

NWT Aboriginal People's Committee
Thursday, December 2, 2010

Attendance: Sandra Lockhart, George Lafferty, Karen Wright-Fraser & Joe Boysis
Staff: Sean Glavine & Joshua Paddon

1. George said an opening prayer
2. **Moved** by George Lafferty to accept the minutes from November 25th.
Seconded by Karen Wright-Fraser.
Motion carried.

A reminder to everyone to fill out applications for the upcoming PSAC North Triennial Convention in Iqaluit. Sandra will sign all applications.

3. We listened to the current PSAC ad we have on CKLB. It was suggested that we get the CKLB reporters to do interviews with us and ask us how we are making a difference by being involved in the union. How do we make a difference in the community? We need to highlight some social justice initiatives.
4. **Moved** by Sandra Lockhart to accept the attached Resolution for the upcoming PSAC North Triennial Convention.
Seconded by Karen Wright-Fraser.
Motion carried
5. Karen said a closing prayer.

Resolution

Whereas the Public Service Alliance of Canada acknowledges our union is a reflection of society and, as such, carries the mark of racism. Historically, and to its credit, the Alliance has been quick to put policies and action plans into effect when issues of racism are identified. The Public Service Alliance of Canada adopted Policy 40 – Anti-racism in January 1999 which defined racism as “the negative judgement and/or mistreatment of a group of people based on their race by a member(s) of the dominant race”.

Whereas the PSAC has taken great effort towards inclusiveness by providing the Aboriginal Worker education through the course “Our Communities, Our Union, Our Rights: an Introduction to to the PSAC for Aboriginal Members”.

Whereas the PSAC North NWT Aboriginal Peoples Committee has noted the need to extend an educational opportunity to our Union Brothers and Sisters for better understanding of the distinct constitutional relationship between various levels of Government and Aboriginal Peoples.

Therefore, be it resolved, PSAC develop and implement a PSAC education course on Aboriginal Peoples and their distinct constitutional relationships with various levels of Government and how those relationships affect our society.

Moved by: Sandra Lockhart

Seconded by: Karen Wright-Fraser