



MINUTES
OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 25 - 26, 2011
Montréal, Québec

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1. Call to Order

Chairperson Anthony Tilley called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He welcomed everyone to Montreal and requested that we take the roll, which will be followed by a statement by the Chair.

P. Todd, NVP
H. Zebedee, RVP Atlantic
C. Gagnon, RVP NCR
Y. Morriss, RVP Ontario
D. Whitworth, RVP Manitoba
C. Harvey, RVP Saskatchewan
E. Alt, RVP Alberta
L. Thokle. RVP BC/Yukon

Regret:
J. Gaudreau, RVP QC

The Chair stated that one member of the Council was missing and he asked the Council to observe a moment of silence to reflect on the passing of Brother Alain Bélanger. A further tribute would be made at our upcoming Convention in Ottawa.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

M/S/C- E. Alt/P. Todd

That the agenda be adopted with the following amendment:

Brother Gagnon asked that the discipline discussion be moved from item 12b to just before item 11 on the proposed agenda.

3. Hours of Session

M/S/C - C. Gagnon/E. Alt

Wednesday, May 25/11 - 9:00 am to noon - 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm;
Thursday, May 26/11 - 9:00 am to noon - 1:30 pm to end of agenda.

4. *Appointment of Committee to Approve Expense Claims*

M/S/C - L. Thokle/E. Alt

That the National President with the assistance of the Office Manager be appointed to approve expense claims.

5. *Approval of minutes*

M/S – E. Alt/Y. Morriss

That the minutes of the National Council Meeting of February 8 – 10, 2011 in Ottawa be adopted.

Recorded Vote No.1 Motion Adopted

6. *Financial Statement*

T. Tilley presented the audited financial statement for the period ended on December 31, 2010. He then went over the audited statement and answered questions.

M/S – T. Tilley/H. Zebedee

That the audited financial statement for the period ended on December 31, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Recorded Vote No. 2 – Carried

7. *National President's Report*

8. *National Vice- president's Report*

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9. *RVP Reports*

Tony explained that this was a special meeting called to do some of the Convention preparation. As such, reports would not be read into the record. Sister Todd had a written translated report, which will be appended to the minutes.

10. *Date and Time of Next Meeting*

The Chair explained that no motion would be required for the next meeting as it is normally held after the elections at Convention.

The meeting will be held on August 17th, 2011 in Ottawa following the adjournment of the Convention.

11. *Discipline*

At the request of Brother Gagnon, observers and staff were asked to leave the room for this discussion.

After an extensive discussion, it was agreed to resolve this issue prior to the August 2011 Convention, in Ottawa.

12. *Committee Reports*

At this stage, the Chair suggested that we move to Committee reports, as the Convention preparation will be a much longer topic.

Structure Committee

Chairperson, Helen Zebedee, started her report by going over the proposed resolutions for the Convention. The Council agreed to bring all of the proposed resolutions forward to Convention.

Regulation 9

The Structure Committee proposed to amend the present regulation 9 to be more in line with the NJC travel directive to deal with the situation of relocating a National President.

This item does not require Convention approval but should be costed prior to adoption by the Council.

Chair requested to move Convention guide to the general Convention discussion.

Convention travel guidelines to be done with the Convention discussion.

Regulation 5 discipline

Proposed to eliminate the NHU SOP on discipline and use an amended regulation 5. It is further proposed that the PSAC provide training to members that sit on discipline committees.

A summary of the proposed changes was looked into and some items will require clarification before they can be implemented.

Alternate Voting Structure for Local AGM's

A proposed multiple phone system of teleconferences with a designated chairperson for each location was proposed. This in no way would prevent Locals from using the mail system with the recognition that the mail format would take a longer time.

Regulation 4 – Remuneration

A proposal to change 90 days to 120 days for time allowed for submitting a claim. This must be sent to the finance committee for discussion and recommendation.

If ILAM was submitted in advance, salary could be given out at the start of the meeting. The President has stated that salary advances are not and will not occur as there are tax implications. This also will need to be taken to the finance committee.

Regulation 11 PSST

Modifications proposed by the structure committee will need to be adopted by Council prior to being put into effect.

Convention Travel Guidelines

The Chair of the structure committee had several questions regarding the Convention travel directives. The bigger issue was the people from Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg having the option of leaving as scheduled or staying an extra night. The compromise would be if you can get home prior to 5 pm then the delegate would be expected to do so.

13. NHU Convention Resolutions

The Chair next covered resolutions we would take to our Convention that if adopted would be sent to the 2012 PSAC Convention.

14. Convention Preparation for the Ottawa Convention

Steve Sharma co-chair of the Convention Host Committee gave an update on Convention preparations. He indicated how host committee members would be identified. The committee is working on gifts and entertainment for Convention.

Tony reviewed the proposed Convention gifts for delegates.

Tony advised the Council that we have only 18 resolutions to deal with so we may need to entertain speakers. Brother Gordon will be addressing the Convention as PSAC President and we will find speakers that will talk on subjects of current interest.

A discussion took place on the choice of an election chair. It was decided to produce a list and check their availability. If a need arises, Tony will go back to the Council.

Tony indicated the names of the Convention Committee chairs and Co-chairs and advised the meeting that the other delegates that will be assigned to Committee's will be named shortly.

Questions were asked about how the all candidates meeting will be conducted. The format will be much the same as usual; however, as agreed to at the last Council meeting, this time questions will be accepted or rejected by the election chair.

The Convention guide was reviewed by the Council before distribution.

M/S C. Harvey/L. Thokle

That RVP's not standing for re-election be able to purchase their computer equipment for the sum of \$100.

Recorded Vote No. 3 – Motion Adopted

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

RECORDED VOTE - VOTE CONSIGNE

NAME/NOM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
ALT, E.	1	1	1																		
GAGNON, C.	1	1	1																		
HARVEY, C.	1	1	1																		
MORRISS, Y.	1	1	1																		
THOKLE, L.	1	1	1																		
TODD, P.	1	1	1																		
WHITWORTH, D.	1	1	1																		
ZEBEDEE, H.	1	1	1																		
GAUDREAU, J.	4	4	4																		
TILLEY, T.	1	1	1																		

- 1- YES/POUR
- 2- NO/CONTRE
- 3- ABSTAIN/ABSTENTION
- 4- ABSENT