

ONTARIO REGIONAL COUNCIL – EXECUTIVE MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2014 TORONTO

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dino welcomed all, introductions around the table completed.

In attendance: Katha Fortier, Dino Chiodo, Candace Lavalley, Tullio DiPonti, Maggie Harbert, Kari Jefford, Mark Mathewson, Debbie Montgomery, Jim Reid, K.H. Wong, Fred Wilson, Bob Orr and Shane Wark

Absence: Anne Marie MacInnis

Maggie Harbert agreed to take minutes

POSSIBLE PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Fred-Issue will be discussed at next NEB, Ontario election ground zero in terms of defining labour across Canada, Hudak, important to put prov election in context of labour rights, we have stopped 377, been told it is going nowhere, 525 federally decent bill, able to change, not a decent bill, we lose card check after 80 yrs, still not good but better than decent.

Pension plan for Ontario, but what type, we need budgets for health care and education, jobs? min wage, \$11 as Jun 1st and index to CPI each year.

Bill 146, liberal bill, precarious labour, any work unstable, temp, no future, affects labour standards, puts caps on unpaid wages, doesn't have anything related to union rights, at 2nd reading right now, should go to cttee soon, the govt has said they will meet with us and listen to possible amendments.

Q-what have we heard from ndp?

A-very quiet, have stated that if there is any cost to people they will oppose the budget and call for an election.

Katha-despite the backtrack on Rand, Hudak still has lots of bad ideas, we have to decide on our approach and it is in our best interests to keep minority gov't working.

Discussion points:

Concerns on NDP's quiet approach to gain seats will cost seats going to Hudak. Important that we look strategically at each riding and not tell our members how to vote.

Need details, need to speak to Horvath and Wynn, possibly to together to 'play nice', consensus was that if election gets called could risk a conservative majority. Also, agreed that Hudak's white paper is on the shelf but would resurface once elected.

LABOUR RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Fred-leadership meetings were well attended, now at next step, mapping the workplace, process involves, each local appointing a coordinator and workplace canvassers, letter from Jerry's office, sent out requesting membership list info, if a local is on LAS no need to submit xl sheet.

Q-cost to Locals, Fred-if locals are in need of assistance National can look at some possible solutions, Bob-Toronto office will work out cost issues if necessary.

Katha-this campaign important, we as leaders must set example to all locals, OFL/CUPE also doing a campaign under different titles, Katha to send out info on these.

GOOD JOBS CAMPAIGN

Fred-at the point in ON where we need to activate plans had our first meeting of national partners, Ryerson, Unifor, cdn fed of students, ccpa-ON, (missed a few) will take place Oct 4-5 2014 at Ryerson, hope to take place at historic Maple leaf gardens, not confirmed, Q-what makes this summit not just another conference? Difference is; a summit involves participants, give voice to people of those affected, of the good jobs debate, they would come with their own voice, this would make the difference, the summit starts in Apr across the country, communities big and small, connecting to partners in community, focus on youth and students, not exclusive, partner with community orgs, antipoverty groups, employers, civic gov't, range is wide open, focus is about good jobs, not about how to reward investors, diverse opinions welcome and necessary, there will be a place for employers, how many, benefits etc... In Ontario, in GTA, first meeting will be Mar 17, labour council helping organize. What needs to happen now is: standing cttees discuss some sort of project they could launch in Ontario and local unions, what they could do for a good jobs project.

Discussion Katha-issue is very important, ques do we want to bring it to Apr regional council meeting?

Candace-is the invite going out to first nations, and aboriginal youth?

Fred-we must, where and how do we do it, we have a theme and not a script, we invite to participate to bring their views and to use our process to promote their interests, perhaps Lakehead is a place we could use, an event of youth and aboriginal youth.

Kari-all the mining, the work force, can't keep them in school past grade 8, how do we make that all happen?

Katha-Yonge and Finch area in Toronto, talk about it at NEB, we need to have leadership on this.

Fred-encourage people to take initiative, a lot of schools across province in on this, check with labour councils for good jobs campaign

ORC-SPEAKERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Suggestions for speakers

Media panel, Overuse of temp agencies, good jobs, health care workers, scope of rpn's,

Discussion on retirees attendance, oversight of bylaws their attendance was left out, it is covered by the constitution, came out at BC council meeting, in Ontario 10 wanting to attend, question was on who covered their costs/expenses

All agreed that as per the constitution 1 could attend,

Lunch

Meeting called to order 1:27

Dino explained the Recommendations process, and to send recommendations and suggestions to Dino or Katha

Candace mentioned that at last meeting we agreed to start with an Aboriginal opening, we need to check for whose land we are on

Katha agreed and that it should be easier given that it is at Port Elgin

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Katha to follow up with each committee to ensure the liaison is kept informed.

The LGBT request for \$2000 originally submitted has been withdrawn

Q-do we as exec members attend their meetings?

Dino answered that if it is a conference call by all means attempt to go on call, if they meet and you are in same location (e.g. right before ORC meeting) then attend exec members would attend.

Discussion on requests for new committees and costs involved, in particular attending Canada Council, also, recommendations from committees process for submitting, the need for resolution committee.

Dino suggested that the exec needs an additional meeting to discuss the big picture and to map out the process before we can deal with requests, Consensus by all on the need to further discuss.

FINANCIAL EXPENSES

Dino-budget, bring in just over \$1 million, ORC we will spend \$100,000 send to Cdn council, \$150-200 K range for each conference, Port Elgin estimate \$100K.

Katha-Richard Van, accounting department has said eventually the regional councils will have 1/4ly financial statements.

Expenses-form and instructions will be forwarded to all members by Katha, each member bill local union, as per policy of former National expenses, send to Tulio he will review and then send to National for reimbursements.

ORC and ORC Exec meeting schedule

Katha-ok with 2 meetings per year? Some locals finding it costly

Comments-for now stay with 2 per year, did not get full attendance at last one, each local will decide, important to communicate to all locals reports on the meeting, a number of locals raised concerns over weekend scheduling.

EXEC MTG

Next meeting, prior to Apr council?

April 10-11

Katha to determine location

OTHER ITEMS

Wayne Gates, shall retain his delegate status for short term in absence of another election being called,

CDN COUNCIL

Who goes, have to decide who goes, can decide in April.

Dino-we will have 3 not sure agendas I would like to look at agenda items that if there is an obvious choice, we can work through it

RESOLUTIONS CTTEE

Do we want to strike a cttee, should have them by the 10th, 2 weeks before council

Put them on our agenda for the next meeting, invite research if needed, or dir of communications, if necessary, Fred to attend

Jim-idea for speaker, topic suggestion, drug and alcohol it is a sectorial issue,

ADJOURNMENT 2:40