

AUPE Local 071 Minutes  
Local Council Meeting, September 19, 2009  
AUPE Headquarters - Edmonton, AB

1. Call To Order/Attendees 9:09 am

Barry Madsen [Chair], Iba Boda [Vice Chair], Rachel Maud Clarke [Secretary], Reni Smith [Treasurer], Cathy Bittman [PE], Karen Hayes, Ric Romick, Aileen Lublinkhof, Stacey Dickinson, Chrissie Mather, Darla Yonkman, Donna Horpestad, Ellen Pollard, Leslie Marquardt, Dwayne Salloum, Richard Durand, Mark Weleschuk, Dan Iwaschuk, Lisa Simpson, Bruce Snook, Brenda Arnfinson, Dan Litke, Jason Pilot, Kathy Cayenne, Melvin Gemmell, Rhonda Chatman, Shirley Roy, Darcy Beattie, Wendy Webber [Staff Rep],

Guests: Helen Fisher, Cheryl Frank, Dianne Bedford, Monica MacDonald

Regrets: Steve Nimchuck

2. Introduction of Local Council and Staff Rep

3. Adoption of Agenda M/S/C

4. Adoption of Minutes M/S/C

5. Business Arising From Minutes:

5.1 Absences/No Show Policy

‘Any member that has registered to attend (or is attending) an AUPE event, course or training and has to cancel (or leave), must give prior notification unless it is an extenuating circumstance. If you are in attendance at an AUPE event, course or training and leave prematurely, without giving notice or explanation of your absence, then Local 071 has the right to bill the member’s Chapter for any expenses incurred to Local 071 during such time that you were absent. Should this situation arise, all persons involved will be consulted by a member of the Local 071 executive. The Local Executive will be the body to decide if the absence is that of an excusable nature or not.’ M/S/C

6. Correspondence:

6.1 Labour School applications were sent out already. Applications are to be received by the Chapter chair by October 2, Local chair by October 16, 2009. You could send them with your convention delegate to give to Barry. Local executive will review applications during Convention.

6.2 Education course brochures were sent out to Chapter chairs. This information can also be accessed on the AUPE website.

6.3 Barry received an article ‘Pains of Anti-Privatization’. Barry will pass on to Richard Durand, Anti-privatization rep.

6.4 DVD preventing violence in the workplace. Extra copies are available at HQ. These can be borrowed to share with and show to chapters.

- 6.5 Barry received a letter requesting if we have bursaries or scholarships for members; the response is “no, we do not”.
- 6.6 Union Steward recognition awards, letter of nomination sent out to all chapter chairs. This form was requesting chapter chairs to nominate stewards for award.
- 6.7 Attended Anti-Priv & Pay and Social Equity Seminar in Red Deer, September 17-18.
- 6.8 Edmonton Area Council is having a Christmas Festival. See Barry for details.
- 6.9 Health and Safety correspondence to pass on to H & S rep, Rod Carlson.

Chapter 7, Grande Prairie Regional College, Fairview Campus is officially part of Local 071 (after many discussions with HQ). Welcome!

## 7. Report of Officers:

- 7.1 Chair: Verbal report M/S/C
- 7.2 Vice-Chair: Report as read. M/S/C
- 7.3 Secretary: Verbal report M/S/C
- 7.4 Treasurer: Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet presented. M/S/C
- 7.5 Provincial Executive Rep: Cathy Bittman attended her first PE Mtg, nervously, but enjoyed it and found it very interesting. Cathy sent around a form for reps to fill out to be added to an email mail out. Cathy will send out all PE minutes and correspondence to those people requesting this info. Please feel free to contact Cathy at [bittmanc@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:bittmanc@northernlakescollege.ca) or 780-751-3267. Verbal and written report presented M/S/C

Jason Heistad, Vice President joined us at 10:00 am. Jason announced that he will be running again this year at Convention for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term as Vice President. Jason asked Barry to nominate him on Convention floor. Barry graciously accepted.

Bill Dechant, Secretary/Treasurer joined us at 10:00 am. Bill announced that he will be running again this year at Convention. Bill spoke to Convention 2010 being held at the Shaw Conference Centre, downtown Edmonton.

