

TWU - LOCAL R55

May 26, 2010

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Location: TWU Office 5261 Lane St. Burnaby BC

CALL TO ORDER: 12:20 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Ashton. This meeting was held immediately following the BCARTW AGM. Bro. Ashton welcomed our members and guests.

Guests: Debbie Ellis TWPP Administrator; President George Doubt, Business Agent Lee Riggs

Roll Call of Officers: Brothers Ashton, Stang, and Sisters Bowden, Meloche and Miller present. Rod Peters excused.

Applications for membership: Motion to accept the following new members: Doug Kernaghan, Lesley Fairweather, Richard Clarke, William Walter, Bruce Sargeant, Mary Willicome, Linda Lucente, Barb Moi, Kurt Saffarek, John Ricketts, Pat Rutledge, Jim Christensen, Allen Watt, May Wong **MSC**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting May 13, 2009:
Adoption of Minutes as circulated **M/S/C**

Correspondence: None

Reports of Officers:

Report on February 2010 TWU Policy Convention from Eric Korpan:

We sent 2 resolutions to the TWU Convention. #1 – guaranteed retiree position on Board of Trustees of TWPP – defeated #2 – annual retiree increase to be added to targeted benefits in actuarial report – defeated. Local 1 sent a resolution for the TWU to pay the expenses of Local R55 delegates to Conventions – defeated.

Report on TWU April 2010 Bargaining Convention from President Bob Ashton.

There was a discussion re Union bargaining on pensions. Most delegates are aware of TWPP issues.

Motion to accept the reports. M/S/C

Unfinished Business: Resolutions to the Trustees from May 2009 AGM – Answers were provided in panel discussion that followed the meeting with the Trustees, Administrator and Pension Consultant.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: None

Local R55 is fully funded by the BC Association of Retired Telecommunication Workers.

New Business:

Notice of Motion: Change Bylaw Article IV – Executive Paragraph 3 - number of directors from 2 to 3. **MSC**

Notice of Motion: That a change be made to Local R55 bylaws to include a new bylaw establishing dues in Local R55 at \$10.00 per year. **Ruled out of order.**

Election of Officers –

Convention Delegates 2 year term – 2 to be elected:

Don Stang and Bob Ashton were nominated and elected by acclamation.

Convention Delegate 1 year term – 1 to be elected:

Eric Korpan was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Director 2 year term – 1 to be elected:

Bro. Jack Sambrooke was nominated and elected by acclamation.

1) Resolution to Constitution Committee for TWU Convention 2011:

Whereas the majority of the members of the TWPP are now retirees; and

Whereas there has been a retiree elected to the Board of Trustees of the TWPP since 2006; and

Whereas there should be balanced and fair representation on the Board of Trustees, now

Therefore be it resolved that the TWU Constitution be changed to allow for one guaranteed retiree Trustee position on the Board of Trustees of the TWPP to be elected from eligible retired TWU members who are members of the TWPP. **MSC**

2) Resolution to TWPP Trustees:

Whereas pension increases are limited to a maximum of CPI; and

Whereas medical benefit cost increases are exceeding pension increases; now

Therefore be it resolved that the TWPP Trustees investigate the cost of paying the BC Medical Services Plan premiums on behalf of all TWPP retirees and report back to Local R55 and also the active members at the TWU Convention; and

Be it further resolved that, if possible, the BC Medical Services Plan premiums be paid from the TWPP. **MSC**

3) Resolution to TWPP Trustees:

Whereas there are 28 retirement options listed for members to consider from the TWPP; and

Whereas members find it very confusing; now

Therefore be it resolved that the TWPP Trustees investigate whether all these options are necessary and reduce the amount of options that members must select from. **MSD**

4) To the Pension Trustees:

Whereas the TWPP Annual Reports are presented to TWU Convention wherever it may be; and

Whereas the majority of the TWPP retirees are located in BC;

Therefore be it resolved that the TWPP Trustees investigate holding the TWPP Annual Report Meeting at alternating Local meetings in BC to give an opportunity for members, both active and retired, to attend. **MSC**

5) To the Education Committee for the TWU Convention 2011:

Whereas there is little retirement education until just prior to retirement; and

Whereas retirement education should start at a young age; now

Therefore be it resolved that the TWU Education Committee working with Local R55 develop a yearly retirement education seminar for active members. **MSC**

Good of the Order

1) Vines Committee will be requesting information from retirees re jobs that are outside the scope of the bargaining unit. A list of jobs will be provided when available and retirees will be contacted.

A motion to adjourn was M/S/C

Adjournment: 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Meloche
Secretary Local R55