

**RWC Minutes**  
**November 7, 2005**  
**YEU Boardroom**

In Attendance: Sue Christianson, YEU Y010  
Sylvie Leonard, YEU Y010  
Jocelyn Curteanu, UTE  
Suzette Montreuil, AREVP

Jo-Anne Smith, YEU Y010 (via phone)  
Shirley Hill, YEU Y010  
Diane Allen, YEU Y023  
Nancy Debreceni, Staff

Regrets: Melissa Craig, Joanne Oberg, Kim Paradis

Meeting chaired by Sue Christianson

June 29 – Aug 4 (emergency mtg) Minutes approved

Tres. Report - balance \$4,123.98

- \$1708.93 balance
- includes \$150.00 donation to Take Back Nigh March, \$230.05 retirement gift for Dave

**Actions since last meeting:**

- Open Letter to Yukon Party MLAs – calling for resignation of Haakon Arntzen
- Newspaper interview Chair Maureen Stephens re Arntzen
- Petition circulated re Arntzen
- Newspaper ads – re double standards, double dipping -- Arntzen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Open letter to Yukon Party MLAs
- Letter to Elaine Taylor, Minister responsible for Women's Directorate re Arntzen
- Demo outside YTG main bldg. re Arntzen
- Submitted joint proposal – Make Poverty History
- Participated in Take Back the Night March
- Presentation of appreciation and retirement wishes to Dave Hobbis –support for Women's issues

**Correspondence:**

- Response from Premier Fentie to June 6 ltr re Arntzen
- Brief on Women's Issues in Fed Public Service report
- World Women's March newsletter
- Call for Proposals National Crime Prevention Centre
- Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan Discussion Draft
- Justice for Girls –BC sss.justiceforgirls.org
- Invitation to attend Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan review
- Ad for Bargains Group
- Summer/Fall 2005 Issue of Visions North –about Yukon Land Claims
- Minutes - YACWI meeting

**-Political Action**

- Sylvie gave report from Yukon Area Council meeting.
  - Joint action with RWC on calling for resignation of MLA,Arntzen– has since resigned
  - Coalition 'Make Poverty History' campaign – actions to date include Photo Voice displays from Women Living in Poverty along with short workshops on Oct 17 –Discussion on possible creation of permanent Yukon Women Living in Poverty Display
  - Delegation met with Todd Hardy, Leader of Official Opposition (NDP) who agreed to introduce Motions to Yukon Leg. calling on Premier and YT leg. for support and to lobby Prime Minister to live up to Canada's commitment to . 7% gross national income aid towards ending world poverty by 2015 as well as commitment to ending Child Poverty in Canada by 2002 (higher than ever). As well the NDP will be introducing several motions to call on this government to do more towards Yukon poverty –ie increase minimum wage, increase child rec. fund, etc.
  - Delegation to meet with MP Larry Bagnell to request his support in lobbying PM to have Fed. Govt. live up to its commitment to .07% gross national income aid as well as commitment on ending Child Poverty in Canada. Suzette suggested he be asked to report back on responses and commitments from PM as well as relevant Fed. Minister with dossier. As well Suzette reported that funding for additional actions may be available from PSAC North
  - Copperbelt By-election. Responses to PSAC Issues Questionnaire (to be sent to all candidates) will be published in newspaper. RWC members are encouraged to attend all candidates debate to ask questions (details to follow)
  - Funding to attend CLC Political Action Training (Harrison Hot Springs) scholarship is available through Yukon Area Council (see PSAC North web site for details) [www.psanorth.com](http://www.psanorth.com)
  - Yukon Area Council approved \$300 donation toward Whitehorse RWC Bare Essentials campaign
  - Yukon Area Council AGM to be held Nov 17

**'Respectful Workplace Training'** –Discussion on possible follow up actions. It was noted that while some Depts. ensure all employees take the training, the overall corporate position is to just make training available rather than necessary/mandatory for all. As well it was noted that in order to be effective, all employees must have training or refresher on a regular basis (every 2 years or so). While focus has been on YTG same problems face Federal employees, City employees as well as smaller units. RWC will draft letters highlighting importance of training to all employers.

**Northern Regional Women's Conference Action Budget** (reserve from conference). It was noted that approximately \$12,000 remains available until Oct 2006. Nancy will continue to attempt to contact Organizing Cttee and Chairs of Northern RWCs to schedule conference call to discuss. Discussion on whether should be Pan North action or divided among 4 RWCs.

**Oct 31 PSAC Women's Program conference call** – Nancy reviewed her notes that had been distributed. Suzette reported NWT RWC and NU RWC are in rebuilding stage.

**Congratulations to Sylvie Leonard** on receiving an award from Les EssentiELLES recognizing work with Yukonaise Francophone Assoc. for women in the Yukon –especially her work with PSAC Regional Women's Committee.

**-Cookbook sales** -- Approx. 100 cookbooks still available. Sylvie, Diane and Sue to make arrangements and set up sales booths during lunch breaks at various worksites –ads to be placed in YEU newsletter and on web.

**-Human Rights Day** – RWC to provide display material and possible speaker for YEU's annual Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> event.

**- Bare Essential Campaign** RWC to send out letters to locals requesting donations to annual (underwear and socks) order for distribution to Yukon women's shelters on International Women's Day.

**-PSAC Triennial Convention Prep.** Sub-committee to look at resolutions sent to and passed at National Women's Conf., PSAC North Convention, and Component conventions to strategize around lobbying delegates to ensure consideration and support.

-Jocelyn, Vice Pres. of **Yukon Filipino Assoc.** to advise women of possible coalition actions with RWC. Current issues include concerns around women being sent home by men who brought them here, under employment and fear to stand up for rights in workplace.

**Reminder to be sent out prior to next meeting.**