## 8. Committee Reports

- 8.1 Anti Privatization Committee M/S/C  
Richard handed out binders and DVDs, one for each Chapter. Spoke to Anti-Priv conference in Red Deer.  
Richard passed around a petition ‘Help Save Alberta Hospital’.
- 8.2 Education Sector Committee M/S/C  
Ed Sector Conference was very successful. Great speakers. NAIT did a wonderful presentation on their bargaining experiences. Very valuable/beneficial session. Kathy Cayenne suggested that this session information be presented to Chapters, as she thinks it would be helpful for bargaining units to know this information prior to going into bargaining.

Rhonda hasn't had much correspondence from Ed Sector committee over the past few months. Committee is presently on hold waiting for replacement staff rep during Steve's leave.

Guy Smith, Local 06, Yellowhead Youth Centre, joined us at 11:00 am. Guy will be running for President at Convention this year. Union activist for past 20 yrs. "Tough times demand strong leadership". Guy presented his campaign platform and handed out info, please see his website at [www.electguysmith09.com](http://www.electguysmith09.com).

8.3 Women's Committee M/S/C

September 10 – Grandparents picnic. Thanks to all volunteers, very successful event. Estimated over 1300 people attended.  
Pink booklets are being handed out at Convention. Booklets are to encourage women to be strong leaders in their union.  
Womens Committee will have a table and draws set up at convention to raise funds for charity. The charity has not yet been appointed.  
September 4th BBQ to raise funds for family of Local 49 member who was murdered. \$1600 was raised.  
Launched a survey on AUPE website regarding daycare.  
Committee is currently looking at issues regarding elderly and elder care.

8.4 Young Activists Committee M/S/C

Ellen Pollard is Local 071 YAC rep. New at position and will be contacting Jason Heistad to become active in this role.

8.5 Pay and Social Equity Committee

Seminar was good. Used this seminar to get the word out about this committee. Speakers from PSAC, Ministry. Resolution on Convention floor to turn this seminar into an annual conference. Committee feels that one day wasn't enough. Committee will be showing a DVD at Convention of event held at the Mustard Seed.

Lunch break 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Lorraine Ellis guest 12:30pm, announced she will be putting her name forward for a second term as a Vice President. Lorraine presented her campaign platform and asked for our support on convention floor.

Tanya Mallo, Local 54 Healthcare, General Support Staff Edmonton area, guest 1:00pm, announced that she will be running for Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Tanya presented her background, experiences and training as well as her campaign platform.

Glen Scott, LPN Local 45, treasurer announced that he will be running for a Vice President position. Presented his campaign platform.

Doug Knight, guest. Update on Save AB Hospital Campaign. Great turn out for rally in Red Deer. Another rally next Friday. 11am bus from HQ. If interested in attending, contact HQ. Doug gave updates on issues around the Province ie: bed closures, hospital closures, U of C layoffs. Doug announced that he is standing for re-election at Convention.

8.6 Finance Committee: as attached M/S/C

- ❖ Recommendations from Finance Committee:
  - a) Chapter 9 has requested we match a \$50 donation to the family of a Local 071 member who passed away. M/S/C
  - b) Motion brought from Finance Committee to correctly reflect our budget with the adjustments noted on the budget handed out. M/S/C
- ❖ Business arising:
  - c) To change wording from “Disbursement Request Form” to “Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Financing Disbursement Request” M/S/C
  - d) Please make sure that you fill out your expense claim in full. All information must be completed in case of an audit. Local books are reviewed and audited every year.

Philipia, Local 01 Chair, involved in union for last 10 years. Announced that she is running for a Vice President position. Asked us for her support on convention floor this year.

9. Old Business none

10. New Business

10.1 November Meeting: Local 071 Executive made a decision that we will not be having a November meeting.

10.2 Convention Update  
Candidates for AUPE President: Doug Knight and Guy Smith  
Candidates for AUPE Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Dechant and Tanya Mallo  
Candidates for AUPE Vice-President: Pervis Fisher, Sandy Kyle, Sandra Azocar, Lorraine Ellis, Philipia Bates-Renouf, Jason Heistad, Glenn Scott, Erez Raz and Heather Stocking

11. Round Table Discussions:  
Verbal reports given by all Chapters.

12. Date of Next Meeting:

Sub-Finance Committee – February 19, 2010  
Local Council – February 20, 2010 in Red Deer

Chapters Chair Meeting/Training – January 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Headquarters, Edmonton

13. Adjournment at 3:52 pm.