

General Resolutions Committee Report



**Report of the General Resolutions Committee to the
PSAC Atlantic Triennial Convention
June 20 – 22, 2008
Delta Beausejour, Moncton, New Brunswick**

Sister Jeannie Baldwin, REVP Atlantic, appointed the following members to the General Resolutions Committee:

Co-Chairs:

Brother Mark Power, Provincial Director – NL, Atlantic Regional Council
Sister Tania Hache, Francophone Director, Atlantic Regional Council

Committee Members:

Sister Dana Bailey, Local Vice-President – Local GSU 80052
Brother Wayne Little, Local President - UNDE 80407
Brother Wayne Fagan, RVP – UCTE

PSAC Resource Officer: Nancy MacLean

The General Resolutions Committee met on April 17 – 18, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Harbourside, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia to review the forty-nine (49) resolutions including two (2) that were referred from the Convention By-laws Committee one (1) that was referred from the Convention Finance Committee and one (1) late resolution that was submitted to the Convention.

Sister Jeannie Baldwin and Brother John Gordon who had reviewed the resolutions to ensure that they were not in violation of the PSAC Constitution provided the General Resolutions Committee feedback. Sister Baldwin also provided the committee with an overview of the current priorities of the organization that included but were not limited to issues such as job loss, contracting out and the PSAC “Think Public” campaign.

The Committee would like to note to the delegation that some resolutions are only applicable to specific employers (ie.Treasury Board). The Committee reviewed the resolutions with the interpretation and guidance that any resolutions not specifically targeted for the PSAC Atlantic Region would carry forth to the PSAC National Triennial Convention.

All resolutions are automatically moved and seconded by the co-chairs on behalf of the Committee. The General Resolutions Committee established its priorities as follows:

Concurrence

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| 1. Resolution G3 | PSHCP Co-Payment Amount |
| 2. Composite Resolution G6A | TB Term Employment Policy |

3. Resolution G42	DCL Funding Grant
4. Resolution G9	Universal Public Post Office Service
5. Resolution G5	Our Fish Campaign
6. Resolution G19	Transfer of Fed. Non-regulatory Labs
7. Resolution G13	National Child Care Program
8. Resolution G15	Pensions – Amendment to CPP Act
9. Resolution G28	Provisions of Childcare Spaces
10. Resolution G43	Conferences and Schools Mileage Rate
11. Resolution G18	Weekend Course Stipend
12. Resolution G10 – Part 1	Free Trade Agreement with Columbia
13. Resolution G37	Human Rights Issues
14. Resolution G8	Regional Women’s Committees
15. Resolution G1	Modest Convenience Fee
16. Resolution G4	Deployment of two Icebreakers
17. Resolution G2	Public Service Health Care Plan
18. Resolution G48	DCL Conference before January
19. Resolution G12	Human Rights within the Workplace
20. Composite Resolution G16A	Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
21. Resolution G35	National Council of Visible Minorities
22. Resolution G29	PA Group Classification Study
23. Resolution G38	PSAC-PSHRMAC Joint Learning Prog.

Non-Concurrence

1. Resolution G14	Health Care
2. Resolution G10 – Part 2	Free Trade Agreement with Columbia
3. Resolution G17	Health and Safety Conference
4. Composite Resolution G20A	Loss of Bargaining Work Unit
5. Resolution G23	Firefighters
6. Resolution G24	RWC Representation
7. Resolution G25	Regional Conference for RWCs
8. Composite Resolution G26A	RWC Delegate Status
9. Resolution G27	Definition of Youth
10. Resolution G32	Women at Work Courses
11. Resolution G34	Increase Seats to Nat. Women’s Conf.
12. Resolution G36	Women at National Pride Conference
13. Resolution G44	Regional Women’s Committees
14. Resolution G45	PEI Human Rights Committee
15. Resolution G46	Regional Delegates to PSAC Convent.
16. Resolution G47	Regionalization

Late Resolution # G1 - Concurrence

The following resolutions were not dealt with as the PSAC National President, Brother John Gordon, ruled them out of order:

1. Resolution G11

2. Resolution G21
3. Resolution G22
4. Resolution G30
5. Resolution G39

The Committee would like to thank the Convention delegates in advance for their participation and patience in this democratic process. The Committee would also like to thank Sister Jeannie Baldwin, her staff and the staff of the PSAC Halifax Regional Office for their support to the committee.

