

GSU Special National Council

Conference Call Minutes

April 3, 2023 – Zoom

1.Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by GSU National President Bruce Roy at 1:36 p.m. (eastern time) and the following participants were in attendance:

Participants:

Bruce Roy	National President
Martine Babcook	National Vice-President
Kevin Hanson	National Vice-President
Kelly Bush	National Vice-President, Equity
Steve Colterman	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
Anthony Drozdowski	Regional Vice-President, Nova Scotia
Mélanie Hamel	Regional Vice-President, Quebec East including Quebec City
Linda Harding	Regional Vice-President, Vancouver, and Lower Mainland
Sheldon Jacobs	Regional Vice-President, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba
Azra Jusuf	Regional Vice-President, Ontario Region, excluding the National Capital Region
Mike LeBlanc	Regional Vice-President, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island
Leanne Moss	Regional Vice-President, Newfoundland, and Labrador
Paul Paquette	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
Heather Rawlins	Regional Vice-President, Alberta, Nunavut, and the Northwest Territories
William Tait	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region

Regrets:

Nicole Rousseau	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
Reni Stein	Regional Vice-President, Vancouver Island, remainder of British Columbia and the Yukon Territories
Jeff Tessier	Regional Vice-President, Royal Canadian Mint

Note: Two vacant RVPs positions – Ontario and Quebec West Regions

Staff:

Dominique Barrette	Executive Coordinator to the National President
David Girard	Senior Representative
Diane Rancourt	Communication and Administrative Assistant
Maria Thomas	Executive Assistant to the National President

Announcements

GSU National President, Bruce Roy ("National President") welcomed everyone. He advised National Council that the purpose of this Special Conference Call was to deal with the nomination of Sue Boone former Regional Vice-President, Ontario Region for a GSU Life Membership. He also advised National Council that simultaneous interpretation would not be provided for this meeting.

m/s Martine Babcook / Azra Jusuf

Azra Jusuf spoke on behalf of Sue Boone and advised the National Council that she misses everyone, and that union business was a huge part of her life.

Martine Babcook read the following resolution to National Council:

Sue Soubra Boone Nomination for GSU Life Membership

After many years of dedication, Sister Sue Boone recently advised GSU of her retirement from all union participation.

We all know of Sister Boone's commitment to the labour movement, and most importantly, her commitment in support of all GSU members.

Sister Boone has participated in every possible way within GSU and at no time have her challenges hampered or slowed her down when joining us all in GSU activities.

Sister Boone has been on the picket/demonstration lines with all of us over the years and remains a strong union activist.

Sister Boone has always made herself available for all members, to provide support and guidance on all workplace issues.

Sister Boone's Union Positions

Ontario Regional Representative for Persons with Disability since 2008

Chair of the Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC) since 2020

Member of Ontario Council

Labour Day events in Ontario Region – Sister Boone arranged for participation of PSAC Persons with Disabilities

GSU Local President – Local 00027

GSU Regional Vice President

GSU National Council

All conferences and meetings held by both the Public Service Alliance of Canada and Government Services Union

Consultations with PSPC – labour relations, health and safety, union/management

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Sister Sue Boone is awarded the GSU Life Membership.

A/S Martine Babcook / William Tait

To suspend the secret ballot.

Motion carried on the amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Note: The voting was conducted by a show of hands.

Essential Services Agreement (ESA)

Since business was concluded early, National President invited David Girard to address the National Council on Essential Services Agreement (ESA) and the upcoming strike. David Girard advised National Council that Regional Vice-Presidents' and Local Presidents received by email a list of members who are designated essential. This list was finalized by PSAC. Due to the strict deadline to sign off locals were not given the opportunity to provide their input. David Girard requested that the locals review the ESA list and if they have any questions, contact him. For example: if member is not assigned to the proper local.

Strike

David Girard advised the National Council that PSAC is responsible for the strike and any strike related issues should be directed to the PSAC Regional Office or to the Director General. However, if you have any questions on any of the above, do not hesitate to contact him.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.