

MEETING >PRAIRIE/NORTHWEST TERRITORIES REGIONAL EXECUTIVE ("PRE") MEETING

HELD AT > Delta Winnipeg **START TIME**> 9:00 AM **END TIME**> 12:05 PM **DATE**> May-27-2011

PERSONS PRESENT

Bonnie Pratt, Regional Director
 Joanne Bouchard, Regional Vice-president and Small Branch Representative
 Gary Farnsworth, Secretary-Treasurer
 Mike Buchmann, Calgary Branch Representative
 Barrue Wickware, Edmonton Branch Representative
 Brent Maine, Winnipeg and Southern Manitoba Branch Representative
 Glen Groskopf, Regina Branch Representative
 Carl Lynne, Saskatoon Branch Representative
 Nancy McCune, Small Branch Representative
 Ernie McLean, PIPSC Winnipeg Staff

Guest - David Cartledge, Red Deer Branch

REGRETS - None

CALL TO ORDER

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM.

1. APPROVAL OF May 27, 2011 AGENDA

An amendment to the agenda. Mike/Nancy carried

2. MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the March 19, 2011 approved. Mike/Carl carried

2.2 Business arising from minutes -

i) PRE Constitution & Bylaws - revised bylaws are ready for distribution and approval at PR Council ("PRC").

ii) Rand Members - Gary has a hard copy and an unformatted/unsorted electronic file of the current Rand member list.

3. PRAIRIE/NWT REGIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT

.Minimal report as it is early in the year and we have not had many transactions yet.

Motion made to pay balance of 2010 PIPSC/AGM invoice obligation. Mike/Barrie carried.

Motion made to pay AD-Pac promo item invoice. Nancy/ Mike carried.

4. ROUND TABLE

Deferred; limited time. Branch reports are in the delegate package, virtual binder, and will be in the published minutes.

5. BOARD REPORT

Hard copy is in the delegate package for PRC and will be posted as a Director's report on the Region's portion of the PIPSC website.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

6.1 PRC - Delta Winnipeg, May 27-28, 2011

Last minute details – Pam Kubicz & Brent Maine will share PRC chair responsibilities; Christine Freeman will be parliamentarian, and Pam named as Elections Committee Chair.

6.2 Prairie/NWT Stewards Council – September 23-24, 2011 - in Edmonton

- i) Agenda/ Speakers – discussion held about guest speakers and subject matter to cover. PRE to firm up the details of agenda based on guest speaker’s availabilities. Information and training sessions will deal with professionalism, mental health and EAP, member benefit entitlements, and follow-up items from Labour School.
- ii) Hospitality, Entertainment, & Banquet – all arrangements have not yet been completed.

6.3 Basic Steward Training, Fall 2011: Winnipeg – if not enough stewards applied to meet minimum for a delivery; PRE may consider to offer the Labour School 2011 program to the stewards’ who have expressed interest but could not attend. Initial Labour School applications exceeded the maximum attendance number of participants due to the popularity of the curriculum. Criteria for Labour School attendance was established, but due to a short time frame, not applied in the last delivery.

6.4 Labour School 2012 – Reviewing venues in Southern Manitoba near Winnipeg.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 2011 PIPSC AGM Delegates and Observers

For larger Branches, Delegate consideration discussed. Suggestions made, no obligations will be enforced on any large Branch.

- i) Delegate Allocation – Winnipeg Branch (6), Calgary Branch(4), Edmonton Branch(4), Saskatoon Branch(2), Regina Branch(1), Small Branches(4)
- ii) Observers – original 2011 budget was to fully fund two (not mentioned in budget, but named) Observers from the Region. Brent suggested: allocate a portion of budgeted funds to assist the Saskatoon and Regina Branches (minimal Delegates & Funds) to assist sending Observers from those Branches for succession planning.

Motion to subsidize ½ of the costs (travel, accommodation, and per diem) for one observer to each Branch; Saskatoon and Regina, to a maximum of \$1,250 for each Branch. The PRE subsidy excludes salary reimbursement. Nancy/Barrie carried

7.2 2011 AGM resolutions – Joanne brought forth the concern that our union policies have no provisions to deal with consequences for members filing frivolous complaints against other members and/or the Institute. These actions take resources away from true membership representation. PRE decided to forward this to the PRC seeking Delegate input regarding a possible motion for the upcoming national AGM. Currently, there are no repercussions for unfounded complaints and possibly regional delegates may feel some provisions should be implemented.

7.3 Steward of the Year Nominations – deferred to next meeting.

7.4 Member Services Committee Member (“MSC”, chair of the Regional Training Committee)

John Bakator has resigned from the MSC, leaving a vacancy. The PRE reviewed the original submissions from all applicants who had volunteered for the position in late 2010 to select an individual to complete the term to December 2011. PRE determined the first choice to be Dwayne Onagi. Dwayne’s previous experience serving on the committee and his knowledge of the new PIPSC steward development program would

represent the PRE interests well and he would be able to step into the role and be up to speed very quickly.

Motion: Request Dwayne Onagi to accept the Prairie/NWT MSC representative position, and chair the Regional Training Committee. Brent/Gary carried

8. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee reports are in delegate package for PRC and in the virtual binder on the Region's portion of the PIPSC website.

9. NEXT MEETING

July 9, 2011: Winnipeg. Training Committee meeting held in the afternoon on July 8, 2011, to discuss and finalize training offered at Steward's Council in September.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 Carl