

Special Meeting to Discuss Responses to Provincial Executive Decision to call Special Convention re Results on 2nd Referendum on Affiliation, in November.

The meeting was called for 7:30 pm
Lid Strand was in the Chair.

Vicki Nunweiler, Local 5 Rep (in Prince George), was contacted by phone for the votes, and for the last half of the meeting's discussion.
Katarina Halm was also on the phone periodically.

Present:

Lid Strand, President (chair)
Barbara Leighs, Vice-President
Sheila Perret, Secretary-Treasurer (minutes)
Suzan Zagar, Local 1 Rep
Star Rosenthal, Local 2 Rep
Mary Mabin, Local 6 Rep
Jack Gegenberg, Local 6 Rep

Regrets:

Sheila Browne, Local 4 Rep
Ada Ho, Organiser (on holiday)

Absent:

Kitti Cheema, Local 1 Rep

Also:

Roger Perkins, Member Local 2

|| MOST OF THE EVENING WAS DISCUSSION, REVIEW OF OUR DECISION TO HOLD THE SPECIAL CONVENTION, EXAMINATION OF BALLOT PROCESS, CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS FROM AUCE LOCAL 1 (UBC) EXECUTIVE, and AUCE LOCAL 6/TSSU (SFU) EXECUTIVE, (appendaged):

(A+B)

1. Agenda

Request to include correction re minutes of 80/09/19.

MOTION

Moved by Sheila Perret Seconded by Mary Mabin

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of the corection.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of September 20, 1980

Barbara corrected the wording of remarks attributed to her in the minutes.
Sheila will circulate amended minutes.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of September 20, 1980

MOTION

Jack Gegenberg Moved Mary Mabin Seconded

That the minutes be accepted with the notation that the date, '80/09/19' should be included in item 19.

CARRIED

4. Review of the motions passed at the meeting of September 20:

items 4, 6, 13, 14, 17, & 18.

5. Letter received from the AUCE Members' CLC Affiliation Caucus (appendaged)'C'
questioning validity of the ballot and request for declaration of validity.

Roger was asked, since he had signed the AMCAC letter, what the intent of the letter was.

5. con't - re AMCAC letter intent

Apparently the caucus wants some reassurance that the balloting process will not be stopped. Roger was re-assured that that was not the intent of the decision to call a Special Convention. The results were declared valid; there is no question about the validity of the results.

MOTION

Mary Mabin Moved Sheila Perret Seconded

That the Provincial Executive reply to Roger Perkins who wrote on behalf of the AUCE Members CLC Affiliation Caucus and that copies of the letter be sent to all Locals.

CARRIED

6. Local 1 letter

Suzan Zagar apparently had not seen the letter from Local 1 to Provincial. She passed on some comments that had been made about the Provincial Executive's decision: 'Local 1 Executive felt that to call a Special Conventin was incosistent with what was seen by some as Provincial's lack of similar action around the per capita tax increase.'

'Provincial is 'gerry-mandering' or manipluating the results.

Suzan expressed her dissatisfaction with the Prinvncial's decision on the Local 1 per capita tax situation - which had been made after her and Kitti's exit from the meeting. She also explained that it was her impression that some members of Local 1 are tired of contributing 'so much financially' to the Provincial, and 'gets nothing in return'. Some members feel that the Provincial is 'doing nothing to foster good relations with Local 1'.

7. Barbara Leighs reminded us that the Special Convention was not called to discuss the question of affiliation, but rather to discuss 4 specific items.
8. Roger stated that he felt the Special Convention would deal with affiliation, and would decide whether we will have another ballot or not, and that the results of that, no matter how posed, will still result in a discussion on the question of affiliation.
9. Suzan talked about the turn outs for the per capita and affiliation votes and said that she felt people have a responsibility to come and vote.
10. Mary remarked that the ballot does not say anything about 'ballots cast' but does state 'resulting majority'. She further stated that at any meeting of the union, abstains do not count as a vote.
11. Suzan felt that the Provincial should take a stand and not waiver on their original decision to call the Convention.

12. MOTION

Sheila Perret Moved Barbara Leighs Seconded

That the Provincial Executive ratify the decision made to not publish the newsletter as decided for by today's deadline (was to have explained decisions made about the process we went through to arrive at the decision to call the Convention).

CARRIED (see September 20, 1980 minutes)

13. MOTION

Sheila Perret Moved Jack Gegenberg Seconded

That the Provincial Executive rescind the decision made to call the Special Convention on November 14 and 15, as per item 17 of the minutes of the September 20 meeting.

14. MOTION

Jack Gegenberg Moved Mary Mabin Seconded

That the Provincial Executive rescind the specific motion concerning the call of the Special Convention, as recorded in item 4, from "In light of ... a Special Convention shall be called", and

Further that motions related to the Special Convention issues, as itemised in point 6, i.e. part (a), re interpretation of the results, point 13, i.e. to consider minimum turn-out of voters, and part 14, re part (c), i.e. to consider whether or not a referendum ballot should be inserted, which would state, "Do you want to affiliate to the CLC? Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___.", and Further, the specific motion referring to the convention hours, as itemised in part 17 of the minutes, be rescinded.

