

Prairie Region Council Rep Reports January 2017:

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Marianne Hladun
Regional Executive Vice-President
Prairie Region Council January 2017
This report covers the period from the last PRC meeting.

I wish all of you a happy new year and look forward to continuing our work together in 2017. The new year brings new hope for an expeditious and equitable resolution to Treasury Board bargaining, fairness and respect for the workers in Churchill and Vegreville, and tangible achievements for child care in Canada.

We must continue to keep a watchful eye on our governments—both provincially and federally—to ensure labour laws are respected, health and safety is preserved, and *all* Canadians are valued.

REGIONAL CONVENTION

The deadline to register for delegate subsidies and to submit resolutions for the 2017 Prairie Region Convention was December 8, 2016.

At that time, there were 294 delegates registered. Additionally, the following were registered at the time of deadline but not eligible for subsidies: 25 alternates, 21 observers, and 6 guests.

We also received 42 resolutions, including 26 from committees and area councils, 11 from locals, and 5 from PRC. All resolutions were submitted to the Executive Office for vetting by Sister Robyn Benson. Our convention resolutions committees will meet on January 21 and 22, 2017, following our regular PRC meeting.

The 7th Triennial Convention of the PSAC Prairie Region will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the Fairmont Winnipeg beginning Friday, April 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and concluding Sunday, April 23, at 12:30 p.m.

RESPECT VEGREVILLE

On October 27, 2016, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada employees at the Vegreville Case Processing Centre were shocked to learn that the federal government plans to close their processing centre in Vegreville and relocate it to Edmonton by the end of 2018. Approximately 280 employees work in the centre, processing temporary and permanent residency applications, work permits and student permits. The employees represent approximately five percent of the population of Vegreville, a community approximately 100 km outside of Edmonton.

The closure of the Immigration Centre will have a devastating impact on the entire Vegreville community, and PSAC/CEIU are doing everything we can to stop it. We convened a steering committee consisting of local representatives and union leaders to help guide our planning and to ensure we are strategic and effective in our efforts.

Sister Benson immediately sent a letter to Minister John McCallum urging him to put a stop to the plan to move the processing centre. We also launched an online action so PSAC members and Canadians can show their support. To find out more about the campaign and how you can support this rural Alberta town and the workers affected, visit respectvegreville.ca or “Respect Vegreville” on Facebook.

We also held a community forum on December 18. More than 400 people crowded into the Vegreville Social Centre to show their support and voice their concerns over the closure of the Vegreville Immigration Centre. Attendees asked questions, shared their concerns, and added their voice to the call for the government to Respect Vegreville and reverse their decision. Hundreds of letters were signed to be delivered to Minister McCallum and local MPs, as well as petitions from local politicians.

I'd like to thank all those that attended, as well as those that participated in the panel discussion, including: Myron Hayduk, Mayor, Vegreville; Shannon Stubbs, Conservative MP, Lakeland; Jessica Littlewood, NDP MLA, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville; Chris Aylward, National Vice-President, PSAC; and Michelle Henderson, Campaign Lead, CEIU.

TREASURY BOARD

A tentative agreement between PSAC and Treasury Board has been reached for the PA table, covering over 68,000 federal public service workers. The deal includes significant breakthroughs on “common issues,” such as sick leave and workforce adjustment, the details of which were hammered out by the common issues committee.

The issues agreed to between the employer and the common issues committee, composed of members from all five Treasury Board tables, will need to be accepted by each specific table. PA is the first table to formally accept the work of the common issues committee, which covers sick leave and the workforce adjustment appendix.

I'd like to thank all of our bargaining team members for their dedication to securing a fair collective agreement, and to all PSAC members for the continued support of our bargaining teams.

On October 31, PSAC members across the Prairies participated in workplace actions to support our bargaining team members, keep up the pressure, and call on this government to fix the Phoenix pay system. For a full list of activities and photos from the events, visit the PSAC Prairies website or Facebook page.

SUPPORT OUR PORT

The fight to protect our port continues. On November 9, I presented to the Manitoba Federal Liberal caucus to discuss the issue of Churchill as well as other issues under federal jurisdiction such as Phoenix and the relocation of the Vegreville CPC. In December, employees of the Port of Churchill visited Parliament Hill to call on Prime

Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Transport Marc Garneau to save the port by converting the Port of Churchill into a Port Authority under federal jurisdiction. The group posed for a photo that read, “No Christmas for Churchill – Save Our Port.”

