



**GSU Special National Council Conference Call
Friday February 16, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.
Minutes of meeting**

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1. Call to Order

Brother Randy Howard, GSU National President called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. (Eastern time). He called the roll of officers present, as follows:

Present:

In person - GSU Boardroom

Randy Howard	National President
Lori Walton	National Vice-President
Bruce Roy	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region

By phone

Martine Babcook	National Vice-President
David Cunning	Regional Vice-President, Ontario Region, excluding the National Capital Region
Shanny Doucet	Regional Vice-President, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island
Anthony Drozdowski	Regional Vice-President, Nova Scotia
Linda Harding	Regional Vice-President, Lower British Columbia Mainland, including Vancouver
Robyn Ohland	Regional Vice-President, Alberta, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories

Sue Soubra Boone	Regional Vice-President, Ontario Region, excluding the National Capital Region
Reni Stein	Regional Vice-President, Vancouver Island, remainder of British Columbia and the Yukon Territories
Bill Walsh	Regional Vice-President, Newfoundland and Labrador
Larissa Williams	Regional Vice-President, Saskatchewan and Manitoba

Regrets

Kelly Bush	National Vice-President, Equity
Daniel Charron	Regional Vice-President, Royal Canadian Mint
Mélanie Hamel	Regional Vice-President, Quebec East, including Quebec City
Pascal Ladouceur	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
Michèle Parent	Regional Vice-President, Quebec West, including Montreal
Nicole Rousseau	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region

Staff:

Monique Desrosiers	Finance and Administration Officer
Maria Thomas	Executive Assistant to the National President

Announcements

Brother Howard thanked National Council for taking the time to participate in the conference call.

2. Approval of Agenda

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Appendix 'A'

3. National Vice-Presidents

Brother Howard advised National Council that Sister Bush will be on leave (health) for the next couple of months and that she will not be performing her duties as National Vice-President, Equity. During Sister Bush's absence, it was decided that her duties would be shared between the two National Vice-Presidents Sisters Babcook and Walton. Brother Howard is asking support from National Council.

Brother Howard updated National Council on the following:

- PSAC Convention Committees will be meeting from February 19-23, 2018 in Ottawa.
- Sister Walton will be replacing Sister Bush on the PSAC General Convention Committee. The reason for this is that GSU has submitted three resolutions to the PSAC Convention and it is important to have a voice on this Committee.
- Brother Charron will be replacing Sister Walton on the PSAC Collective Bargaining Committee.
- Sister Babcook sits on the PSAC Finance Committee
- Brother Howard sits on the PSAC Constitution Committee.
- Brother Howard reached out to Sister Meghan Cainey to replace Sister Bush on the 2018 PSAC National Bargaining Conference. Sister Cainey was the

only name that was removed from the application list. Sister Cainey will provide an answer sometime next week.

4. International Women's Day

Brother Howard reminded National Council that March 8, 2018 is International Women's Day. He encourages Locals to participate in rallies across the country.

5. Round Table / Discussion

The meeting ended with a round table discussion.

Sister Soubra Boone: She wishes Sister Bush a speedy recovery. Sister Soubra Boone asked if Sister Walton, could reach out to her regarding the PSAC Finance Committee resolutions. She also stated that the PSAC Ontario Region is planning an event on March 8, 2018 for International Women's Day. During Sister Bush's leave of absence, Sister Soubra Boone has volunteer to help.

Sister Doucet: She advised National Council that she was nominated by PSAC Atlantic Council to receive the 2018 Women in Leadership Award of the New-Brunswick Federation of Labour.

Sister Stein: She advised National Council that their Local Annual General Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday February 20, 2018 and that some positions are vacant. Also, on February 28, 2018 a day of action is being organized in the Victoria region to protest the Phoenix pay system.

Sister Harding: She advised National Council that they are also organizing a day of action to protest the Phoenix pay system on February 28, 2018 in the Vancouver region. Sister Harding will also be attending a women's lobby on March 5th and 6th 2018 at the BC provincial government.

Sister Walton: She will be attending the PSAC Convention Committees from February 19 to 23, 2018 and she will reach out to Sister Soubra Boone. Sister Walton advised National Council that a rally is being planned to protest the Phoenix pay system in the Atlantic region. On March 8, 2018 the Federation of Labour will be having a breakfast for International Women's Day. Sister Walton also requested that National Council not post any comments regarding Sister Kelly's health on social media.

Brother Howard: He reiterated to National Council not post any comments on Sister Kelly's health on social media. He also reminded National Council that on February 28, 2018, events have been planned in every region of the country to protest the Phoenix pay problems. He encourages Locals to take action and participate in these events. Brother Howard thanked National Council for their time and wished everyone a wonderful weekend.

6. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 1:15 p.m.

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CALL/CONFÉRENCE TÉLÉPHONIQUE EXTRAORDINAIRE
DU CONSEIL NATIONAL
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2018 @ 1:00 PM / LE VENDREDI
16 FÉVRIER 2018 @ 13 H**

Appendix 'A' – Agenda / Appendice « A » – Ordre du jour

1. Call to Order / Appel nominal
2. Approval of Agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour
3. National Vice-Presidents / Vice-présidentes nationales
4. International Women's Day / Journée internationale des femmes
5. Round Table / Table Ronde
6. Adjournment / Levée de la séance