

Synopsis of September 17-18, 2008 Executive Board Meeting

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of June 11-12, 2008, Conference Call Minutes of August 11, 2008, Conference Call Minutes of August 25, 2008, Conference Call Minutes of September 3, 2008 and Minutes of September 10, 2008 Special Board Meeting were adopted.

2. Out of Country Travel

This issue will be brought to the October board meeting.

3. Notice of Motion - Regional Hardship Committee

This issue will be brought to the October board meeting.

4. Accommodation Policy

This issue will be brought to the October board meeting.

5. Convention Resolutions

This issue will be brought to the October board meeting.

6. E-Polls

This issue will be brought to the October board meeting.

7. Strike Fund Investment Account

OPSEU will continue the same asset mix of 20/60/20 for the Strike Fund Investment Account.

8. OJTBF Presentation

Paul Hornsby, Director, OJTBF, made an in-camera presentation to the Board. The Board reported progress.

9. CECBA/AMAPCEO Presentation

The following motion was a roll call vote and carried unanimously:

THAT the OPSEU Executive Board undertakes to explore all legal and political options and to immediately strike a campaign in support of OPS bargaining and OPS bargaining unit integrity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the OPSEU Executive Board fully supports the President in his demand to meet with the Premier immediately to enter into discussions regarding the OPS bargaining units.

10. Region 2 Guelph Office

This issue was discussed.

11. CPAC

The Board adopted the recommendations of the Central Political Action Committee for candidate endorsements and vote mobilizing activities for the federal election campaign.

12. 2009 Regional Meetings

The 2009 Regional Meetings be convened on Saturday March 28, 2009. The Local Services Supervisor will contact the Regional Vice Presidents to find an appropriate location in each Region.

13. TILMA

An update on this issue was given to the Board.

14. Re-name the Job Security Unit to the Labour Relations Unit (LRU)

President Thomas withdrew this motion.

15. OPS Mobilization: Phase One: Building support and solidarity

The following motion carried unanimously:

THAT OPSEU undertake member mobilization in support of OPS bargaining at a cost of \$430,000. These funds are to be withdrawn from the Contingency Fund.

16. Emergency Funding for Hospital Campaigns

The following motion was a roll call vote and carried unanimously:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the \$361,000 that was set aside for the CLC Convention be used to resource these emergency campaigns to provide a rapid response to these events, including local newspaper and radio advertising, hall rentals, and local book offs to facilitate mobilization of communities around these issues.

17. Local 411 Presentation

The following motion was a roll call vote and carried, 17 FOR, 3 AGAINST:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Executive Board lift the Trusteeship of Local 411, effective immediately.

A Minority Report was filed by Mike Grimaldi.

18. BPS Pension Plan/Topps Fund Presentation

Heino Nielsen, Administrator, Policy Planning & Programs, Catherine Bowman, Supervisor, Research and Benefits, and Shirley McVittie, Senior Benefits Counsellor, made a presentation to the Board.

This issue was tabled until the November Budget Meeting.

19. Health & Safety Presentation

A presentation was made by Lisa McCaskell, Senior Health & Safety Officer, Helen Riehl, Member, and Lynn Orzel, Executive Board Member, Region 4.

This issue was deferred to the October board meeting.

20. Notice of Motion: OPT Pension Surplus Survey

This issue was tabled until after bargaining.

The following motion carried:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter from the President's Office be sent to members on behalf of the Executive Board acknowledging the response to the OPT survey and explaining our next steps.

A Minority Report was served by Ron Elliot and Jamie Tocker.

21. United Employees Association (UEA) Merger

The Board accepted the United Employees Association (UEA) merger agreement.

22. Extension of OPSEU Joint Trusteed Benefit Fund (OJTBF) Trustee appointment term

The Board approved the extension of OPSEU Joint Trusteed Benefit Fund Trustees to October 17, 2008.

23. NUPGE CBS National Forum, October 26 - 28th, 2008

The Board approved the attendance of the bargaining unit highest ranking and the sector executive at the 2008 NUPGE CBS National Forum on October 26 - 28th in Ottawa Ontario. Up to \$15,000 from the Contingency Fund will be used to cover the costs.

24 Children's Treatment Centres (Sector 15) - Funding Request for Bargaining Forum

The Board approved the sector executive request that the bargaining forum be included in the annual budget. They also approved a one day bargaining forum on November 27, 2008 in Toronto at a cost of \$15,500. Funds to be drawn from the Contingency Fund.

25. Contingency Funding Request

Additional funding was granted from the Contingency Fund in the amount of \$50,000 to cover the legal and related expenses on the Unfair Labour Practice Complaint that has been filed by OPSEU on behalf of six members who have been subjected to allegations that their employer knew to be false.

26. PWC Youth Committee - OFL Conference

The Board approved the Women of the Youth Committee, PHRC and the PWC be able to attend the OFL Women's Conference, October 5-7, 2008 at a cost of \$25,000. Funds to be drawn from the Contingency Fund.

27. CLC National Disability Rights Conference

This issue was tabled to the October meeting.

28. Report on the Provincial Young Workers Committee

A report was submitted by Claire Rowett, EBM, Region 3, PYC Liaison.

29. Report on the Provincial Human Rights Committee

A report was submitted by Sandra Snider, EBM, Region 7, PHRC Liaison.

30. In-camera Session

The board reported progress.

31. Notice of Motion: OPS Divisional Conference Accommodations

The Board waived the 60 km Policy, for those members who will be in attendance at the OPS Divisional Conference on Friday evening.

32. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 5:10 pm.