



**PSAC LOCAL 60550
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

Present: Quinn Carvey, Sarah Durham, Ehsan Kianfar, Melissa Morrison, Amir Shokouhy, Hossein Shokouhinejad, Joana Romero, Mahsa Bajestani, Mehdi Alibolandi, Mia Francis, Saeid Baghban, Mona Jazinaninejad, Sajad Shakerin, Mahmoodreza Hashemi, Seyyed Hashemi, Maryam Sepasi, Soheil Shirvani, Asma Sormeily, Farzaneh Khalifani, Hossein Goodarzi, Mohammad Parsa, Ayyoub Salaghi, Kamyab Aghajamali, Sina Ardalan, Jeremy Bowmaster, Asho Jaei

Guests from PSAC: Raphaëlle Valay-Nadeau, Genevieve Babineau

Note: This meeting was held virtually

1. Call to Order

Ehsan K calls the meeting to order 4:07 PM.

2. Wolastoq Acknowledgment

Ehsan K read the statement acknowledging that the meeting is taking place on unceded Wolastoq territory.

3. Reading of the PSAC Statement on Harassment

Quinn C read the PSAC Statement on Harassment to those in attendance.

4. Approval of the Chair

Ehsan K is appointed chair of the meeting.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Ehsan K to approve the agenda

Seconded by Quinn C

All in favour

Motion Carried

6. Approval of the previous GMM minutes

Motion by Ehsan K to approve minutes from GMM held on Wednesday November 4, 2021.

Seconded by Quinn C

All in favour

Motion carried

7. Business arising from the minutes

No business arising from the minutes is brought forward.

8. Updates from the Public Service Alliance of Canada

Genevieve B begins by acknowledging all who have turned up for the meeting.

- Genevieve B has been working for PSAC and recently moved to the Moncton office. They are our new regional representative for PSAC.

-Updates continued

Raphaelle V-N:

- There is a Health and Safety meeting coming up

- Also, please fill out the survey: voluntary self-identification as an equity group member

9. Orientation

Ehsan K presented a brief orientation. The full presentation is available on the website.

10. Reports of Executive Officers and Committee Chairs Full reports were made and will be available on the website.

Co-director Unit 1: Ehsan K provided an overview of the work they have done for the union over the last half-year.

Co-director Unit 2: Ramin S was unable to attend and will post their update at a later date.

Treasurer Report: Mona J provided an overview of the work they have done for the union over the last half-year.

Secretary Report: Quinn C provided an overview of the work they have done for the union over the last half-year.

Chief Steward Report: Mahsa B provided an overview of the work they have done for the union over the last half-year.

Communications Officer Report: Sarah D prepared a report documenting the work they have done for the union over the last half-year, which was read by Quinn C

11. New Business

a. Presentation of the Financial Report

Mona J presented the financial report from the first year.

We were substantially under budget for all items.

b. Presentation of the Proposed Budget

Mona J presented the proposed budget for 2022. The increased dues proposed is because our previous budget underestimated graduate student numbers. We are not raising fees.

Motion by Mona J to approve the proposed Budget

Seconded by Ehsan K

Motion carried

c. Elections

Position of Chair to be handed over for the election of Executive Committee members to Raphaelle V-N.

The following positions were up for election: Co-Director 1 and 2, Chief Steward, and Executive-at-Large (2).

Election of Co-director Unit 1 (Graduate Students)

Ehsan Kianfar self-nominates for the position of Co-director for Unit 1. Seconded by Quinn C.

Ehsan Kianfar is declared Co-director for Unit 1 by acclamation.

Election of Co-director Unit 2 (Post Doc)

Mohammad Parsasadr self-nominates for the position of Co-director for Unit 2. Seconded by Quinn C.

Mohammad Parsasadr is declared Co-director for Unit 2 by acclamation.

Election of Chief Steward

Amir Shokouhy self-nominates for the position of Chief Steward. Seconded by Mahsa B.

Mehdi Alibolandi self-nominates for the position of Chief Steward. Seconded by Mona J.

Mehdi A is declared Chief Steward by vote.

Election of Executives-at-Large (2)

Ehsan K nominates Amir Hossein Shokouhy.

Seconded by Quinn C.

Amir S accepts the nomination.

Amir S is declared Executive-at-Large by acclamation.

Quinn C nominated Mia Francis.

Seconded by Sarah D.

Mia F accepts the nomination.

Mia F is declared Executive-at Large by acclamation.

Raphaelle V-N hands the role of Chair back to Ehsan K.

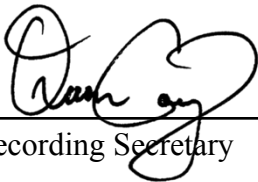
12. Other business

Quinn C emphasized the importance of joining the Steward Network and the mobilization team for bargaining. Raphaelle V-N reiterated that this is important for a strong agreement. Ideally, we will have a Steward in each department in addition to members focused on mobilization.

Ehsan K reviewed the executive allowances for the past years and these amounts are not stated in the by-laws. Ehsan K is wondering if these can be changed or if we need to vote on this issue. Raphaelle V-N stated we need 2/3 majority in favor of any vote and need to give 30 days' notice. We can call a special meeting to change these by laws, it doesn't have to be done at a general meeting. If we have a line item in our budget allocated to honorariums, it is okay to vote how to distribute this item. However, if we need to actually change the by-laws specifically then we need to call the meeting.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Ehsan K to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 PM Motion carried.



Recording Secretary



Outgoing Co-Director Unit 1

Outgoing Co-Director Unit 2