

Calgary Area Council

Presidents Report for 2020

Another year has come and gone for our Area Council and look back on the year with 'a new kind of lens' of the work we did to stand up for our members in our city... Calgary! We began with an approved budget and action plan for 2020 to be visible in as many public events or host campaigns that we thought were important or could handle. The plans were for:

- Day of Mourning – April 28
- Public Service Week – June/2020
- Phoenix Rally with Parks members
- Meet your MP/MLA – federal and provincial
- Labor Day BBQ – Sept 7
- Remembrance Day – Nov 11

And then.. the pandemic hit! All public events, gatherings, interactions were closed or restricted. We were forced to look at new ways of reaching out engaging our members and so a new way of meeting became digital and virtual...whoever heard of Zoom or BlueJeans platforms before 2020? Even with this challenge we were still able to host meetings in May, Sept and Dec. However, our plans for activities for interaction were soon flushed down the proverbial toilet... but with determination, and help from some allies, not all plans.

Working with the Calgary District Labor Council, the Day of Mourning ceremony still happened on April 28 but was also done virtually by Zoom; the online ceremony was later posted to CDLCs Facebook page. The Labor Day BBQ as it usually happens was restructured to have Unions in Calgary participate in a Drive-In Food drive, blood bank drive, and for the kids a coloring contest. This was a new way for members to give back to the community on the Day of Labor, which is a corner stone to the annual event.

In special recognition of Public Service Week, and realizing that COVID-19 had changed the way our members are doing their jobs and where they are doing their work we wanted to do something to recognize the many PSAC members that have been working on the frontline during the pandemic. It was decided we would "ninja" Locals with gift boxes in June and after a callout to local presidents was done, 3 locals were identified and Union Ninja packages prepared. The PSAC "Area Council 'Ninja's" paid a visit to UCTE, Passport, and Service Canada Locals in the Calgary area... with basket of treats and swag goodies of appreciation for their work they do for Canadians during these trying times. A posting with pictures was made to PSAC Prairies Facebook page.

I thank each member of the AC for their time and their enthusiasm to try to keep moving ahead with the work of the AC with and on behalf the members. A reporting of for each is included on the PSAC Prairies website.

PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL - AREA COUNCIL REP

It has been a pleasure to represent the CAC on Council, taking not only our concerns but our members to ensure we are being heard but provide Council direction and decision on issues or activities that directly affect our AC. Council normally meet twice a year (face-to-face), and at least 2 by conference call; rep reports are posted to the PSAC Prairies website at: <http://prairies.psc.com/our-organization/prairie-region-council>.

With COVID as with all other restrictions, these were all been moved to virtual meetings after February 2020, and continue to be until further direction from the REVP.

So that's our COVID-year for the CAC! It looked different... it felt different... it was different indeed! It has truly been my pleasure to work together WITH YOU and standing up FOR YOU in our community of Calgary.

In solidarity,

ALEC GOERTZEN

PSAC Calgary Area Council President, and

Prairie Region Council Representative for Calgary Area Council

VP Report AC 2020

The year 2020 was a year like no other in the digital age of technology we live in. The Global pandemic that is the Corona Virus has forced workers to turn their homes into workplaces and offices.

Due to the restrictions imposed by the Governments advised by Health authorities to stop or slow down the transmission of Covid-19 communication and face-to-face meetings have changed to virtual means through the use of technology.

The Calgary Area Council had events such as the Labour Day BBQ cancelled due to the restrictions and subsequent events which were to be face-to-face and large social gatherings were prohibited due to the Pandemic.

The Area Council had to conduct meetings virtually with telephone call in also possible.

This past year was to be the start of the Convention cycle for the PSAC with the Regional Conventions and Component Conventions taking place and the National Convention taking place in 2021.

Those Conventions were postponed by 1 year and are going to go ahead in 2021 and 2022 in the virtual format.

This year is an Election year for the Area Council which would see PSAC members elected as delegates and alternates to attend these virtual conventions. A Convention year means voting and electing the leaders of our Union at the Regional, Component, and National levels.

It is my intention not to put my name forward and seek nomination or election for the VP of the Area Council as one of the governing bodies of our Union.

Sincerely,

Dale Marianicz

We didn't do a lot of activities this year, so, as Treasurer, I didn't have much to do!

I developed the Financial Reporting package, with a lot of help from Tom Kjaersgaard to retrieve copies of all of the documents from the office.

We started the year with \$782.62 in our accounts, and only had a few expenditures:

- \$43.15 related to Meeting Food
- \$24.20 related to Meeting Parking
- \$500.00 donation to the Veteran's Food Bank
- \$138.67 related to Union Ninja event
- \$78.00 related to bank fees

This would have left us at \$-1.40 except that two of the cheques didn't clear before the end of the year. So our final balance was \$515.45 on Dec 31.

We received a \$500 from the REVP to cover the Veteran's Food Bank donation, but it didn't arrive until January. It has now been deposited.

I haven't seen the financial statement for the end of January, but knowing that cheque was deposited, and assuming that the other two cheques cleared, the balance is anticipated to be \$492.10.

I did not develop a budget for 2021 as we do not have any plans at the moment.

As stated, I put together the Financial report, and once we vote to accept it, I will ensure that all required components are forwarded to the appropriate people.

There was no requirement to get an independent review this year, but I did send it to Alec to look over already.

Unfortunately, I need to step down from the Executive at this time, due to some family issues and the fact that I need to spend more time focussing on things within my home. So I will not be able to fulfill the balance of my term as Treasurer. I am very sorry.

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1	Calgary Area Council	
2	ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
3	January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020	
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5	Bank Balance, as of January 1, 2020	\$782.62
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7	REVENUE	
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9	Prairie Region Allocation	\$0.00
10	National Allocation	\$0.00
11	Bank Interest	\$0.00
12	Other	\$0.00
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16	Total Revenue	\$0.00
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18	EXPENSES	
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20	Meeting Expenses	
21	Food	\$43.15
22	Parking	\$24.20
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27	Donations	
28	Veteran's Food Bank Association	\$500.00
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32	Event/Project Expenses	
33	Union Ninja Event	\$138.67
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37	Other	
38	Bank fees	\$78.00
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42	Total Expenses	\$784.02
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44	BALANCE AVAILABLE - TOTAL NET INCOME	-\$1.40
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47	Total Outstanding Cheques - #20 Veteran's Food Bank, #21 Jenn	\$516.85
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51	Bank Balance, as of December 31, 2020	\$515.45
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53	NOTES: Total Outstanding Deposit - REVP Cheque \$500. Arrived in January 2021, deposited in January 2021.	
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