I was honoured to join the workers, alongside Niki Ashton (MP, Churchill—Keewatinook Aski) and Teresa Eschuk (Regional Vice-President, UCTE Prairies/North), as we met with several MPs and staff from all parties and attended Question Period.

Immediately following our action on The Hill, we received a call from MP Jim Carr to discuss the issue, hear our concerns, and provide us with updates. After repeated e-mails and phone messages went ignored, and with little-to-no action from the government, I am certain that our very public efforts forced them to finally respond. I am very proud of the workers for sharing their stories and standing up to the employer.

FIX PHOENIX

Minister Judy Foote has admitted that 700 compensation advisors should not have been laid off before the Phoenix launch, saying savings were sought at the expense of employees. She also acknowledged that many good ideas on how to fix Phoenix have come from union members.

The government has confirmed that it is two months— or 200,000 cases—behind in processing “pay transactions” under the new Phoenix pay system. This means difficult financial consequences for some PSAC members. They also have no date for when the system will be fixed. We continue to meet with department managers to raise issues of concern and to advocate for priority 1 cases.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

On October 28, the Saskatchewan government introduced Bill 40 which changes the definition of privatization regarding crown corporations. As our members at the Casino Regina are part of the crown corporation Sask. Liquor and Gaming Authority, we are very concerned and have been meeting with other unions and the SFL to participate in any campaigns to oppose privatization of Sask. crowns.

On November 1, I presented to the Manitoba government's Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development to submit PSAC's position on Bill 7: *The Labour Relations Amendment Act*. At its core, Bill 7 is not about protecting workers' democratic rights. Rather, it is directly aimed at expanding the ability of employers to interfere in the process. This legislation's purpose is to make it more difficult for workers to exercise their legal right to unionize and depress the rate of unionization in Manitoba. The full submission can be found on the PSAC Prairies website.

On December 9, I attended a press conference at the Manitoba Legislature with MP Niki Ashton, MLA Rob Altemeyer and representatives from Manitoba fishers regarding the provincial government's decision to pull out of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corp.

PSAC/UEW represents the engineers at the FFMC processing centre in Winnipeg and there is concern regarding the viability of the plant should Manitoba fishers no longer use the facility.

EDUCATION PLAN

The PSAC Prairie Region 2016–2018 Education Plan was developed by the Prairie Region Council Education Committee in consultation with PSAC Prairies leaders, stewards, active union members, and regional office staff.

The goals of the plan are to: increase our union presence in the workplace in order to protect and support our members' rights; build stronger locals/branches; and provide opportunities for members to develop their knowledge, skills and abilities on important union issues.

Since 2017 is the year of the Prairie Region Convention and all the component conventions, we will offer convention preparation and convention procedures courses for members throughout the region. We will also launch "The Steward Series", a new series of 18 two-to-three-hour workshops on various topics, including mental health, working through conflict, and building our union.

BARGAINING UPDATES

Bargaining continues with the Winnipeg Protective Services Officers at the Royal Canadian Mint. With pay and vacation dealt with in the last round in November, we expect a deal in the near future for their first collective agreement. The next round is scheduled for January 12, 2017.

Employees at the Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development are still pushing for improved vacation allocation language and wages, and continue to fight against concessions. We're looking at dates for the next round in the new year.

Bargaining continues at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights with the of precarious work as a priority for this round of bargaining.

Bargaining is underway at the University of Winnipeg Academic Capacity sector and Research Assistant unit for first collective agreements. Bargaining team has been elected and demands are being prepared at Brandon University. Bargaining at the University of Saskatchewan is underway for a first collective agreement and we will be starting the process early this year to elect a team for the U of S Post Doc unit that was just recently certified.

Several collective agreements expired on December 31, 2016, including the SRG Security Resource Group, Edmonton Airport GBU and Casino Regina. Notice to bargain has been issued and we will meet with bargaining teams in January. We expect to

exchange with employers in February. Also up for bargaining in 2017 will be the Calgary Airport Authority and Deer Lodge Centre.

