



**PSAC LOCAL 60550
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday April 26, 2023**

Quorum confirmed: executive and non-executive member attendance

Guests from PSAC (virtual): Raphaëlle Valay-Nadeau, Jonathan Cox (DCL Director)

1. Call to Order

Ehsan K calls the meeting to order 16:41

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.

Seconded by Mona J

All in favour

Motion carried

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Ehsan K to approve the agenda

Seconded Tommy D

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, 16 2022.

Seconded by Sajad S

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

Raphaelle V-N stated that PSAC workers were hoping for a short strike, but they are now at Day 8. Raphaelle V-N recommends showing support. There will be a demonstration in Fredericton because Blaine Higgs has commented on the strike. Employers are scared of workers getting organized. We will be meeting with UNB for our bargaining next week. 100,000 members are on strike, so expect communication delays.

Jonathan Cox (DCL Director): Most of PSAC is on strike. In Nova Scotia, 1,000+ people there are supporting workers. Jonathan C encourages all members to support our fellow members (ex., social media support). The gains made by PSAC can be seen for other workers. If our local has funds for mobilization, please consider donating food or drinks to those on the picket lines. Jonathan C will be at the convention and they look forward to meeting with our delegate there.

9. Orientation

Orientation materials are available on our 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 year.

Co-director Unit 2: Sajad S provided an overview of the work they have done for the union over the last half-year.

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: Mehdi A provided an overview of the work they have done for the union over the year.

Communications Officer Report: Shabnam O provided an overview of the work they have done for the union over the last half-year.

11. New Business

a. Presentation of the Financial Report

Mona J presented the financial report from the past year.

b. Presentation of the Proposed Budget

Mona J presented the proposed budget for 2023.

SJ member asked why the membership dues are going down. Mona J answered that this reflects our new expectations based on information from UNB the past year.

Motion by Mona J to approve the proposed budget

Seconded by Ehsan K

All but one member in favor

Motion carried

c. Elections – In SJ Mia F is counting votes; in FR Sajad S and Mona J are counting the votes. Mohammad M asks Mehdi A to serve as scrutineer in FR.

Position of Chair to be handed over for the election of Executive Committee members to Jonathan C

The following positions were up for election: Co-Director 1 (GSTA/GSRA), Co-Director 2 (Post docs), Chief Steward, and Executive-at-Large (3)

Election of Co-director Unit 1 (GSTA/GSRA)

Ehsan K self-nominates for the position of Co-director for Unit 2. Seconded by Tommy D.

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

Ehsan K is declared Co-director for Unit 1 by vote.

Election of Co-director Unit 2 (Post docs)

Sajad S self-nominates for the position of Co-director for Unit 2. Seconded by Tommy D.

Sajad S is declared Co-director for Unit 2 by acclamation.

Election of Chief Steward

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

Mehdi A is declared Chief Steward by acclamation.

Election of Executives-at-Large (3)

Zeinab Hojjatinia self-nominates for the position of Executive-at-Large. Seconded by Tommy D.

Fatemeh Khazaiepoul self-nominates for the position of Executive-at-Large. Seconded by Mona J.

Trilok Singh Bawa self-nominates for the position of Executive-at-Large. Seconded by Tommy D.

Faezeh Soleimani Vosti self-nominates for the position of Executive-at-Large. Seconded by Ehsan K.

Zeinab H, Faezeh K, and Fatemeh V are declared Executive-at-Large by vote.

Mehdi A makes a motion to destroy the ballots

Seconded by Mia F

Motion carried, the election ballots will be destroyed

Jonathan C hands the role of Chair back to

12. Other business

- a Call for Stewards and Committee Members
 - i This is a great way to get involved without the commitment of joining the executive
- b Bargaining
 - i Starting this month
 - ii Very important for members to get involved

13. Jonathan C conducts the swearing in of the new executives

14. Adjournment

Motion Ehsan K to adjourn the meeting 18:31. Seconded by Quinn

C.

Motion carried.



Recording Secretary

Outgoing Co-Director Unit 1

Outgoing Co-Director Unit 2