

Synopsis of May 14-15, 2008 Executive Board Meeting

1. Minutes of January 2008

The Board adopted the minutes of April 16, 2008.

2. Executive Assistant's attendance at Board and Committee meetings

The president will designate one executive assistant to attend executive board and committee meetings, including in camera discussions, for a period of one year to be reviewed at that time by the executive board.

3. Region 3 staffing

This issue was referred to the June board meeting.

4. OPSEU direct phone line recommendation

This issue was referred to the June board meeting.

5. OPS Bargaining Team Accommodation

Reconsideration of the accommodation policy passed at the September 2007 executive. The motion was referred to the First Vice-President/Treasurer's Office to do further research on accommodation costs and will be brought back to the June executive board meeting.

6. Policy 10.1-3 - Delta Chelsea Official Hotel

This policy was discussed.

7. In camera session.

Progress was reported.

8. Transfer of Jurisdiction Northern Ontario School of Medicine Faculty Association (NOSMFA) to OPSEU

Roman Stoykewych, General Counsel and Pam Doig, Region 6 & 7 Local Services Supervisor made a presentation to the executive board. The executive board endorsed the Agreement Regarding Transfer of Jurisdiction with Respect to a Bargaining Unit between NOSMFA and OPSEU and welcomes the members of NOSMFA as full OPSEU members at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2008.

9. Unionized Hotels

Whenever possible, a unionized hotel be used by members and staff of OPSEU when on OPSEU business.

10. Minute of silence

A minute of silence was observed in the memory of Jim Tait, Staff Representative, who passed away earlier this week.

11. Train the Trainer Presentation

Geraldine Ryan, Supervisor, Training and Development, made a presentation to the Executive Board.

The board passed a motion regarding the list of all applicants. They must be submitted to the Regional Vice-President for review with the regional board members. The list shall contain the names of the applicants along with their nominators and shall be submitted by the Regional Vice-President and then go to the President's Office for final review.

The Train the Trainer selection process and questionnaire was referred back to the Education Department Administrator to report back to the June executive board meeting following an opportunity for executive board members to forward recommendation for revisions and amendment to the selection criteria.

Prior to the June meeting the executive board will be provided with the list of train the trainer graduate members and those still on the waiting list from their respective regions.

12. In camera session.

Progress was reported.

13. Niagara Parks Campaign

The board approved \$5,000 for the Niagara Parks Campaign against the privatization of the marina. Money will be taken from the Contingency Fund.

14. First Vice-President/Treasurer report

Sister Rout presented her report.

15. CLC Issue

This issue was discussed.

16. Funding for LHIN Challenge

The board approved \$200,000 from the Defense Fund to pay legal costs to defend our health care membership around LHIN challenges.

17. Women in public life

A table for the third annual women in public life luncheon was purchased at cost of \$1,500. Money will be drawn from the Contingency Fund.

18. PWC request to attend CLC Summer School

In a roll call vote the board approved seven Regional PWC committee members to attend the CLC week long Summer School held July 13 to 18, 2008 in Cornwall at a cost of \$20,000. The money will be drawn from the Central education Fund.

19. Minute of silence

A minute of silence was held for Ken Cousineau, a fire ranger from Sudbury who was killed on the job and for Donnie Heroux, a correctional officer at the Hamilton jail who passed away.

20. Green Building Investment Proposal

OPSEU committed itself to reducing emissions of greenhouse gases from the union's operations. The First Vice-President/Treasurer will provide a report to Convention each year on progress towards these targets.

21. 2013 Annual Convention

The 2013 Annual Convention will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

22. Northern Lights Funding Policy

Policy regarding the process for access to the Northern Lights fund was adopted.

23. Workers' Action Centre

This issue was referred to the First Vice-President/Treasurer's Office to brought back to the June board meeting.

24. Pension Committee Liaison

The board re-appointed Alicia Czekierda for a 3-year term to the OPT as a Trustee.

25. Notice of Motion - TILMA

OPSEU members on the OFL Executive will raise the concerns of TILMA and request that the OFL plan and execute a campaign to stop TILMA in Ontario.

26. In camera session

The OPSEU executive board endorsed the settlement reached by the parties in the matter of Thomas v Casselman et al.

27. Notice of Motion – Confirmation of Policy 11.1-6

A motion to reaffirm policy 11.1-6, Financial Control and Accountability, titled “Budget: Two Years” was made. This motion was defeated.

28. Notice of Motion – 2009 Budget reference document

The office of the First Vice-President Treasurer will prepare annually a reference document that will accompany the budget document. Executive board members will identify beforehand where they feel they need greater clarification in the budget document and where there is significant change from the previous budget the First Vice-President/Treasurer will address that change in note form.

29. Notice of Motion – Amendment of Policy 11.1-6

A motion was moved to amend policy 11.1-6, Financial Control and Accountability”, titled “Building: Property Accounting”. This motion was defeated.

30. Notice of Motion – 2009 Budget – historical document

A motion was made to have a historical document detailing since 1990 the growth or decline in membership (classified and unclassified), dues revenue, number of staff, and staffing costs where possible. This motion was defeated.

31. Notice of Motion – Audit of OPSEU head office and regional offices

President Thomas declared this motion redundant as the 2008 Convention carried a resolution to carry out this audit.

32. Notice of Motion – Committee reports

Reports will be made to the Executive Board from the Board Member elected as the liaison to each Provincial Equity Committee (Provincial Human Rights Committee, Provincial Young Workers Committee, Provincial Women’s Committee). These reports will be a standing agenda item for Executive Board Meetings.

33. Email Poll Confirmations

The Executive Board confirmed the following decision made by poll:

- Corrections Division – Victims of Hate Crimes
- Corrections Division – Symposium Participation

34. Notice of Motion – Out of Country Travel

A motion was made and referred back to the President's Office for further investigation.

35. Presentation – Retirees

Retirees of OPSEU made a presentation to the executive board. This issue was referred to the President's Office for investigation. Findings will be reported to the June board.

36. Notice of Motion – Law Suits

This issue was referred back to the President's Office to get a legal opinion.

37. Notice of motion – Legal Documents for Signature

A motion was made required that any legal documents brought to the Executive Board for signature be accompanied by legal counsel to explain the document and to answer questions and that the board be given 7 days notice of any such documents coming to the Executive Board. The motion was defeated.

38. Notice of Motion – Board Sub Committees

It was carried that Executive Board members shall not be appointed to elected sub committees of the Executive Board.

39. Notice of Motion – Train the Trainer Course

This motion was withdrawn by Brother Almeida.

40. Notice of Motion – Temporary Positions at OPSEU

This issue was tabled to the June board meeting.

41. Notice of Motion – Regional Hardship Committee

This issue was not completed. It will be placed under business arising at the June meeting.

42. Trusteeship Local 411

Brother Lundy made a presentation to the executive board. Question period followed.

Brother Al Whissel, Local 411, made a presentation to the executive board. Question period followed.

The board meeting was extended to deal with this issue. The board approved that Local 411 be placed in Trusteeship for up to 60 days and that this time could be less based on Sister Kathy Smith's recommendation. If necessary Sister Kathy Smith can also request one 30 day extension subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Local 411's elections will take place as scheduled on May 28 and Sister Kathy Smith will work with the new Treasurer and new Executive Officers and the new Treasurer will receive assistance and training from OPSEU.

43. Contingency Fund Request - Stammers Civil Action

One request was submitted to the executive board and was dealt with in camera. The board approved the request.

44. Adjournment

The Executive Board adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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