ORGANIZING UPDATE

On December 9/16, the Board issued a bargaining certificate for approximately 30 members at the Winnipeg Airport in its WASCO subsidiary/proxy and a company called Bouygues Energies and Services Canada Limited ("ByESC"), all of which are operating as a joint venture called "ByWA" (which is not a legal entity.) This joint venture is now operating the Airport Operations Centre, the Baggage Operations Centre and the Pass Office in positions formerly held by PSAC/UCTE members.

NATIONAL UPDATES

The federal government has announced its commitment to banning asbestos and asbestos-containing products by 2018. PSAC has been calling on the federal government to ban the import, export and manufacturing of asbestos for years. The federal government will create new regulations to ban asbestos, establish new federal workplace health and safety rules, and enhance the registry for federally owned buildings.

We're celebrating this decision in loving memory of our brother Howard Willems, who passed away on November 8, 2012. While battling a vicious occupational disease caused by inhaling asbestos fibers, Howard successfully lobbied for the introduction of legislation, known as Howard's Law, requiring all buildings in Saskatchewan containing asbestos to be reported in a public registry. This is a long-awaited decision and a victory for all workers.

IN MEMORY

As I'm sure many of you have already heard, we lost a dear friend in November with the passing of Judy Shannon. So many of us have worked with Judy over the years. She was a passionate educator, dedicated activist and an exceptional regional education officer. Judy had been with PSAC since before I got involved as an activist and through her support, coaching and friendship I was able to grow within the union. She didn't just educate; she built activists. And our union is better for her unwavering commitment to quality education. She will be deeply missed.

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Hladun,
Regional Executive Vice-President
Public Service Alliance of Canada, Prairies

Sam Akinsanya
Racially Visible Persons Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017

The 2016 Rise-UP conference was organized/hosted by Canadian Labour Congress. The event took place at Shaw Centre in Ottawa, from Thursday October 20th to Sunday 23rd. This was the last activity I was involved in but unable to report on for the November PRC meeting due to timing issue.

Thursday October 20th:

The event started at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday with registration of delegates that went on for most of the afternoon. Later in the evening there was a meet and greet gathering at the Shaw-Centre, Ottawa. The meet and greet gathering went on for a while into the night. There were roughly 900 delegates that attended the conference.

Friday October 21st:

The second day started in early morning with the completion of delegates' registration while simultaneously the Women's caucus and the Allies of women caucus was taking place.

At 9:00 a.m., the conference commenced in the plenary with the introduction of Panel speakers which included the CLC president, Danny Glover and others. This was titled "Success Story Unplugged". Also on Friday was a PSAC caucus in the evening. At the caucus, the president of the PSAC – Robyn Benson provided us with updates on bargaining and other on-going issues.

Saturday October 22nd:

The third day was also full of workshops. Some of the facilitators spoke about empowering unions in other countries with lesser resources to combat employers' oppression. Some spoke about their experiences in places like Bangladesh where the working condition in the garments Industry is deplorable. They suggested making the union in Canada very strong at home in order to help workers outside of our borders.

Sunday October 23rd:

The fourth day was primarily a summary of all the activities for the past three days and it took place at the plenary. The conference came to a close around noon.

As each delegate to the CLC conference was allotted three workshops to attend. I have attached a slide show of one the three I attended by myself – please see attached titled: "Human Rights and Labour Image". Also attached is the general minutes for the conference provided by the conference organizer.

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Also attached below is a general report provided for the entire CLC conference titled:
2016-RiseUp-Report.

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November 3rd – 6th:

Attended and participated at the PRC meeting at the Palliser Hotel.

In Solidarity

Sam Akinsanya

Racially Visible Members Representative

Prairie Regional Council

Public Service Alliance of Canada

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Report submitted after deadline

Satinder Bains
Regina Area Council Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017

Continued to attend Regina Area council and Regina Human Rights committee meetings to keep members informed, support and also update on the PRC meetings and agenda. Informed local presidents to encourage their members to join our Area Council, Women and Human rights committees and to bring their issues and concerns forward.

November 1st Attended the Regina Area Council AGM and was elected as the Regina Area Council Rep, Tim Hubick was elected as a delegate to the PRC convention in Winnipeg.

January 10th attended the Regina Human Rights meeting and Sandra Ahenakew was elected as a delegate to the PRC convention in Winnipeg.

January 17th met with Alex the PSAC organizer to discuss a strategic plan how to inform, approach and help bring RCMP Civilian members to join the PSAC union, more updates and planning events coming up in the near future.

