

MEETING > PRAIRIE/NORTHWEST TERRITORIES REGIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING

HELD AT > Winnipeg PIPSC Office **START TIME** > 9:00 AM **END TIME** > 4:00 PM **DATE** > March-19-2011

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
 Cam Teichroeb, Regina Branch Representative
 Nancy McCune, Small Branch Representative
 Ernie McLean, PIPSC Winnipeg Staff

REGRETS - Carl Lynn, Saskatoon Branch Representative

CALL TO ORDER

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

1. APPROVAL OF December 11, 2010 AGENDA

The amended agenda was approved. Mike carried

2. MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the February 5, 2011 were approved. Mike/Nancy carried

2.2 Business arising from minutes -

i) 2011 National Committee Members -

Elections - Pam Kubics was selected by the national chairperson

ii) Prairie/NWT Regional Constitution & Bylaws - forward any suggested changes to Bonny Manz by the end of March so she can take the revised constitution to the next Bylaws and Policies Committee meeting in April.

iii) Training Enrolment Criteria - Approved process to be posted to website.

iv) Rand Members - Gary will obtain current listing for distribution at PRC

3. PRAIRIE/NWT REGIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Gary presented invoice from national regarding AGM costs. Decision was made to hold off paying invoice until Gary gets clarification of hospitality room rental charges. Gary presented a revised budget for 2011 after receiving exact regional member count for January 1, 2011.

Motion made to accept revised budget. Cam/Mike carried.

Motion made to reimburse lunch expenses. Cam/ Brent carried.

4. ROUND TABLE

Verbal reports were provided by the executive members. More Lunch and Learns have taken place and more are being planned. There is sufficient budget available to organize more. Catherine Hackett is a new ERO in the Edmonton Office.

5. BOARD REPORT

Bonnie talked about the recent Board of Directors meeting. Some of the issues on the forefront of the board of

directors and Bonnie's mind are:

- Resolution Writing – possible topic for PRC
- Networking – How do we get other regions onside with our resolutions? Another possible topic for PRC
- Region Slogan – Prairie Pride/Northern Knowledge? What can we do to establish our regional identity and presence on the national stage?
- Member activity while on leave – No one on medical leave can go to union training. Stewards on long-term leave will have their stewardship held in abeyance.
- Bargaining – Expedited bargaining has been refused.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

6.1 Labour School – Delta Winnipeg, April 14-16, 2011

Full with 25 on waiting list. Will look to meet demand as soon as possible.

6.2 Prairie/NWT Regional Council – Delta Winnipeg, May 27-28, 2011

- i) Still finalizing guest speakers from national.
- ii) Virtual binder contents need to be sent to Carol by April 30.
- iii) Hospitality event arrangements have been finalized.

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

- i) Maximum Number? – Only a concern if we have interest from more than 100 stewards.
- ii) Agenda/ Speakers – arrangements underway. Possible topics – labour representation, mental health.
- iii) Hospitality & Banquet arrangements underway.
- iv) Structure – discussed how other regions, like Atlantic, organize their council
- v) Steward of The Year – we need to get the word out to encourage nominations; at Labour School, at PRC, in the workplace, and by email.

6.4 Basic Steward Training, Fall 2011 arrangements being finalized.

Only 6 stewards in region that have not taken the training. Options include keeping the class small and holding it in the Winnipeg office or leaving class size and opening the training up to stewards from other regions.

6.5 Labour School 2012 – Winnipeg – Possible repeat of 2011 curriculum.

6.6 Prairie/NWT Regional Council 2012 – Saskatoon – Sheraton Cavalier – May 4-5, 2012 - confirmed

6.7 Prairie/NWT Stewards Council 2012 – will be held in Winnipeg, dates and details to come

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES	
The Training Committee finalized the training selection and approval criteria.	
8. OTHER BUSINESS	
8.1 Travel Arrangements For information purposes, Gary prepared an analysis of travel within the region for planning purposes in the future.	
8.2 Government Performance and HR management Mike distributed copies of an article entitled 'Winning the Hearts and minds of Government Employees'.	
9. NEXT MEETING	
May 27, 2011, before PRC.	
10. ADJOURNMENT	
The meeting was adjourned at 4:05	Joanne carried