of: Robert Hamilton, Linda Collins and Frank DeBlasio.

<u>Item 2 – Funding for UTE Triennial Convention</u>

Patricia Payton approached Jean De Peiza to request funds to cover the hotel cost for the UTE Triennial Convention. Other requests have been made concerning covering costs to allow more people to attend the UTE Triennial Convention.

Robert Hamilton: As a result of conduct at past conferences and a history of the member's past, this could be an issue with providing funding.

Linda Collins: It should be a priority to have active council members to be assisted to attend the Triennial Convention is important.

Jean De Peiza: A request in writing with a proposal of costs to attend the convention should be provided to the council prior to getting funding.

THAT Patricia Payton shall be provided with funds to cover the hotel cost at the UTE Triennial Convention.

Moved by Jean De Peiza / Second by Ryan Ward / Defeated.

THAT with the approval of Executive Council, financial assistance of up to \$500 be provided to all active Executive Members in good standing to attend the UTE Triennial Convention with an expectation of full participation at the convention. Moved by Ryan Ward / Second by Eric Range / Carried.

<u>Item 3 – PIPSC Meetings</u>

Linda Collins reported that:

K.C. Tiow of PIPSC approached Linda about having regular meetings to discuss issues that PIPSC is facing now. A discussion between members of PIPSC and UTE will be happening monthly. Robin Johnson and Jean De Peiza will join Linda Collins at these meetings that will take place at the Local office.

<u>Item 4 – Financial Statement and Auditors</u>

Eric Range reported that:

The Financial Statement for 2007 was reviewed and approved by our auditors. Last month when Executive Council approved the auditors for this year, it wasn't known if the Auditor who have reviewed the books in the past would be available. As a result one of the auditors could not review the books so a replacement was made. The new auditor selected was paid \$200 remuneration.

With regard to the budget from last year, the only unexpected cost for 2007 was the Ratification Vote that cost the local \$1,800.

ROUNDTABLE

Sandra Cribar: Until the end of Filing Season Sandra will not be able to attend any Executive Council Meetings because she is working as a Team Manager for Filing Season and is working shifts on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 1 to 9 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Linda Collins: Frank Deblasio and Linda met with the Management of the Toronto Call Centre, Roma DeLonghi, Wayne Fagan and Sandra Zada, concerning their roles in the Health and Safety Committee. As a result of the meeting, Frank DeBlasio will be at the Toronto Call Centre for an entire week to work with the Coordinator of the committee to discuss the role of the co-chair. If the issues that have come up in the past are not addressed, a formal grievance will be filed by this Local.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT Council adjourn forthwith at 6:48 pm.

The next meeting shall take place on Monday, March 3, 2008.