Respectfully submitted by the General Resolutions Committee.

Mark Power
Co-Chair

Tania Hache
Co-Chair

RESOLUTION # G3

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G3, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC take the appropriate steps to reduce the level of the members' co-payment amount.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that this current cost is causing a financial hardship on many of our PSAC members and is discriminatory on the bases of family status and disability.

**COMPOSITE RESOLUTION # G6A (to cover Resolutions G6, G7 and G31
using the wording from Resolution # G6)**

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Composite Resolution # G6A, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC immediately enter into negotiations with the Treasury Board to rewrite a term employment policy that is fair and just for pregnant women.

RATIONALE: The Committee believes this is discriminatory and should be re-negotiated.

RESOLUTION # G42

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G42, which reads as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PSAC increase the seed-funding grant of \$500.00 to newly certified locals to \$1000.00 effective immediately from the Triennial Convention.

RATIONALE: The Committee is certainly sympathetic in this request as it may take a considerable amount of time to achieve a first collective agreement for a Direct Charter Local.

RESOLUTION # G9

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G9, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC Atlantic Convention in June 2008 support universal public postal service and oppose Post Office closures and the privatization or deregulation of Canada Post; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the PSAC Atlantic Convention actively oppose Bill C-14, the proposed legislation to partially deregulate Canada Post, and change the *Canada Post Corporation Act*.

RATIONALE: There is an attack on public services and jobs. This resolution also has direct link to the current PSAC “Think Public” campaign.

RESOLUTION # G5

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G5, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the PSAC continue advocacy campaigns and lobbying efforts, such as the UEW Our Fish campaign, to raise awareness that DFO is inadequately funded to fulfill its mandate in the areas of habitat protection, conservation & protection and scientific research for the good of Canada and all Canadians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PSAC allocate the necessary resources to achieve a strong lobby that could result in enough public pressure to effect budgetary allocations to DFO that would improve upon their current ability to meet their mandate.

RATIONALE: This resolution addresses a way of life in Atlantic Canada. The collapse of the fisheries industry has had a devastating effect on workers and communities. This issue has a direct link to the current PSAC “Think Public” campaign.

RESOLUTION # G19

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G19, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC should take action to make public the Expert Panel's report to the President of the Treasury Board, and subsequent to becoming aware of any recommendation(s) that could negatively affect PSAC members, launch a lobbying campaign to oppose the transfer of federal laboratories to universities or the private sector.

RATIONALE: The Committee is concerned about the impending report commissioned by the Prime Minister and the impact on public science. This resolution has a direct link to the current PSAC "Think Public" campaign and the fight against privatization.

RESOLUTION # G13

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G13, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC be at the forefront of lobbying the Federal Government to obtain an affordable regulated national child care program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the PSAC demand the Federal Government establish more workplace child care centers and that all child care workers receive fair and equitable wages.

RATIONALE: All Canadians should have access to affordable childcare. Statistics have identified that current childcare centers are at full capacity. The committee believes that the Federal Government should subsidize centers so that fair and equitable wages can be provided to those workers.

RESOLUTION # G15

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G15, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC lobby Members of Parliament to introduce an amendment to the *CPP Act* that will eliminate the claw back feature.

RATIONALE: The Committee believes that Federal Public Service Workers are being discriminated against, as private sector employees are not subjected to this claw back and financial hardship.

RESOLUTION # G28

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G28, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PSAC, during the upcoming round of collective agreement bargaining, include in its list of demands that the Government of Canada provide, where viable, subsidized childcare spaces for the children of federal employees.

RATIONALE: All Canadians should have access to affordable childcare. Statistics have identified that current childcare centers are at full capacity. The committee believes that the Federal Government should subsidy centers so that fair and equitable wages can be provided to those workers.

RESOLUTION # G43

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G43, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Atlantic PSAC Regional Councils, Committees, and Conference Organizing Committees adopt the same travel rates as the PSAC.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that this practice is discriminatory and presents a two-tier system.

RESOLUTION # G18

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G18, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC increase the stipend of \$25/day for all weekend courses to \$75/day.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that the current stipend allowance is insufficient given the increase cost of transportation and meals.

