

**REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE  
OTTAWA – MARCH 28 – APRIL 1 2007**

**THURSDAY 9:00 AM**

**REGIONAL MEETING**

**ITEMS DISCUSSED**

**Magic Boxes** and whether they are useful and what we're doing with them

**PSAC Area councils** – who sits on area councils and what value we're getting from them. Seems that UTE is on most of them regionally.

**T1 drop boxes in Surrey.** Previously, Surrey staff had their own drop boxes and the Agency has now determined that this practice will cease and members will have to file returns via net file, e file, regular mail or the normal office drop box.

**UMI.** Rumour that PIPS may be coming back to the table. Overall UMI is being well received.

**Bargaining slogans** – National slogan examples were discussed and the bargaining team has asked for any other ideas to be submitted over the weekend. If locals have any slogan ideas we're to pass them up to the national bargaining team. See attached

**Interregional conference with Greater Toronto Region.** GTR has suggested holding a conference at Eaton Hall outside of Toronto. However, dates, time and place are still to be determined.

**Possibility of meeting with A/C Rod Quinney, end of April.** This meeting would be used to discuss Rulings changes and any other future changes that would affect the region.

**THURSDAY 1:15**

**PRRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE**

**OPENING REMARKS – NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Strong request to start bargaining discussions locally. To start using the term “strike” seriously. To ensure we keep WFA as a standing item on UMC's.

LIA – UTE has requested the Agency change the 5 week policy but unfortunately, they will not. LWOP for PSAC work. UTE needs to know who's working and when. Please send the information on to RVP who will transmit information to National office.

Compensation issues – April 13<sup>th</sup> the centers will be going from 2 runs to 4. This should help with our issues.

International Children's Assoc.

## **ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Edmonton local now out of trusteeship.

There were repeat requests concerning UTE donations. This item was tabled until Sunday's meeting. Not certain the outcome at this time.

A request/motion from the EAP Committee that UTE agree to EAP referral agents. Motion defeated.

Betty would be attending and speaking at Michael Dorais retirement party.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FROM LOCALS – ( agenda items submitted attached)**

### **GUEST SPEAKER – JOHN GORDON, PRESIDENT, PSAC**

He's been assigned to deal with UTE/CRA Bargaining. Did so because he assigns the positions and wished to work with UTE.

Talked about bargaining and the need for local involvement and mobilization of the locals.

Discussed the coordination of all PSAC components and the need to move forward with all demands from all components.

PSAC realizes there will be a strong need to know and be able to effectively communicate all component issues and demands within PSAC. PSAC will commit to facilitating this.

Harper's Privatization Contract

## **FRIDAY AM**

### **AGENDA ITEMS FROM LOCALS**

Travel policy resolution (see attached), CARRIED

Dress codes in some locals have been changed. The National policy is always to take precedence.

### **BARGAINING COMMITTEE REPORT**

May 18, 19 will meet to discuss the demands submitted from locals.

Theresa Johnson, PSAC bargaining team member, gave power point presentation on the new PSLRA (see attached).

Note of interest for members. Once again, we will not be bargaining staffing, pensions or anything requiring legislative change.

Will not consider "arbitration" as a means of bargaining.

## **FRIDAY PM**

### **POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Discussed the importance of maintaining contact with our MP's. In light of the anti scab legislation this is especially clear.

Ensure our information sent to the national office is updated.

Ways of utilizing PAC with upcoming bargaining. More to follow.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FROM LOCALS**

Note of interest- discussion around designates and scabs. Why we didn't collect from or discipline. Why other components didn't bother as well. Motion from Peterborough  
**Be it resolved that** we ask the PSAC to refund to UTE the monies paid by our designated members during the last strike. Motion carried unanimously. National President will take this motion forward to NBOD of PSAC in June.

## **HEALTH AND SAFELTY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Pandemic planning within CRA. Discussions on member welfare and business resumption have been held at the national level.

WHO and Health Canada will be overseeing the planning.

It's not a matter of if there will be a pandemic but rather when there will be a pandemic.

Presenteeism in the office. National is putting together a stance on the issue. More to follow.

## **SATURDAY AM**

### **BY LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

A good part of the morning devoted to this. The Committee has established recommendations which were we reviewed in a power point presentation, see attached.

Overall our locals looks good but there could be some changes. I suggest the By-laws committee review the presentation and report later.

## **INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S AWARENESS PRESENTATION**

### **SATURDAY PM**

Elections for President's representatives for the WFA and Staffing committees

WFA - Adam Jackson, Kingston

STAFFING – Mark Briere, Laval

## **AGENDA ITEMS FROM LOCALS**

### **STAFFING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Discussion on ACS-SP roll out.

## **CLOSING REMARKS FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

### **ADJOURNMENT 4:50**

