

Union of Taxation Employees Local 00013
Central Council Minutes
Wednesday, May 04, 2011 @ 5:30 pm

In Attendance

Presiding

Linda Collins	President
Matt Downer	Vice-President – TCC
Lloyd Brown	Director – TSO
Vona Martin	Director – TSO
Patricia Payton	Director – TSO
Alishia Fagan	Director – TCC

Clerk

Ryan Ward	Secretary
Eric Range	Treasurer
Veronica Eastman	Director – TSO
Manni Mifsud	Director – TSO
Sandra Cribar	Director – TCC

Absent

Robert Hamilton	Vice-President – TSO	Dave Taylor	Director – TCC
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COMMENCEMENT

Call to order at 5:25 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the agenda be approved.

Moved: Matt Downer / Seconded: Sandra Cribar / Carried

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

THAT the past minutes be deferred until the next meeting.

Business Arising from Minutes

No business to report

REPORTS

President's Report

Linda Collins reported that:

Two fourth level grievances that went to mediation were being dealt with last week. The mediation is confidential but we were successful at mediation with what the members wanted. Then, Linda and Robert left at 8 pm on Thursday night to go to Ottawa where the convention committee meetings began Friday morning at 9 am.

In Ottawa, all of the by-laws and regulations were discussed and voted on for concurrence and non-concurrence. Robert took extensive notes as the observer and made notes on what regions objected to the proposed changes.

Regional Pre-Convention Meeting has been approved and will take place June 16 – 19 in Niagara-On-The-Lake. Betty Bannon was very restrictive with expenditures for the regional meetings. The Atlantic Region is going the week before convention to Montreal to meet.

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Research was completed concerning Christmas Party with Marriott Hotel as opposed to the Steelworkers Hall. If we go with the Marriott, it will cost us overall about \$2,000 more than the Hall. As a result, it is probably a better idea to go back to the Steelworkers Hall for this year.

The calendars from UTE have finally been returned to Ottawa and our component was happy to see the extra ones. The mail issues we are facing are now going to be fixed because mail will now be going to Linda's place so that we don't have any other issues in the future.

All of the Locals are being asked to pursue our rand signed up. There has been a major discussion about what our Locals should provide to members who are rands and this could make rands become less than full members. One idea might be to send mail out to all of our rands with a self-addressed stamped envelope that they can send back to us. There are only 64 rands on the list so it wouldn't cost that much.

Another issue that came up over the weekend was with the hospitality suites. If anyone is caught with alcohol in the halls or if there is anyone who is acting out of turn they could face severe consequences including removal from the convention and having to pay back funds that were put forward for that person to attend.

The remaining funds from the Diana Gee Fund will need to go somewhere above the scholarship funds paid to the students.

THAT the remaining funds be donated to Shannen's Dream (First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada).

Moved: Patricia Payton / Seconded: Vona Martin / Carried

Betty Bannon was extremely pleased with her gift and it was well spoken about. It is now proudly hanging at her new home in Belleville.

We need to know who wishes to attend Fun Night in Montreal at Convention. For anyone wishing to attend please let Eric know by the end of May.

At the convention, Tuesday night there is a wine and cheese. Betty's retirement party will be Saturday night. It will be a Western theme. Everyone is expected to be in attendance. The banquet will be formal so a suit or tuxedo will need to be worn. Ken Bye has a designer in Barrie that will design the t-shirts.

The big problem that happened with the three Locals from Montreal was that the Locals were originally told there would be 400 members attending. Montreal was the only region that put in a bid for convention and they were later told that there would be 420 members, which posed a problem for the packages they were giving out to each delegate.

Delegates are funded by UTE Component. The observers will be funded by the Local. No one will go out of pocket. Eric will provide advance cheques to our executive members going as

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observers. Everyone attending as Observer will need to fill out an expense claim by the next meeting to get the money well in advance of their trip.

The next President's meeting will be in Barrie. Robert Hamilton will be attending.

Vice-President's Reports

Front Street

Robert Hamilton submitted a report in writing. There are 3 Duty-to-Accommodate grievances that are taking place. Linda Collins, Manni Mifsud and Robert Hamilton are handling them.

Call Centre

Matt Downer submitted a report in writing. Wayne Fagan is acting Assistant Director at the Call Centre and has been for the past month. Layoffs for terms have all received their dates. Based on what is happening with Audit, changes may be made to the dates. No one has objected. The lowest period is in third quarter and this year it was higher than usual. More employees will be offered positions with 30-hour work weeks instead of less employees at 37.5.

Questions are being asked concerning the results of the federal election with respect to our circumstances as civil servants.

Treasurer's Report

Eric Range reported that:

- Those who went to the last President's Conference need to turn in receipts to Eric.
- Diana Gee Memorial Trust tax return has been filed.

Providing gifts to retirees has become expensive. Some of the Locals are purchasing a year's membership with ARP. Toronto East gives the most recent commemorative coin from Canada Post. Currently we give a watch to members that cost about \$100. A decision will be made at the next meeting of the Local.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committees to report.

CHRISTMAS PARTY WRAP-UP

The Marriott has given us a proposal for the use of their facilities for our Christmas Party. The date that we had in mind that we usually have our party is not available but they gave us some alternative dates that we could choose from if we went with them. For the costs, depending on what food we decide to go with, we would be looking at an additional \$2,000 overall for the party but they would do everything for us and it would be a significant improvement on the previous location with what they offer.

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The executive decided due to the price of the Marriott and the costs for this year that are already being paid for that the Christmas Party will be back in the Steelworkers Hall on Cecil Street for 2011.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Ryan Ward reported that:

Conferences that will be taking place include the PSAC Ontario Convention (May 13 – 15) in Mississauga. Then there will be a pre-Convention meeting of all delegates (June 16 – 20) in Niagara-On-The-Lake. Following this, there is the UTE Triennial Convention (July 13 – 16) in Montreal and finally the President's Conference (September 29 – October 1) in Ottawa. In addition, there are other conferences taking place with different equity groups. All conferences will be listed on the UTE mailbox calendar and the www.utetc.org web site in order for you to find out what is coming up. On the web site, there will be information about each conference including deadlines and what needs to happen in order to sign up.

Y280 CHANGES

Linda Collins reported that:

There were some small changes that have been proposed and the union has signed off on concerning Revenue Collections positions. The changes concern the work that is required to be completed and it will be on the 2011 Y280 that will be signed in September.

ROUNDTABLE

Sandra Cribar: Concerning harassment, brought info about a team member who has been harassing this person. The member used to have this happen previously, thought it had stopped and it is starting once again.

Veronica Eastman: Would like to strike a Return to Work committee. Patrick Tanedo is running for Young Worker and Veronica is running for re-election as Racially Visible.

Ryan Ward: Ryan is running for GTA Rep at the PSAC Ontario Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting takes place on Wednesday, June 1.