Brother Wayne Fagan wished to be recorded against the Committee's recommendation.

DIVIDED RESOLUTION # G10 – Part 1

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in the first three BIRs in divided Resolution # G10, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC Atlantic Convention of June 2008 join the voices of the CLC, Amnesty International, Make Poverty History, Common Frontiers and numerous other labour and civil society organizations expressing grave concerns with the free trade negotiations with Colombia, in light of the severe and persistent human rights violations in that country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Atlantic PSAC Convention fully endorse the CLC's call on Prime Minister Harper to stop the negotiations of the international business deal with Colombia until he can show the Canadian public that measures have been taken to ensure the following:

- a. The rule of law and an end to impunity for crimes against union leaders, human rights defenders and the civilian population;
- b. That Canadian extractive companies operating in Colombia act responsibly to the communities in which they operate;
- c. That displaced communities can return to their lands;
- d. That Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities are involved and allowed a say on development projects which take place on their territories;
- e. That no products, resources or other commercial goods are produced on lands illegally appropriated by drug traffickers and paramilitary groups;
- f. That a trade deal does not benefit government linked criminal networks;
- g. That an international business deal with Colombia or any other country fosters "fair-trade", and does not only benefit international investors while worsening widespread conditions of poverty and social exclusion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Atlantic PSAC Convention issue a bulletin from all delegates and observers attending the Convention, to the media and all Locals within the Atlantic Region;

RATIONALE: This is a human rights issue and is an obvious priority for the labour movement.

RESOLUTION # G37

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G37, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC work with its Components to encourage employers to develop action plan to assist members to be more aware and proactive on human rights issues.

RATIONALE: The committee would encourage all entities of the PSAC structure be proactive on human rights issues.

RESOLUTION # G8

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G8, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC conduct a comprehensive national study of the current activity of all PSAC Regional Women's Committees and publish a report to all PSAC Locals for review and discussion by October 2009.

RATIONALE: RWCs are politically active and are committed to building coalition partnerships and sustaining social justice initiatives. However, RWCs need to be held accountable to the membership for the budget allocations they are provided on a yearly basis.

RESOLUTION # G1

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G1, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC enter into re-negotiations with the service provider to eliminate this “modest convenience fee” for the use of pay-direct drug cards.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that this issue could be dealt with via the National Joint Council (NJC). The committee also feels that this is an unnecessary fee that is billed to PSAC members.

RESOLUTION # G4

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G4, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the REVP write a letter denouncing this move; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the REVP encourage the Convention floor to write their MPs denouncing this move; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution be forwarded to the National PSAC Convention and that the National President write a letter denouncing this move.

RATIONALE: The committee believes that this was a political move and the cost rationale that was used by the government does not substantiate the decision. The move of the two icebreakers has also resulted in a loss of economic resources to the community.

RESOLUTION # G2

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G2, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC take the appropriate steps to get the current coverage levels for massage therapy increased.

RATIONALE: Massage therapy is a form of rehabilitation that is beneficial to the health and well-being of PSAC members. Research has shown that massage therapy has resulted in a cost saving to employers with regards to loss time.

RESOLUTION # G48

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution G-48, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The PSAC Atlantic Region hold and fund a conference of all DCLs in Atlantic Canada before January 2009.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that there is merit in the unique challenges that DCLs face within the Atlantic Region and that such a conference would be beneficial to the inclusiveness of these Locals within the union.

Brother Wayne Fagan wishes to be recorded against the Committee's recommendation.

RESOLUTION # G12

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G12, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Atlantic Council of the PSAC promote (through such vehicles as newsletters, seminars, conferences, and committees) human rights in the workplace as encompassing the right of all workers to reach their full potential for leadership and self-management, for participation in the broader community, and for enjoyment of their work.

RATIONALE: Human rights need to be promoted within the PSAC and is a priority of the broader labour movement. The Committee feels it should continue to be communicated and enhanced through the identified vehicles.

RESOLUTION # G16A (to cover Resolutions G16 and G40 using the wording from Resolution # G16)

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G16A, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC develop a policy paper on the effect of slavery upon women of African descent who work in the federal public service and the resulting participation in their unions.

