

Local 70044 Membership Meeting - December, 18, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 PM – Room 8-011

Paul Thomas, 1st Vice President, chaired the meeting in the absence of the President, Shahrzad Sedigh

Decisions:

1. Budget - vote to allocate of \$20,000 to Local 70044s restricted funds for FY 2014 – Approved by unanimous vote

Members were asked to vote on allocating \$20,000 of our budget from our "unrestricted strike fund" to the local's "restricted strike fund", with the following explanation: Due to the disbanding of local 70044 (and the very slow re-forming of the local), and the subsequent cessation of the dues collected for the local from our members after the amalgamation of DFAIT and CIDA, local 70044 has suffered a significant loss in revenues for the year. Despite this loss in revenue, we continued to provide excellent services to all of our members. We were only able to do so due to years of fiscal prudence. Over the past 7-8 years we have also contributed \$90,000 more to our strike fund than was required. This has resulted in an "unrestricted" amount of approximately \$90,000 in our strike fund that we could use for other purposes. Due to our loss in revenue in 2014, our CPA has advised us that we can simply move some of this "unrestricted" strike funds to "restricted" to account for our contribution to the strike fund this year.

2. Agreement to send a joint letter from Local 70044d and 70125 to Doug Marshall, President, UNE, re, Outside Canada Region to remove Passport from the region according to the UNE bylaws.—Members unanimously agreed that the letter be sent to the UNE President.

Members were briefed on the results of the UNE Executive elections and the composition of the incoming Outside Canada Region Executive. Members were also briefed that Local 70044 ended with no delegates to the PSAC convention of 2015, as a result of the elections. Members were advised on UNE bylaw 2 Section 1 and UNE Policy RF1 where the Outside Canada Region is defined as "Includes all countries outside Canada and locals in Canada that have members outside of Canada". Members were further briefed on the content the joint letter from locals 70044 and 70044 to be sent to the President of UNE, and were asked for a show of hands if they agreed that the letter be sent.

Attendees:

Paul Gatto	Claudette Laurin	Nathalie Patenaude
Julie Plourde	Anna Bogdan	May Wong
Georgina Hernandez	Louise Truswell	Cheryl Boon
Gisele Fauvel	Paul Thomas	Pascale Turcotte
Anna-Marie Melanson	Stephen Smith	Darren Brazeau
Caroline Joly	Anne Lavender	Katia Rorregrosa
Christine Mageau	Myriam Pierre-Louis	Sylvie Leblanc
Janick Audy	Anne Germain	Gul Joya Jafri

