

General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2006
Taken by Nancy Forhan

1. Roll Call of Officers

Natalie Lisik President

Susan Claybo Treasurer

Nancy Forhan Recording Secretary

Eleanore Wellwood JE Chair

Bernice Koh Communications Chair

Richard Hare Health & Safety

Julie Nichols Sergeant-at-Arms

Regrets: Karin More (on leave); Susanne Lester (2nd VP Contract Chair); Robin McLeod (Education Chair); Frans Van de Ven (Business Agent); Bob Fifik (CUPE Nat'l Rep)

2. Adoption of Agenda (as amended) **M/S/C Joann Chilton/Jennifer Martins**

3. Adoption of Minutes (of Feb. 23/06) **M/S/C Edita Michalek/Jaimie Miller**

4. Business Arising - none

a. Nominations:

* **Trustee** (term ending Dec/07) no nominations **CF**

* **Trustee** (term ending Dec/08) no nominations **CF**

* **Trustee** (term ending Dec/09) no nominations **CF**

* **Chief Shop Steward** no nominations **CF**

* **Diversity Committee Chair** no nominations **CF**

* **Sergeant at arms** no nominations **CF**

b. UBCO – meeting scheduled at the LRB for the 2nd & 3rd weeks of April 06.

c. Bylaws – deferred until bargaining is completed.

5. Unfinished Business - none

6. Treasurer's Report

Susan reviewed the proposed budget which included recommendations that we upgrade the Office Assistant position (Leslie) and increase the Business Agent's (Frans) salary effective Jan.1.06 / The salary for the President's position will be addressed when we do the Bylaws.

The proposed 2006 budget is running a deficit of \$29,414.

M/S/C Susan Claybo/ ??

That we accept the budget as recommended

7. Executive Report

Dates to remember: Apr. 14 Good Friday / Apr. 17 Easter Monday / Apr. 26-28 CUPE BC Convention / Apr. 28 Nat'l Day of Mourning.

Natalie announced Karin More has resigned as 1st Vice President/Grievance Chair and thanked Karin for all her hard work. Natalie asked for nominations – seeing none – carried forward.

8. Business Agent's Report – n/a

9. Committee Reports

a. Chief Shop Steward – n/a

b. Communications Committee – deadline for newsletter has been moved up one day, to Apr. 6, because of the Easter Holidays.

c. Contract Committee – Natalie announced we have reached a tentative deal at the LRB and gave a brief outline of the bargaining process throughout the past year. The Contract Committee has been at the LRB since March 7 and will remain there until a deal is signed. (Hopefully tomorrow.) Natalie assured members once a deal is signed the info will be released. Natalie reminded members to update their personal email addresses with the Office. Natalie verified that the Signing Bonus will go to members on approved paid leave (Mat. leave, etc.) and the committee will work with the University to get the bonuses out before sessional staff leave at the end of April.

Natalie noted the Ratification Vote will be held Friday April 7 at the War Memorial Gym – there will be no advance voting and no proxy voting.

d. Diversity Committee – n/a

e. Education Committee – May's L&L will be held at the Botanical Gardens (Gardening Techniques) check out the web site for more information.

f. Grievance Committee – Nat gave a brief update.

g. Health & Safety Committee – n/a

h. JE Committee – Eleanore noted the JE committee was not impressed with the University's lack of will to move forward during negotiations.

i. Political Action Committee – n/a

10. New Business

M/S/C Susan Claybo / Karin More

That in appreciation for all their time and hard work we treat the core Bargaining Committee to a really nice dinner!

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.