ONTARIO REGIONAL COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING
September 24-25, 2015

Welcome and Introductions
Meeting called to order 3:00 pm (meeting delayed due to OLG rally)
Candace chair
Present: Debbie Montgomery, Candace Lavalley, KH Wong, Kari Jefford, Tim McKinnon, Ken Cole, Katha Fortier, Maggie Harbert

Review of previous minutes and agenda
Adoption of minutes with one small correction
Moved Maggie second Ken
Carried

Anti harassment policy
Ken Cole distributed Anti-Harassment Statement (a 1 page document based on the 2 page Policy) requesting that we read it at meetings.
Kari Jefford moved second Tim the Anti-Harassment Statement be read out loud at all ORC events and that it be referred to NEB for consideration
Carried

Health care rally in Thunder Bay,
Kari Jefford
Distributed 2 documents
-Unifor Local 229 Rally to Save Medicare in Canada
-Leadership Conference
-Leadership Conference Agenda
Oct 1-3, held in Thunder Bay

Unifor group plan for self funded benefits for part time health care workers
-Green Shield plan distributed by National,
-question on Administration? Enroll, register?

Report on send a medic campaign
Ontario Firefighters working on proposal that a firefighter could be sent on certain calls, administer meds, comparing to Paramedic, requesting 20 more hours of training to expand responsibilities, pilot program somewhere in Ontario
sendaparamedic.ca campaign just starting coalition of other Unions and UNIFOR
**RPN working group**
Support RPN’s common issues, AGM upcoming in London,

**Paramedic working group**
Similar to RPN working group, but other unions involved

**LUTF Local union task force**
Katha gave update on St Catharines meeting, format working well,
feedback from Tim well attended
discussion on video productions

Dino joined meeting

**Federal Election in Ontario-Rolly Kiehne**
3 documents distributed
*CIVIS-Poll results*
15 Priority Ontario ridings-UNIFOR-included candidate names
*CLC consortium polls*, did not include candidate names
going to do a phone poll of members in target ridings
vote splitting major concern
letter going out to members to those members in database
robo calls with Jerry’s voice going out as well

**Trans Pacific Partnership**
Dino explained issues major concern, content of vehicle
30% of NA content to bring vehicle was 60% with Nafta
negative impact on jobs 180,000 in NA affected
Katha distributed documents electronically
Kits available to bring to city councils

Meeting adjourned 5:35

**Friday September 25, 2015**

Meeting called to order

Guest Chris Buckley of Local 222
Update on upcoming OFL convention
Chris is running for President of OFL with UNIFOR’s support
Slate to be announced later this week

**Ontario Labour Law Reform**
Fred Wilson
Distributed 3 documents
Building Balance, Fairness and Opportunity in Ontario’s Labour Market
Outlining recommendations

Project Charter

The plan
Communications plan, summary, scripts to be developed and distributed

Finances

Easter Seals
Easter Seals Sponsorship Proposal
Document distributed
Past 10 years, sponsorship $100,000, (80 National 20 local Windsor locals) agreement coming to an end 2015,

ORC commit to donating up to $40,000 per annum to Easter Seals
Moved Tim Second Candace
Carried

Gingrich
Katha
Plant just outside of Fort Frances newly organized, small group
Once certification was complete owner announced plant closure, not entitled to strike pay, hearings at OLRB ongoing

ORC donate $10,000 to the workers of Gingrich
Moved Ken Second Candace
Carried

STRIKE APPEAL
$3000 already donated to Ottawa Taxi
$2000 to Garda

$25 per person, up to $5000 on all National Strike appeals in Ontario
Moved Candace Second Debbie
Currently covers Ottawa Taxi, Garda

Ongoing donation of $5000, to Bob White golf tournament and Ontario Regional (Unifor Charity) Golf tournament

Credit card
To ensure expenses directly related to ORC work be billed to ORC
Credit cards issued with a limit of $5000 to be issued to Chair, Ont Reg Director, Secretary Treasurer
Moved Dino, Tim second
Carried
Committee Requests
Women’s committee, Retirees, Workers with disabilities, Young workers
Letters in kits
Women’s committee-request for speakers on VAW, in conjunction to Dec 6th,
Women’s ctte to be allotted 20 mins, with details to be determined
Moved Dino, Second Maggie
carried
Retirees
looking for platform for recognition, no cost involved

Retirees will be granted request for recognition
Moved Dino Second Candace
Carried

Workers with Disabilities
Suggest meeting with Dino and Katha and committee to clarify specifically what the committee is looking for,

Young Workers
Request caucus, delegate attendance
Add into call letter a reminder is to bring special delegates

Vacancies Committees
vacancy
LGBTQ
Aboriginal workers of Colour
Young workers

ORC meeting plan
Suggestions for speakers: David Suzuki, David C Onley, Wolfgang Zimmerman, Mayor of Oakville, Mike Moore, Glenn French, women’s speakers, labour law,
Green Shield Mary Kerr speaker time, hospitality night request, Katha to follow up with her,

Toy drive Local 1917
Rather than in the call letter, a separate letter from Katha’s office

Kit content
Bag reviewed $30-35 per
Dino to get pricing and report back

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm
standing committee reports to ORC

Gingrich
Committee requests/reports and committee vacancies
Ontario Regional Council Planning: agenda, speakers, recommendations Green