



**GSU National Council Conference Call  
Virtual – MS Teams  
Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.  
Minutes of meeting**

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**1. Call to Order**

The virtual (MS Teams) conference call meeting of the GSU National Council was called to order at 1:02 pm (Eastern time) on Thursday, February 11, 2021 with Brother Randy Howard in the Chair, and the following participants in attendance:

**Members in attendance:**

**Present:**

Randy Howard	National President
Martine Babcook	National Vice-President
Bruce Roy	National Vice-President
Shanny Doucet	Regional Vice-President, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island
Jeanette Fillion	Regional Vice-President, Royal Canadian Mint
Mélanie Hamel	Regional Vice-President, Quebec East including Quebec City
Kevin Hanson	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region

Linda Harding	Regional Vice-President, Lower BC Mainland, including Vancouver
Sheldon Jacobs	Regional Vice-President, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan
Azra Jusuf	Regional Vice-President, Ontario
Pascal Ladouceur	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
Paul Paquette	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
Michèle Parent	Regional Vice-President, Quebec West, including Montreal
Heather Rawlins	Acting Regional Vice-President, Alberta, Nunavut, and the Northwest Territories
Nicole Rousseau	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
Reni Stein	Regional Vice-President, Vancouver Island, remainder of British Columbia and the Yukon Territories

### **Regrets**

Sue Boone	Regional Vice-President, Ontario
Kelly Bush	National Vice-President, Equity
Anthony Drozdowski	Regional Vice-President, Nova Scotia
Leanne Moss	Regional Vice-President, Newfoundland, and Labrador

### **Staff:**

Jason Manchester	Executive Coordinator to the National President
Maria Thomas	Executive Assistant to the National President
Diane Rancourt	Communication and Administrative Assistant

### **Announcements**

- Brother Howard advised National Council that an email was sent advising them that Sister Larissa Williams Regional Vice-President for the Western Region resigned, and that Brother Sheldon Jacobs is the newly elected Regional Vice-President.

### **Oath of Office**

- Brother Howard administered the Oath of Office to Brother Jacobs. On behalf of National Council Brother Howard welcomed Brother Jacobs.

### **2. Hours of Session**

That the hours of session as proposed by the Chair be approved:

Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Eastern time)

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**(Appendix “A”)**

### **3. Approval of agenda**

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **4. Virtual Convention 2021**

Brother Howard informed National Council that the GSU Convention will be held virtually from October 5 to 7, 2021. He indicated to National Council that GSU will

cover full loss of salaries for those days. Brother Howard reminded Sisters Hamel and Parent that should they require translation, Brother Manchester would translate.

### **Remark**

Sister Hamel stated that the task of translation during this meeting is not the responsibility of Brother Manchester and that staff should not be expected to provide translation at these meetings.

**m/s Mélanie Hamel / Michèle Parent**

To suspend the conference call meeting and that simultaneous translation be provided at the next meeting.

**Recorded vote # 1. Motion carried.**

<p><b>Action:</b> Sister Thomas will re-schedule the conference call and she will advise National Council accordingly.</p>
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Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, Brother Howard advised National Council that the GSU Collective Bargaining Committee will be meeting on Friday, February 12, 2021. GSU is entitled to 10 delegates for the PA Group, 3 delegates for the TC Group and 1 delegate for the SV Group. GSU is missing nomination forms for the PA and TC group and he urges National Council to reach out to their Locals to submit nominations as soon as possible to the GSU National Office. Brother Howard reminded National Council that the delegate must be a member of the Local executive or a shop steward. This Collective Bargaining process does not apply to the Royal Canadian Mint.

Sister Harding wanted to know who sits on the GSU Bargaining Committee. Brother Howard stated that Sister Bush is the Chair of the Committee and that Brothers Hanson and MacDonnell are the other two members.

## **5. Round Table (Moot)**

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 1:24 p.m.

## Recorded vote

Legend 1. Yes 2. No 3. Abstain 4. Absent	Postponed NC conference call (translation)
<b>Vote Number</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Babcook</b> , Martine, NVP	1
<b>Bush</b> , Kelly, NVP Equity	4
<b>Roy</b> , Bruce, NVP	1
<b>Boone</b> , Sue	4
<b>Doucet</b> , Shanny	1
<b>Drozdowski</b> , Anthony	4
<b>Fillion</b> , Jeanette	1
<b>Hamel</b> , Mélanie	1
<b>Hanson</b> , Kevin	1
<b>Harding</b> , Linda	1
<b>Jacobs</b> , Sheldon	1
<b>Jusuf</b> , Azra	1
<b>Ladouceur</b> , Pascal	1
<b>Moss</b> , Leanne	4
<b>Paquette</b> , Paul	4
<b>Parent</b> , Michèle	1
<b>Rawlins</b> , Heather (Acting)	1
<b>Rousseau</b> , Nicole	1
<b>Stein</b> , Reni	1
<b>Howard</b> , Randy	1

## **Appendix 'A' - Agenda**

**GSU National Council Meeting  
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1. Call to Order and Announcements
  - Oath of Office (Sheldon Jacobs)
2. Hours of Session
3. Approval of agenda
4. Virtual Convention 2021
  - GSU Committee Meetings (General, By-laws, Finance)
  - Delegate Entitlement
  - Note:** Convention Dates: October 5 to 7, 2021
5. Round Table (If time permits)
6. Adjournment