In Solidarity,

Satinder Bains

Regina Area Council Rep

Report submitted after deadline

**Shannon Blum
Prince Albert & District AC Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017**

As this is only my 3rd meeting as a member of PRC I do not have a lot to report on for the 3 year term. Please refer to my November 2106 report for details on what occurred during that period.

15 November 2016 – PA AC had a general meeting. During this meeting we discussed recruitment both for PRC and for education. It was decided that a recruitment drive would need to occur. Further to this, the committee decided to hold off on elections until the meeting in January in hopes we would have a bigger committee at that time.

14 December 2016 – A major disturbance occurred at Saskatchewan Penitentiary. As many of the Area Council members are from Sask. Pen all initiatives were put on hold.

11 January 2017 – An area council meeting was held, and elections occurred. I was elected to the position of PRC Representative for another term, and Sr. Penny Young was elected as my alternate.

It is still my intention to meet with as many of the locals in my area as will allow it to discuss the importance of area council. I did attempt to attend the RCMP general meeting in November but was informed that their agenda was too full and asked not to come.

Sincerely,



President USGE Local 40023, 4A023, 4B023
Secretary Treasurer PA-AC
PRC Rep for PA-AC
Several Other committees

Report submitted after deadline

**Deanna Getz
Southern SK Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017**

As a PRC rep, it was a busy couple of months.

At the last PRC meeting I discussed with Marianne members concerns about not getting called for Town Hall meetings after providing their contact information. Other members are getting a call but do not have the option to join the Townhall call.

Marianne advised that members ensure their contact information is up-to-date with the PSAC office. Marianne also mentioned that if the member has issues with being disconnected from the Townhall meetings, to call the PSAC regional office and the voicemail will have a call in phone number to rejoin the Townhall meeting. Marianne's office has advised the supplier about the dropped calls and they are looking into what else they can do.

I met with the Communications Committee during our PRC meeting in Calgary in November. We discussed the creation of a list of items PSAC has available for member events.

At our November PRC meeting, we discussed the upcoming PSAC triannual convention, planning the agenda, potential speakers, the budget and we reviewed all resolutions received to date. Some resolutions were put forward while others were withdrawn. PRC reps were assigned their convention committees they will be sitting on to debate resolutions prior to convention in April.

There was discussion at the PRC meeting about PSAC courses available for members. Marianne stated It is National policy that the TUB and grievance handling courses must be offered every year. It was suggested that alliance facilitators deliver the TUB and grievance courses. However Marianne advised that it is part of the PSAC staff job description and it is also in the PSAC staff union collective agreement, that courses must be delivered by PSAC staff only.

In November, I attended the election for PRC A/C rep. Brother Satinder Bains was successful for another three year term.

In December, I assisted the Human Rights Council with The final planning for the December 10th Mental Health workshop. I attended the event, which went well, as we had a speaker from the Mental Health Association and also a workshop on mental health offered by our own brother, Tim Hubick.

It was discussed at the PRC November meeting that the PRC Southern Saskatchewan geographical rep attend the HR meetings as they are in the area and are able to assist the HR committee in person. Typically this committee is handled by the equity reps but it is geographically challenging, as the closest rep in southern Saskatchewan is in Prince Albert.

In December, I, personally also volunteered for the Union Christmas dinner for the less fortunate in Regina. We had approximately 1800 people come through the doors that evening. This just goes to show that our work is nowhere close to being completed and that there are many families in need of help.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Getz - Southern Saskatchewan Geo Rep

**Janette Husak
Aboriginal Peoples Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017**

November 28, 2016 – RAPC mtg

December 16, 2016 – RAPC mtg

January 16-17, 2017 – NAPC mtg Ottawa

January 18, 2017 – PRC Committee mtg - Winnipeg

In solidarity,

Janette Husak

Report submitted after deadline

Frank Janz
Alternate REVP
Prairie Region Council January 2017

As the Alternate Regional Executive Vice President, I attended and participated in the last PRC meeting in Calgary. One of the duties for all PRC members is to participate in a committee, and I sit on the finance committee. Since the November meeting I have had two meetings as the chair of the host committee for the 2017 Prairies convention. We have met with some of the volunteers and we are well in to the planning stage. I will keep the PRC updated after our next host committee meeting.

