



GSU Special National Council Conference Call

Zoom Meeting - Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, September 10, 2021

1. Call to Order

The virtual (Zoom) conference call meeting of the GSU National Council was called to order at 2:01 pm (Eastern time) on Friday, September 10, 2021 with Brother Randy Howard in the Chair, and the following participants in attendance:

Participants:

Randy Howard	National President
Martine Babcook	National Vice-President
Kelly Bush	National Vice-President, Equity
Bruce Roy	National Vice-President
Sue Boone	Regional Vice-President, Ontario Region, excluding the National Capital Region
Steve Colterman	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
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, Vancouver, and Lower Mainland
Azra Jusuf	Regional Vice-President, Ontario Region, excluding the National Capital Region
Leanne Moss	Regional Vice-President, Newfoundland, and Labrador
Paul Paquette	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
Michèle Parent	Regional Vice-President, Quebec West, including Montreal
Heather Rawlins	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:

Anthony Drozdowski	Regional Vice-President, Nova Scotia
Sheldon Jacobs	Regional Vice-President, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba

Staff:

Monique Desrosiers
Jason Manchester
Diane Rancourt
Maria Thomas

Finance and Administration Officer
Executive Coordinator to the National President
Communication and Administration Assistant
Executive Assistant to the National President

Purpose of the meeting

- After discussions and as per GSU By-Law 6, some members of National Council have requested a special National Council meeting to vote on in person regional gatherings during Convention.

Announcements

- Brother Howard welcomed everyone.
- Brother Howard advised National Council that simultaneous interpretation is provided for this meeting.
- Brother Howard sent an email to National Council providing the reasoning for the decision not to hold in person regional gatherings. He reiterated that his decision did not come easily, and it was made with the intention of protecting the health and safety of all delegates attending the GSU Convention.

m/s Nicole Rousseau / Azra Jusuf

That the regions have the choice to decide if they are to meet in person (in caucus) or not. **That** should the decision be to meet in person, that GSU support financially those meetings.

m/s Bruce Roy / Leanne Moss

That the voting be done by secret ballot.

Recorded vote #1. Motion carried.

Remarks

Sister Parent requested if she could vote verbally as she was late to attend another meeting. Due to the circumstance and that the meeting was scheduled for one hour, Brother Howard accepted that Sister Parent cast her vote verbally. Sister Parent voted in favor of having in person regional gathering during Convention.

Point of Order

Rules of Order state a motion for a secret ballot must be made before the question is called. The question was called and therefore voting by a secret ballot should not be permitted.

Brother Howard consulted with PSAC National President, Chris Aylward and the motion for a secret ballot and to accept Sister Parent's vote were ruled out of order. The voting was done verbally.

Recorded vote #2. Motion carried. (In person regional gathering during Convention)

Recorded against: Brother Randy Howard

Since National Council voted in favor of the motion, the Regional Vice-Presidents will consult with their Local Presidents on how they wish to proceed, and they will follow-up with the National Office.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Recorded votes

Legend / Légende: 1. Yes / Pour 2. No / Contre 3. Abstain / Abstention 4. Absent / Absent-e	Secret Ballot	In person Regional Gatherings								
Vote Number / Numéro de vote	1	2								
Babcock, Martine NVP	2	2								
Bush, Kelly NVP Equity	1	1								
Roy, Bruce NVP	1	1								
Boone, Sue	1	3								
Colterman, Steve	1	1								
Doucet, Shanny	1	3								
Drozdowski, Anthony	4	4								
Fillion, Jeannette	1	2								
Hamel, Mélanie	1	1								
Hanson, Kevin	1	1								
Harding, Linda	2	2								
Jacobs, Sheldon	4	4								
Jusuf, Azra	1	1								
Moss, Leanne	1	1								
Paquette, Paul	1	1								
Parent, Michèle	4	4								
Rawlins, Heather	1	2								
Rousseau, Nicole	1	1								
Stein, Reni	2	2								
Howard, Randy	2	2								