

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL NOTES

Held Tuesday, April 7, 2020

from 7:00 p.m. to 8: 30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE

Kevin King, National President
Andrew Shaver, National Executive Vice-President
Daniel Toutant, National Vice-President for Human Rights
Angela Decker, Regional Vice-President, Atlantic
Diane Levola, Regional Vice-President, Ontario
Yvon Beaudoin, Regional Vice-President, Quebec
Patrice Rémillard, Regional Vice-President, NCR (SE)
Virginia Noble, Regional Vice-President, Ottawa (TB)
Cindy D'Alessio, Regional Vice-President, Gatineau (TB)
Martin Kaminski, Regional Vice-President, Manitoba
Jaison Van Tine, Regional Vice-President, Alberta, NWT and Nunavut
Shirley Torres, Regional Vice-President, BC and Yukon
Rose Touhey, Regional Vice-President, Outside Canada
Franco Picciano, Director Member Services and Labour Relations
Georges St-Jean, Director of Administration and Finance
Greg McNamara, Communications & Research Officer
Aurelie McDonald, Communications & Research Officer
Ateau Zola, Assistant to the National Executive and Human Rights Committee

REGRETS

Sandra Ahenakew, Regional Vice-President, Saskatchewan

The purpose of this call is to assist with COVID-19 matters related to UNE members in workplaces, along with an update on UNE workplaces and website and email updates.

NBOD update afternoon of April 7, 2020

Notes from Chris Aylward, National President PSAC:

Canadian Labour Congress and its affiliates hit hard by COVID-19:

- airlines,
- construction industry
- other private public sector entities

Banking Industry:

- Credit card relief – Banking Associations Announced last week

PSAC internal:

- Calls ongoing on a daily basis with PSAC Directors, Treasury Board Secretariat, Alliance Executive Committee
- Magali Picard and some Directors heading up a team to attempt to figure out PSAC Regional Conventions, including voting by virtual means

Conventions:

There has been a legal opinion given to PSAC regarding the powers of its governing bodies in an emergency situation not otherwise considered by the PSAC Constitution,

The opinion is embargoed, but Chris's understanding of the opinion is that he is the PSAC President between conventions and the NBOD is the governing body of PSAC with respect to our democratic institution and the interests of the membership.– That would mean that the NBOD **is the** governing body between Conventions, and residual authority granted to the PSAC National President, and the National Board of Directors.

The PSAC President has recognized that several Components (5 in total) have postponed its conventions and looking at dates in late 2020 and into 2021 and asking the board to waive the period between conventions and the PSAC Triennial Convention.

It was acknowledged that I have a proposal to postpone PSAC Region and PSAC Component matters until 2021, and PSAC Triennial matters to 2022.

Magali Picard is cautioning against a broad postponement of the Conventions, even by a full year, because things are moving so fast and the curve of the pandemic can not be predicted, or the number of waves that this pandemic will have, combined with the restart of a normal society and return to normalcy of work and off work operations.

Chris went on to say that he highly doubts gathering of 250 people will be allowed in any provincial or territorial jurisdiction until 2021.

Contract Negotiations:

Chris Aylward speaks to Treasury Board, several times a week, and hopes that TBS is interested in resolving matters at the bargaining table for employees in TB departments and Agencies that respect employees, not just during a pandemic, but at all times of the year and circumstances.

UNE matters:

Convention 2020: We will be looking at a call next week, regarding a UNE Motion to postpone the UNE Triennial Convention, with a Convention to occur between September and November of 2021.

Convention Committees: We have lost the venue for Convention Committees –
Lord Elgin is closed until June 30, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted, and In Solidarity,

Kevin A. King
National President
Union of National Employees, PSAC