Frank Janz

Alternate Regional Executive Vice President, Prairies

Report submitted after deadline

Glen Johnston
Westman Area Council Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017

The first event on my calendar after the Nov PRC meeting was a WMAC General Meeting on the 9th of November.

At this meeting we held an election for the position of Westman Area Council Rep to PRC and I am pleased to say that I was acclaimed to the position.

At this meeting we also discussed our plans for the Brandon & District United Way Christmas Tree Auction. Volunteers were assigned to their tasks and discussions were held on how we would allocate funds.

The Christmas Tree Auction was held on the 2nd of December and we had both former members and new members come out for the festivities. For the first time the Army Mascot, Juno, joined us at the auction. A request had been made by the Base at Shilo and the members of the Exec thought the more the merrier. The Base Commander and RSM (Regimental Sergeant Major) also attended and we have entered into discussion on how the Base can help out at next year's auction. The evening was a great success with a record setting \$35,000 raised for the United Way initiatives in the Westman area.

Christmas break soon rolled around and I found myself getting a brief glimpse into the finance side of the house as I am also the Treasurer for our Council. I am busy compiling the data for submission of our financial report for 2016 and budget for 2017.

After the January PRC meeting the Westman Area Council will hold their AGM in February.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Johnston
WMAC Rep to PRC

Report submitted after deadline

**Gloria Kelly
RWC Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017**

While it has been a short time since our last council meeting our sisters have been busy. We have viable RWCs in Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge.

Child care is our main focus at the moment as we are engaged in two significant activities.

As many of you know and have been supportive of our sisters in Calgary and Lethbridge launched an on-line campaign to pressure our political leaders across the region to come to their senses and get behind a proper child care system for all families. Based on the theme of fairytales, the campaign is innovative, easy to engage in and it gets right to those in your constituency who can make a difference.

This campaign is a fine lead in to the national PSAC campaign we are engaged in with the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada and others, in pushing the federal government to take leadership and use its spending power to build a proper child care system for all parents who need services.

The federal, provincial and territorial governments are now negotiating a Framework Agreement on Early Learning and Care, which was promised by the Liberals in the lead-up to the 2015 federal election. Child care advocates, including the PSAC, have said in their own Shared Framework proposal that the agreement must pave the way to major reforms in how governments fund and organize child care.

We as RWCs have been tasked to contact our MPs by the end of this month and ask that they review and take note of the child care advocacy movement's call on the federal government to support the principals spelled out in the Shared Framework document and that they push the federal minister of finance to include in the 2017 budget a multi-year funding allocation for child care.

We know from a host of studies that proper and adequate investment in publicly managed child care programs pay for themselves through increased labor participation by parents – women in particular and greater tax revenues as a result.

As we all know child care is actually a provincial responsibility so we must never let our provincial politicians and decision makers off the hook. Making headway in Manitoba and Saskatchewan will continue to be a challenge given the governments in place in those two provinces. Manitoba has recently signaled to the Federation of Labor that additional support for childcare is not a priority. It is interesting to note that the minister who is responsible, when his family needed child care, elected to go with a private home daycare.

In Edmonton the RWC held a successful event on early December focusing on domestic violence. The workshop brought together union and community members for a

day of positive speakers and interactions. Domestic violence and its impact on the workplace is another major priority for the women's directorate of PSAC.

In Winnipeg our RWC was asked if we could find a good home for about \$2100 in social justice fund money that needed to be allocated. I am pleased to tell council that those funds are going to the West Central Women's Resource Centre in an inner-city neighborhood to help equip their new kitchen and allow the center to expand its programs and anti-poverty support to the local community. Of note- one of the programs that these funds will help support is one in which staff help participants make the absolute most of the food hamper they receive from Winnipeg Harvest.

By the time this report is distributed the Winnipeg RWC will have a new executive and other committees will be holding their annual general meetings in the weeks to come. The strength of our various committees rests on the engagement of our members. In Winnipeg we have learned that if we share the wealth, ask people to give a bit of time and effort here and there we are likely to get significant buy-in. That's a direction we will continue to move into as we move forward.

In the coming months we will have significant numbers of our members attending the PSAC National Equity Conference in Toronto at the end of March. The resolutions coming to the women's caucus are wide range from minimum wage increase to a comprehensive housing strategy to the temporary foreign worker's program. There will be a lot of work to do.