15. Discussion involved comments on:

"Knee-jerk reaction to membership comment"

"Would be better to have protest re results come from membership and then call Convention, rather than have initiative come from the Provincial Executive at this time"

"Why do we reconsider our decisions?"

"Whatever decision is made by the Provincial Executive, there will be opposition"

16. Re motion to rescind items 4, 6, 13, 14 & 17:

FOR

AGAINST

ABSTAIN

Barbara Leighs
Jack Gegenberg
Mary Mabin
Sheila Perret

Star Rosenthal

Suzan Zagar
Vicki Nunweiler

CARRIED

17. Chair challenged by Suzan Zagar

Barbara took the Chair

Lid explained his ruling

Suzan explained her protest, remarking on status of abstentions.

Question was called

Chair's decision upheld. (4 for Chair, 1 against)

18. Rescind motion re mandate of the results:

MOTION

Mary Mabin Moved Kack Gegenberg Seconded

That we rescind the motion, of September 19, 1980, which stated:

"Whereas the 'CLC' received a 'plurality' but not a majority, of the votes cast in the second referendum on affiliation, and

Whereas the Special Convention on Affiliation ruled that each of these referendum ballots on affiliation shall be decided by a 'resulting majority',

Be it resolved that the Provincial Executive does not consider this result of the second ballot on affiliation to be a mandate to proceed to the third ballot in the series of affiliation referenda."

19. Special Bulletin to Membership

MOTION

Barbara Leighs Moved Mary Mabin Seconded

That there be a Special Bulletin issued giving an abbreviated, chronological account of the Provincial Executive meetings recently concerned with the affiliation referenda results, and that any member who wishes, be advised that minutes of the September 19, 20, & 24, 1980 meetings, will be made available.

CARRIED

20. Barbara, Lid and Sheila will write the bulletin and distribute it to the membership.

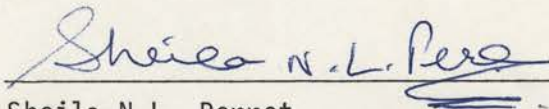
21. MOTION

Sheila Perret Moved Jack Gegenberg Seconded

In concluding the fact that the option on the second referendum ballot on affiliation with the highest number of votes was the 'CLC', the Provincial Executive will proceed in conducting the third ballot in the series of Affiliation referenda.

CARRIED (4 In Favour; 1 Opposed; 1 Abstain)
 (Sheila Star Mary)
 (Barbara
 (Jack
 (Suzan

22. ADJOURNED at 11:15 pm



Sheila N.L. Perret
Secretary-Treasurer

Lid Strand
President

Attached: Appendices - A, letter from #1 Executive
 B, letter from #6 Executive
 C, letter from 'AUCE Members' CLC Affiliation Caucus'
 D, bulletin published as per item 19, page 3.



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'A'



September 24, 1980

Sheila Perret
Secretary-Treasurer
AUCE Provincial
901 - 207 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C.
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Dear Sheila:

At our September 23rd Executive meeting AUCE Local #1's Executive passed the following motion:

THAT THE LOCAL #1 EXECUTIVE STRONGLY URGES THE PROVINCIAL TO PROCEED TO AFFILIATION BALLOT #3 AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED AND REQUESTS THAT THE EXTRAORDINARY CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 15, 1980 BE CANCELLED.

The above motion generated extensive debate, almost all of which was in strong opposition to the Provincial Executive's decision to call a special convention on the affiliation issue. The action was viewed as manipulative and undemocratic. A constant theme that kept surfacing was the apparent inconsistency over the affiliation and the per capita tax increase referenda. Why call a special convention to reconsider one issue and not the other? We were prepared to work with the result of the per capita tax increase and press for a Local dues increase, even though the increase barely passed. Likewise, we were prepared to proceed to ballot #3 on affiliation.

The Executive of Local #1 did feel that it might be valuable to initiate more debate at the Local levels before sending out the next ballot. That debate would centre around affiliating intact or merging. Our Executive would be prepared to accept either result of the third ballot, as we hope the Provincial would do.

The point of this letter was to impart our dissatisfaction with the Provincial Executive's decision to hold a special convention of the affiliation issue. We trust that we have succeeded.

Fraternally,

Ray Galbraith
Ray Galbraith
Secretary-Treasurer
AUCE Local #1

'B'


MOTION FROM AUCE LOCAL 6 EXECUTIVE TO SPECIAL PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING -
SEPTEMBER 24, 1980

WHEREAS: the AUCE Provincial Executive has not declared a result in the
second affiliation ballot

AND WHEREAS the resulting majority of votes on this ballot was for the CLC

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive of TSSU - AUCE Local 6 request the Provincial
Executive to declare a result in this ballot and if necessary to
entertain protests thereafter

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive of TSSU requests the Provincial
Executive to reconsider its decision to hold a special convention
in the absence of a declared result from the second ballot.



AUCE Members CLC Affiliation Caucus,
1749 Charles Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

September 22, 1980.

Provincial Trustees,
AUCE Provincial,
901 - 207 West Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Provincial Trustees:

On behalf of the AUCE Members CLC Affiliation Caucus,
I request your official ruling on the validity of the
second affiliation ballot results.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

In solidarity,

R. Perkins

Roger Perkins
for the Caucus.

c.c. AUCE 1
AUCE 2
AUCE 4
AUCE 5
AUCE 6

