

May 13, 2025 | 📅 London Area Council

Attendees: Sara Johnson (CEIU 581);

David Evans (CEIU 592);

Kaila Levola (CEIU 581);

Julie Bowen (USJE 650)

Martha Josephian (UVAE 18)

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30

Territorial acknowledgement (Kaila)

2. Statement on Harassment (Martha)

3. Review of actions items:

-Kaila met with past treasurer, got bank address but still no cheques. Kaila sent information to Cleo for the letter and she is going to send that to as soon as we have a treasurer after this meeting. She also hasn't sent out the cheques yet but I think she said that would be this week. Next steps to come soon!

-Meeting minutes were sent to REVPs office and we will attach them to the next meeting invite so they can be passed at that next meeting. I'm not sure what happens if they need to be amended but we can check into it if the time comes.

-Terms of Reference will be tentatively passed today, with execs staying very briefly at the end of the meeting.

5. Chair's report:

-Federal election since our last meeting with a relatively great voter turnout. Back with a Liberal government but of course new PM so the work is really just beginning. We need to hold the government to account, and continue to put pressure on to make things better for workers. Bargaining is an uphill battle but we will keep updating on this. People from different groups can hopefully keep an eye on bargaining updates and we can all share in future meetings and we will work on events that we do as a council.

-Kaila went to an event to meet and hear CEIU bargaining team members on April 29 so please keep an eye on emails about events like that for your component.

-May 5 last week was of course Red Dress Day and there are still some ongoing events for that for May, so please keep your ears open for that in your area. Please

take some time to learn about missing and murdered indigenous women, girls and 2S folks if you haven't already.

-It's also Asian Heritage Month! The theme for 2025 is "Unity in Diversity: The Impact of Asian Communities in Shaping Canadian Identity". This month is a time to learn about and appreciate the cultures and traditions that Asian communities have brought to Canada.

-Don't forget to sign up for Grievance Handling at the end of the month! Kaila can't attend as she will be at the PSAC Organizing Skills Training in Toronto from May 29 to June 1.

-also one final reminder about TB WFA session tomorrow May 14, last one for TB.

-Let's chat soon about the creation of a social media presence for Area Council, maybe a Facebook page and/or a website, because updating about all the events and things might be easier but we will work on that

-Also note there is an MDAC meeting on May 23 and an event for MDAC with a speaker on May 29. Speaker is Teresa McGillivray who is Ontario Council rep for MDAC. Both are 6pm.

-Also next month since we likely won't meet again before then, we have the Southwest Racialized Committee meeting June 11 6pm. So for any members who identify as racialized please check it out!

(**I believe somewhere around this point in the meeting we had the passed motion to cover the tickets for 10 members to attend the Halluci Nation concert)

6. Education update-Racism in the Labour Movement which is a virtual course coming on June 21-22.

7. Women's committee report (Julie not present but Kaila gave quick update as attendee):

-Election of delegate for PSAC National Women's Conference

-Kaila also attended the PSAC Ontario Women's Conference May 2-4 which was such an amazing experience learning about organizing, equity, perseverance, and just fighting for what's right, fighting to take power, but also mindfulness and gratitude. Such a powerful experience with amazing speakers. We got all of the resolutions that were in concurrence carried and hopefully they go to convention and pass there too. Kaila also attended one for CEIU the weekend prior to the PSAC. Encouragement for everyone should apply to training, events, conferences, anything and everything because it's always so amazing.

8. Election for Treasurer **Chaired by Shell Sweeney**
Treasurer – David Evans (sworn in)

9. Round table (**missed if there was anything of note in round table that wasn't already discussed earlier**)

10. POST-MEETING for execs only. Tentatively passed Terms of Reference with edits. Martha to edit and share. Can do an official vote later at an AGM.

Action items

- ☐ -Kaila to meet with past treasurer again and get cheques
- ☐ -Kaila, Martha and David to complete signing at credit union now that letter has been received
- ☐ -Martha to edit and send Terms of Reference
- ☐ -Will pick next meeting date (Kaila send out Cally survey)
- ☐ -Kaila to email Craig to confirm that we are approved to use budget to cover cost of 10 tickets for members to attend Halluci Nation