RATIONALE: A policy paper would be appropriate to mark the 200th Anniversary of the British Act. This document could be used to better support and enhance the participation of women of African descent in their union and the federal public service.

RESOLUTION # G35

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G35, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC develop a formal relationship of partnership with NCVM to challenge the systemic racism and discrimination prevalent in the Public Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this partnership includes regular reports to the membership on progress to date in eradicating racism and discrimination in the FPS.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that the NCVM is an entity that the union needs to develop a relationship with as to challenge and eliminate racism and discrimination.

RESOLUTION # G29

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G29, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PSAC make it a priority and provide updates to RWCs every 6 months.

RATIONALE: The committee supports the need for all members to see the progress of the PA classification study.

RESOLUTION # G38

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G38, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Women's Committees, in consultation with JLP Regional Field Coordinators, develop a marketing plan to ensure all women are aware of this training opportunity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RWCs encourage women in their interest to become facilitators, to organize a JLP learning event or to participate in a learning event.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that all members should be encouraged to be JLP facilitators and that learning events would benefit the overall workplace and membership.

RESOLUTION # G14

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G14, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC develop an effective action plan to address health issues locally and globally, such as, cancer, heart disease, AIDS, etc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the plan includes an effective communication strategy, a budget, timelines, evaluation mechanisms and follow ups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the plan addresses the unacceptable trend to privatize health care services and establishes a system of available drugs and services locally and globally.

RATIONALE: The committee supports this resolution in principle. However, the committee feels that the PSAC does not currently have the resources to effectively support the implementation of this type of plan, which is too broad in nature.

DIVIDED RESOLUTION # G10 – Part 2

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in the last BIR in divided Resolution # G10, which reads as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a committee be struck from the Atlantic PSAC Convention to monitor and seek input to bring more attention to the public through education, memos, communiqués, etc. in order to prevent the free trade agreement from being passed in the Parliament of Canada and to have Members of Parliament from the Atlantic Region fully aware of this issue.

RATIONALE: This committee feels that there are already committees in place within the current Atlantic structure to deal with issue.

RESOLUTION # G17

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # 17, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PSAC fully fund one Health and Safety Conference for Newfoundland and Labrador and one to accommodate the other three Atlantic Provinces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT each component be entitled to send three delegates to this conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Directly Chartered Locals be entitled to one delegate to this conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT funding would come from existing funds with no dues increase to the members.

RATIONALE: Under the current funding formula, it would be beneficial to have more PSAC members in attendance at an educational event. It is impossible to hold two fully funded conferences with the existing budget allocation and to still be able to sustain the current membership participation.

Sister Tania Hache and Sister Dana Bailey wish to be recorded against.

COMPOSITE RESOLUTION # G20A (to cover Resolutions G20 and G41 using the wording from Resolution # G20)

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Composite Resolution # 20A, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at the conclusion of this round of collective bargaining, a thorough evaluation be done to determine the success. If unsuccessful, then the Public Service Alliance of Canada immediately take legal action to ensure the protection of bargaining unit work.

RATIONALE: The committee agrees in principle to the protection of bargaining unit work; however, the legal recourse is actually through the collective bargaining process.

RESOLUTION # G23

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # 23, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PSAC apply for firefighter members (FR) to be given their own bargaining table.

RATIONALE: The committee believes that there is mechanism for two-tier bargaining under the new PSMA which presents an opportunity for FRs to have their own sub-table at the negotiations table and until this system has been tested the PSAC should not apply for a separate table.

Brother Wayne Little and Sister Tania Hache wished to be recorded against the Committee's recommendation.

RESOLUTION # G24

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G24, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the number of RWC delegate seats at the PSAC National Women's Conference be re-established at two (2) per active RWC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the re-instatement be made without increasing the maximum amount of seats allowed for the conferences.

RATIONALE: The committee feels this will reduce the component and DCL allocation for delegate status at the PSAC National Women's Conference. In addition, there are many geographical areas that do not have active RWCs, which limit the participation of women living in isolated areas.

RESOLUTION # G25

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G25, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PSAC National cover the cost of three conference calls per year for each RWC within the region to participate in; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT each conference call be budgeted for a minimum of 1.5 hours and to include the participation of each RWC within the region.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that this initiative can be achieved within the current budget allocations provided to RWCs.

