



GSU National Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2023

Delta Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

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1. Call to Order

The meeting of the GSU National Council was called to order at 1:12 p.m. on Monday September 25, 2023, with GSU National President (NP) Bruce Roy in the Chair, and the following participants in attendance:

Participants:

Bruce Roy	National President
Martine Babcook	National Vice-President
Kelly Bush	National Vice-President, Equity
Kevin Hanson	National Vice-President
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
Nicole Rousseau	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
Reni Stein	Regional Vice-President, Vancouver Island, remainder of British Columbia and the Yukon Territories
William Tait	Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
Note:	Two vacant Regional Vice-Presidents positions Ontario Region and Quebec West

Staff:

Dominique Barrette	Director, Communications, Political Actions & Administration
Maria Thomas	Executive Assistant to the National President

Announcements

GSU National President, Bruce Roy (“National President”) welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of Agenda

m/s Linda Harding / Anthony Drozdowski

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

(Appendix ‘A’)

3. Hours of Session

m/s Mike Leblanc / Linda Harding

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

September 25, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

a) Minutes of May 2-3, 2023, Victoria, B.C.

m/s Mélanie Hamel / Kevin Hanson

That the minutes of May 2 and May 3, 2023 be approved.

Motion carried.

Remark:

Mélanie Hamel indicated when dealing with financial numbers, it is important to clearly indicate the amount of money in the minutes. This will avoid any misunderstanding.

Remark:

National President admitted that he did not follow the proper procedures regarding the rules of order. The National President acknowledged the oversight and, in an effort to rectify the situation, called for a recorded vote on Item 2 – Minutes of May 2-3, 2023.

Recorded vote #3. Motion carried. (Minutes)

5. Financial Review Committee

1. Motion to adopt GSU Financial Statements (Audited) – December 31, 2022.

Martine Babcook, National Vice-President and chairperson of the GSU Finance Committee tabled a report and introduced the committee members as follows:

Mélanie Hamel	Co-chair and Regional Vice-President, Quebec Region
Azra Jusuf	Regional Vice-President, Ontario Region
Sonia Gagné	Local President 10060, Québec Region
Monica Martin	Local President 70019, National Capital Region
Monique Desrosiers	Technical advisor.

Martine Babcook read the *“Independent Auditor’s Report”* and presented the following two motions:

m/s Martine Babcook / Mélanie Hamel

Motion: F-13-23

**Subject: Motion to approve the GSU (Audited) Financial Statements
December 31, 2022**

Originator: Finance Committee to National Council – September 25, 2023

The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the GSU (**Audited**) Financial Statements - December 31, 2022, as presented in the Auditor’s Report. The Committee reports that there were no changes to the GSU (Unaudited) Financial Statements presented to the National Council in May 2023.

1. 2022 GSU Auditor’s Report – December 31 – Appendix A.0
2. 2022 GSU (**Audited**) Operations to December 31 – Appendix A.1
3. 2022 GSU (**Audited**) Financial Position at December 31 – Appendix A.2

Recorded vote #1. Motion carried.

2. Motion for the nomination of Auditors

m/s Martine Babcook / Mélanie Hamel

Motion: F-14-23

Subject: Motion for the “Appointment of Auditors”

Originator: Finance Committee to National Council – September 25, 2023

The Committee recommends the adoption of engaging the services of Andrews & Co. Chartered Professional Accountants for the December 31, 2023 Financial audit.

Recorded vote #2. Motion carried.

Note:

A copy of the *“Independent Auditor’s Report”* and Financial Statements was provided electronically to National Council and is not included in these minutes.

6. Convention 2023

m/s Martine Babcook / Sheldon Jacobs

i) Approval of Credentials Committee Appointments

To appoint Chris Hobbs and Chantal Umphrey to the credential committee.

Motion carried.

m/s Steve Colterman / Kelly Bush

ii) That the nomination committee be composed of Josée Mongeau and Heather Rawlins.

Heather Rawlins formally requested to be removed from being appointed to the nomination committee. The nomination committee will be ratified on the convention floor.

iii) Movers for assorted Convention Motions

List of Movers:

- Adoption of the Convention Agenda

m/s Kelly Bush / Sheldon Jacobs

- Adoption of the Rules of Order

m/s Heather Rawlins and Nicole Rousseau

- Ratification of appointments to Convention Committees

m/s Leanne Moss / Steve Colterman

- Ratification of Regulations and Policies adopted by the National Council

m/s Reni Stein / Linda Harding

Mélanie Hamel will read the harassment policy and Linda Harding will read the scent policy.

7. Round Table

The meeting ended with a round table discussion.

Leanne Moss: She wanted to know if Local Presidents could observe the meeting.

The National President clarified that no observers were invited because the meeting was a pre-brief before a convention. She recommends that in the future Local Presidents should be informed beforehand.

There were no other comments from members of National Council.

8. Adjournment

m/s Leanne Moss / Kelly Bush

The meeting ended at 1:55 p.m.

Recorded Votes / Votes consignés

Legend / Légende: 1. Yes / Pour 2. No / Contre 3. Abstain / Abstention 4. Absent / Absent-e	Audited Financial Statements	Auditors	Minutes of May 2-3, 2023	
Vote Number / Numéro de vote	1	2	3	
Babcook, Martine, NVP	1	1	1	
Bush, Kelly, NVP Equity	1	1	1	
Hanson, Kevin, NVP	1	1	1	
Colterman, Steve	1	1	1	
Drozdowski, Anthony	1	1	1	
Hamel, Mélanie	1	1	1	
Harding, Linda	1	1	1	
Jacobs, Sheldon	1	1	3	
Jusuf, Azra	1	1	1	
LeBlanc, Mike	1	1	1	
Moss, Leanne	1	1	1	
Paquette, Paul	1	1	1	
Rawlins, Heather	1	1	1	
Rousseau, Nicole	1	1	1	
Stein, Reni	1	1	1	
Tait, William	1	1	1	
Roy, Bruce, NP	1	1	1	



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Monday, September 25, 2023

Delta Hotel Ottawa

LeBreton Boardroom (2nd floor)

Appendix “A” - Agenda

1. Call to Order

1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Hours of Session (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

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