**PSAC London Area Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm London Regional PSAC Office**

**Present:**Nancy Richter – President (AGRU 0017), Jan Hauck – Vice President (USGE 0060), Ella Cabala (UNE068)
 **GUESTS:** Lynn Meston - PSAC Regional Representative,Todd Woytiuk – PSAC Regional Representative,

**Regrets:** Barb Pawlovich – Secretary/Treasurer (UTE 00017) Carolyn Barham (UNE 0268)

1) After a light meal Nancy Richter thanked all for coming out, but it was determined we didn’t have enough members for a quorum, so we are unable to conduct voting.

2) Review of action items from previous meeting of October 23, 2014
B. Pawlovich reported via email that she had mentioned LDLC sponsorship to her REVP, but did not receive a response. It was suggested that she put a request to the UTE National President for support to sit on District Labour Council.

3) Financial Report :
Sister Barb emailed the following financial summary for 2014:
meeting expenses $ 319.06
donations $ 600.00
education costs $ 175.00
honorariums $ 400.00
Ont. Convention $1178.26
LD BBQ expenses $1644.35
misc expenses $ 703.89
LIBRO service charges $ 48.00

TOTAL EXPENSES $5068.56 TOTAL DEPOSITS: $5196.40 + $3.97 bank interest = $5200.37

Balance as of January 1, 2014 = $2968.90
Balance as of December 31, 2014 $3060.99
Plus $50.00 share at Libro
 **Action:** As per our by-laws, Sister Barb to send financial to James Hussey to audit.

**4) London Area Council Sponsored Events – Nancy Richter**

London District Labour Council Rep (sent by B. Pawlovich)
 In November a strike at the London Health Unit was averted. There was a United Way “Labour Impact” presentation/fundraiser (Nov. 3) attended by both Barb and Nancy. There were presentations from the Unity Project, Vanier Children’s Services and the London & District Distress Centre. LDLC received the last dues cheque from the brothers & sisters at Kellogg’s. December’s meeting was cancelled due to weather.

United Way Labour Community Advocate Program – Level 2 - CLC course
 Highlights from the 10 classes Nancy completed was presented. Full report attached.

Monthly Political Actions: 19th of every month – those in attendance finding it difficult when members spread out; AGRU0017 not allowed to do desk drops anymore; reminder to send all membership cards to London RO: Lynn Eaton.

Londoners for Door to Door postal delivery (Londoners4Door2Door) will be canvassing neighbourhoods who have been affected by Canada Post's arbitrary decision to stop home mail delivery service.

Watch for announcements of upcoming canvass times & days. Meet at the CUPW Local office, 520 Wellington St., January 25, 3pm.

United Way Labour Appreciation night (Jan. 29) to be held at Goodwill Services. London Area Council has donated $300 towards this event, which should guarantee them a logo on the program.

Friday, Feb. 13 NDP fundraiser: London-Fanshawe NDP is hosting a fundraising dinner for our M.P.P., Teresa Armstrong @ the Maltese Club (70 Charterhouse Cr, London, Ontario) starting 5:30pm. This is an elegant multi-course dinner, dancing, and door prizes. Cost 80.00/person or 150.00/couple; partial tax receipts will be available. Contact Margot Laird (519) 471-7892

National Triennial Convention (Apr. 26 – May 1: Quebec City). N. Richter has registered and notified REVP office of elected alternates.

**5) EDUCATION REPORT/ REGIONAL REP REPORT – Lynn Meston/Todd Woytiuk**

Jason McMichael (former CIU Nat’l Officer) has announced he will run as NDP candidate in the upcoming federal election (Sarnia). Those of you that have not followed the changes that the Conservative have made to election laws will be shocked to hear that Jason in announcing himself a running for the nomination was placed on Leave without pay by his employer until the election. Further Jason has to stay off after the election for one year on Leave without Pay as a 'cooling off' period before he can return to work with his federal government employer. \*\*Update, January 21/15, the McMichael family home burnt down. Any financial assistance/gift cards would be greatly accepted.

(Jan. 30pm-31: London @ OPSEU RO) [CLC Election Preparation Conference](https://sms.clc-ctc.ca/imis15_prod/wcm/Events/CLC/Events/CLC-Events_List.aspx) will:  provide new skills to help in local campaigns; offer the tools to talk about important issues; learn how to build political support and capacity in your community, learn how to use social media for effective campaigning. No cost. Register online. Todd and Nancy have registered.

TALKING UNION BASICS: Feb. 28 + Mar. 1, 2015 (Sat/Sun)
GRIEVANCE HANDLING PARTS I + II  Mar. 28 - 29, 2015 (Sat/Sun)
**6) Elections** (2r: President, Treasurer; 1yr: Recording Secretary):
**Action:** deferred to next meeting.

**7) Round table**

sent by Barb Pawlovich: UTE continues negotiations with CRA.
Local UNE0068 Elections: ALL POSITIONS ACCLAIMED

              Stephen Au – 1st V.P      Richard Richmond – Treasurer        Barb Pawlovich – Chief Steward

Ela: TC and PA groups continue negotiations with TB. Over the past several collective bargaining agreements, one of the largest issues for Measurement Canada (MC) employees has been in regards to our wages. It has been demonstrated in the past that there is a significant wage disparity between MC employees and similar occupations within private sector and other departments within the federal government. There is a high turnover in staff at MC - members get trained by MC inspectors and leave to private sector. There is a petition letter to MC Senior Management and TC bargaining Team to acknowledge there is a systemic issue regarding retention and recruitment and to make our concerns a priority during the ongoing round of collective bargaining. MC employees (TC members) are asked to sign the petition (if they wish) in support to deliver this message to the Treasury Board.

Also, many members are frustrated with mandatory on-line training (click-and-read courses) which is pretty boring and ineffective.

Jan: has been contacted by Shirley Riva to be a UDP Mentor; will be attending a Labour Relations Tribunal (OLRB); mentioned January 24th demonstration at beer stores to bycott buying beer in cans in support of striking steelworkers.

Nancy: noted that it has taken her local 3 LUMCC meetings for the employer to admit that elected union officials are allowed to conduct union work during work time.  Employer’s Labour Relations Co-ordinator asked her to bring any problems to him first, as when AGRU National Executive gets involved, it goes directly to the departmental Director of H/R. Nancy is happy she has a good relationship with her National President and V-P, to expedite action.

Local agm to be held Feb. 19th at Saffron’s.
Has requested annual area council affiliation from her AGRU.

Meeting adjourned – 7:30pm.

**Next meeting: Feb. 12th**