As I believe most of you know this will be my last council meeting. I will not be reoffering for anything at convention as I plan to retire later this year. My years with PSAC can only be described as interesting and challenging. I have been an activist most of my life and would encourage all our members, no matter their gender, to engage and get involved. You can make change happen even if there are days when it feels like one step forward and two steps back.

I want to say a massive thanks to all our members and staff who I have worked with over these many years. You have inspired me to keep moving forward and I will continue to that- just in another forum.

Gloria Kelly

PSAC Women's Rep, Prairie Regional Council

**Deb Kosteniuk
Southern AB Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017**

ON November 22 and 25, 2016 I attended the CAC CLiFF festival. The 2016 short films were very good, and those who attended the 2015 CLiFF agreed this year's films were better. Attendance doubled from last year.

ON November 27, 2016 I attended (Dis)Placed: Indigenous Youth and The Child Welfare System at the Glenbow Museum. The film launch included a panel discussion featuring the film maker Melissa Britain, Dr. Cindy Blackstock (Executive Director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and a leading advocate for First Nations children), Tia Ledesma from the film and some Indigenous community leaders. The film discusses the practice of forcibly removing Indigenous children from their families even after the closure of Indian residential schools. It notes Provincial and Territorial welfare systems remove children at alarmingly high rates. Indigenous youth are featured, reflecting on their involvement with child welfare, sharing stories and strategies for resistance to assimilation and control by the state. First Nations child advocate Cindy Blackstock traces the term "neglect" (the main rational for child welfare removals), to its roots in the residential school system. She points out laws that codify structural discrimination as the leading cause of child welfare (dis)placements.

ON December 22, 2016 a regional campaign advocating for a National Childcare Program called "No More Fairy Tales" was launched.

The Lethbridge and Calgary RWC's began working on the project In June, at the Prairie Regional Women's Conference. It consists of four different monthly online postcards tied to the campaign's page, which outlines the purpose of the campaign and allows members of PSAC (and the public as well) to send a letter to their provincial and federal representatives asking them to move forward with implementing a national childcare program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Kosteniuk
Southern Alberta Geographic Representative, PRC, PSAC

Report submitted after deadline

Michelle Lang
DCL Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017

I have attended multiple meetings with the SFL as well with multiple other Union Presidents of Crown Corporations. Discussions around bargaining and what other unions are being offered. Casino Regina's Collective Bargaining Agreement expired on December 31, 2016. The Provincial government has asked for concessions and roll backs. A whole lot of zeros are rolling around.

Talks about Saskparty passing Bill 40 in the spring. Bill 40 will allow the government to sell 49% of a crown corporation without taking it to a referendum. We are in for a fight! I have been working with SFL AND Regina District Labour Council to come up with educating members and public. There will be a rally and we want thousands of people to turn out!

I have contacted the other DCLS and have asked them to email me and have yet to receive a reply.

Michelle Lang

Report submitted after deadline

**Darlene Lewis
Edmonton Area Council Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017**

My regrets, I have nothing to report for this period as was notified in December that am Alternate to Ben Lemon who has given his notice for retirement. Looking forward to our Committee Meeting held in Winnipeg Thursday January 19th thru 22, 2017.

In Solidarity,

Darlene Lewis

Report submitted after deadline

Gus Mardli
South East Manitoba Geographical Rep
Prairie Region Council January 2017

This reporting is for the period of November 2016 to January 2017

This is going to be a short report as it is just since the last PRC meeting which took a place in November but the Holiday Season is always one of the best seasons anyhow.

Nov 2016:

- Attended the PRC (Prairie Region Council) meeting in Calgary early November and I will be on the Bylaws Convention Committee.
- On Nov. 12 I participated in the Santa Claus Parade in Winnipeg. it was a great experience, thanks to Brother Frank Janz for taking the lead in participating and entering the PSAC Float at this annual event.
- I was privileged to represent the Prairie Region on the Steering Committee of the 2016 National Health & Safety Conference, which took place November 18-20. The participants' feedback reflected a very successful conference.
- Nov. 29th I attended the Winnipeg Area Council meeting which mainly dealt with resolutions to go to the Regional Triennial Convention

January 2017:

- Will be participating in the Winnipeg Area Council 2017 Event Planning Meeting.

Have a very productive meeting everyone.

Respectfully Submitted

Gus Mardli