

## May 13, 2009 General Membership Meeting - Minutes

Florry Lang in the Chair

1. Ayla Umac read the OPSEU Harassment and Discrimination Policy.
2. Moved by Sue McLelland and seconded by Ayla Umac to accept the agenda.
3. Moved by Jim Ziolkowski and seconded by Dusan Vucak to approve the minutes from the General Membership meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>. All in favor. No discussion took place.

Florry mentioned that there was a motion passed and approved at the last meeting to amend the bylaws. The vote did not consist of 2/3 so the bylaws should not have been carried. It also indicated that upcoming votes on bylaws should be out to members 30 days ahead of the scheduled meeting.

4. Moved by Connie Collins and seconded by Sue McLelland to approve the minutes from the General Membership meeting on February 18, 2009. All in favor. No discussion took place.
5. Elections  
Jim Ziolkowski made a motion to allow two minutes of speaking to members wanting to run for positions. Seconded by Ayla Umac. All in favour. CARRIED.

### 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Vinoo nominates Connie Collins (Stand)

Fabiola Mascaro nominates Ayla Umac (declined)

Cast 1 ballot and confirms that Connie Collins is 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

### SECRETARY

Sue McLelland nominates Lyn Medler (Stand)

Lyn Medler is secretary.

Cast 1 ballot and confirms that Lyn Medler is Secretary.

### CHIEF STEWARD

Ayla Umac takes over as Chair.

Connie Collins nominates Florry Lang (Stand)

Cast 1 ballot and confirms that Florry Lang is Chief Steward/President

Motion to destroy ballots. All in favor.

Florry Lang takes over as Chair.

Rationale – Stewards are taking more of a role in grievances and are being involved more. Our local has gained more people as union activists.

Jim Z. commented on having to get more of our union members to be involved and come to general membership meetings.

6. Stability – Florry reported that there have been 2 rounds of stability. The college revoked layoffs of the technologist because they have new money coming in from the new building being built. The stewards have been asked to become more involved with the grievance process and to help the members prepare for their grievances. Members seeing people doing someone else’s job are to report them to the union. The executive only know if members keep their eyes open.
7. Treasurer’s Report – No report to present
8. Committee Report – No reports to present
9. Donations – No request for Donations
10. New Business
  - a. Local Bylaws - Bylaws need to be amended. The executive and stewards are to work on the bylaws and give to members 30 days in advance of a general membership meeting.
  - b. Steward Election Process – There has been contemplating on changing the process on steward elections. Our local has 17 stewards and if we use the constitution we should have 26. This will be one of the things the executive will look at in changing the process and might be changed in the bylaws also.
  - c. Local going GREEN – In the March minutes, it was stated that the local not use bottled water. It was considered that the local purchase stainless steel reusable containers with the OPSEU logo on it. Laiman wrote a quote that if the local purchased 300 (total of all three collective agreement members) that the total cost would be \$1,734.00. Jim Ziolkowski made a motion to purchase the reusable bottles but only a total of 150. Lyn Medler commented that it would not make sense to purchase the bottles. It is not reflective of the union. Jim sees Lyn’s point but if the local all used the bottles then it is a reflection of pride and solidarity.

Also it was mentioned at the meeting to ask members to look at ways of getting members to General Membership meetings. A possibility is to issue a survey to our members that are not present.

Moved by Barry June, Seconded by Karen Holmes

Adjournment and CARRIED.