

February 8, 2011 – OPSEU Local 432 General Meeting Minutes
Membership Centre – Kingston, Ontario

Attendance: Gail Williams, Angela Cabana, Lisa Harvey, Maryvonne Tonge, Steve Gora, Pat Nichols, Bonnie Sweet, Lorelee Idler, Carol Church, Kent Fitzhugh, Judy Vallier, Barbara Landry. Special invited guest: Martin Sarra,

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. by Local 432 President Gail Williams.
2. Statement of Respect. The statement of respect was read to all by Steve Gora.
3. Adoption of Agenda. There were no additions and no discussion. Motion to adopt the agenda made by Angela Cabana, seconded by Bonnie Sweet.
CARRIED
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting. Gail thanked Bonnie Sweet for preparing minutes of the last LEC Meeting. Copies were distributed to those present and no changes were presented. Motion to accept minutes of last meeting made by Bonnie Sweet, seconded by Steve Gora. CARRIED
5. Business Arising. No new business arising as any issues have already been included in the agenda.
6. Treasurer's Report. **Bursary account** is behind as we should be placing \$600/year into this account. Bursary committee is still working out the final details for application requirements and these will need to be voted on before **resolving future bursary account contributions**. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Bonnie Sweet, seconded by Barbara Landry.
CARRIED
7. 2011 Budget. The budget for 2011 is the same as last years' budget – differences being the following:
 - a) Local by-laws are currently being revised and this will reflect an increase in honorariums for the Local Executive Committee (LEC) members. The honorariums are quite low in comparison to other locals and have been increased as a result.
 - b) Educational expenses will remain the same even though we never fully expend the full budgeted amount.
 - c) Donations remain the same as last year. The 2010 amount budgeted was totally expended.
 - d) New costs for Local 432 website of \$2500 per year.
 - e) Convention budget of \$6,000 was not fully spent last year. 2011 budgeted value remains the same.
 - f) Divisionals this year are in Kingston. Members will only receive travel costs. No hotel costs will be supported by our Local President.

- g) Christmas party budget value remains the same for this year.
- h) Kingston Area Council budget of \$200 remains the same. Steve Gora mentioned that we may not have paid our \$200 last year but Gail assured us we did contribute.

At this point in the meeting, Gail took a break and introduced Martin Sarra to the membership. Martins' title is Negotiator/Staff Representative Region 4.

- i) Expenses are \$19,700 and we bring in \$14,000 therefore we operate at a deficit.
- j) Budget shows increase to LEC honorariums
- k) Office supplies are under \$200 per year therefore \$100 could be removed from this year's budget
- l) Cell phone budget of \$300
- m) Web site funding can not be changed

Motion to pass the budget made by Judy Vallier, seconded by Angela Cabana. CARRIED. Question by Laura Lee Idler regarding Bursary account answered as follows. The bursary account funding is not reflected in this budget because we have not used the funds for the last five years. Guidelines existed in the past however they were not utilized for this purpose in 5 years. Laura Lee indicated that there needs to be a mechanism to apply for this funding and information will need to be placed on the web site. Maryvonne made a motion to only add the \$600 yearly bursary amount to the budget once we have expended the amount already set aside for this purpose. Seconded by Steve Gora. CARRIED. Bonnie Sweet wanted all to note that projected costs have not historically been fully expended.

8. Correspondence. 2011 Convention and Regionals. Gail Williams wanted to move these to New Business. Lynn Orzell has requested a monetary donation to support our Executive Board member for upcoming elections. Gail made a motion to support Lynn Orzell with her campaign by donating \$500. Seconded by Angela Cabana. MOTION DEFEATED. Maryvonne Tonge made a motion to donate \$100 towards Lynn Orzell's election campaign to allow financial support of other candidates should they also request campaign support. Seconded by Gail Williams. CARRIED

9. Reports of Officers. No reports given.

10. Reports of Committees. Website committee update provided by Bonnie Sweet. She is asking for pictures to add to our new website. Our website now has a link in the OPSEU website. Mail out announcing and promoting this new website still to come this Spring. By-law committee report BF to next meeting. Bursary Committee report BF to next meeting. \$20,000 GIC update. BF to next meeting.

11. New Business. Elections of LEC. Gail Williams advised that at this time, the website administrator position is not up for election as it is not part of the LEC. This position needs to be added to the LEC via the by-laws. Martin Sarra assisted with elections protocol and began by identifying the Stewards. Nominations were made for the following positions:

President – Gail Williams, Gail stands – ballot cast
Vice-President – Bonnie Sweet and Steve Gora were nominated. Bonnie stands while Steve declines. – ballot cast
Treasurer – Maryvonne Tonge, Maryvonne stands – ballot cast
Secretary – Angela Cabana, Angela stands – ballot cast
Chief Grievance Officer – Steve Gora, Steve stands – ballot cast
Trustees – Newly nominated were: Judy Vallier, Lisa Harvey and Carol Church. Carol declined. Lisa declined. Judy stands – ballot cast

Elections to Convention:

1st Delegate – Gail Williams automatically as Local President
2nd Delegate – Bonnie Sweet (Vice-President) nominated, accepted, ballot cast
1st Alternate – Maryvonne Tonge (Treasurer) nominated, accepted, ballot cast
2nd Alternate - Steve Gora (Chief Grievance officer) nominated, accepted, ballot cast
1st Observer – Angela Cabana (Secretary) nominated, accepted, ballot cast

Elections to Regionals: March 12, 2011, 4 Points Sheraton

Gail Williams made a motion to send the same delegates, alternatives and observers elected for Convention to Regionals in Kingston. Seconded by Lisa Harvey. The exception is that Judy Vallier will replace Maryvonne as 1st Alternate. Motioned by Gail, seconded by Bonnie. CARRIED

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting @7:15 p.m. by Gail, seconded by Bonnie. CARRIED