**COMPOSITE RESOLUTION # G26 A (to cover Resolutions G26 and G33
using the wording from Resolution # G26)**

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Composite Resolution # G26, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT each active RWC be entitled to send one delegate to PSAC National Triennial Conventions.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that recent history has shown that women are sufficiently represented. This would also create a significant dues increase to PSAC members.

RESOLUTION # G27

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # 27, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PSAC change its definition of youth from 30 (thirty) years of age and under to 35 (thirty-five) years of age and under to include more individuals as “youth” to more accurately reflect the workforce demographics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PSAC will attempt to have the Government of Canada also change their definition of youth from 30 (thirty) years of age and under to 35 (thirty-five) years of age and under.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that through attrition and the organizing of new bargaining units at universities and initiatives such as the apprenticeship programs that there will be an increase in a younger membership.

RESOLUTION # G32

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G32, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Women at Work courses are delivered simultaneously in French and English in the Atlantic Region early enough to meet the deadlines for resolutions for the Atlantic Convention.

RATIONALE: The committee acknowledges that the Women at Work course is not a submitting body to the Atlantic Convention.

RESOLUTION # G34

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G34, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the number of Regional Women's Committees' delegate seats at the PSAC National Women's Conference is re-established at two (2) per Regional Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT one (1) of those seats is dedicated to an Aboriginal or Racially Visible delegate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT both of those seats be fully funded.

RATIONALE: The committee recognizes that the PSAC already offers National conferences for specific equity groups and this would create a significant dues increase to the PSAC membership.

RESOLUTION # G36

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G36, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PSAC Direct Chartered Locals, Agencies, Components and Regions, wherever possible, (based on applications and recruitment) ensure their initial selection list of delegates contain a minimum of 50% women.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that there is a balance approach to gender selection that is currently done by the listed PSAC bodies and that union activism should also be a factor in the selection process.

RESOLUTION G44

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G44, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC look into this matter immediately and develop a process for women in areas where there are no Regional Women's Committees to be able to get their resolutions to regional and national conferences.

RATIONALE: The committee feels that there are other existing bodies within the PSAC structure to submit resolutions such as Locals and Area Councils.

RESOLUTION G45

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G45, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Service Alliance of Canada, Atlantic Region support immediately the establishment of new Vice-President position to the Alliance Executive Committee to be a representative of all equity groups: persons with disabilities; gays, lesbians, bi-sexuals and trans-sexuals; racially visible; National Aboriginal, Inuit's and Métis Network.

RATIONALE: The majority of the Committee felt that there are existing leaders in the PSAC organization and within the membership to represent the AEC on issues pertaining to equity groups.

Sister Dana Bailey and Brother Wayne Little wished to be recorded against the Committee's recommendation.

RESOLUTION # G46

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G46, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 19 of the PSAC Constitution be amended to provide for the direct election of 5 Regional Council delegates to the PSAC Triennial Convention from each of the seven PSAC regions.

Constitutional Amendment

Section 19, Sub-Section 8 (NEW):

Each PSAC Region shall be entitled to elect and send to any National Triennial Convention of the PSAC five (5) Regional Council delegates elected at Regional Council who shall be accorded all rights and privileges of accredited delegates.

RATIONALE: The Committee felt that additional delegates to the National Triennial Convention should be elected from the grassroots membership as opposed to the Atlantic Regional Council. The Committee also felt that there would be a significant dues increase associated with this amendment.

Resolution # G47

The Committee recommends NON-CONCURRENCE in Resolution # G47, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PSAC fully fund at least one delegate from each Area Council, Regional Women’s Committee, Equity Group, Francophone and Local to the Regional Conventions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT funding be taken from existing PSAC budget with no dues increase to members.

RATIONALE: The Committee supports this resolution in principle. However, the Committee feels that without a dues increase that funding would have to be taken from other budget line items and that there would be a detrimental impact on other PSAC services.

LATE RESOLUTION # G1

The Committee recommends CONCURRENCE IN Late Resolution # G1 which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PSAC continue and increase lobbying efforts and a push-back campaign to raise awareness and compel Canadians to voice against the efforts and agenda of this government in a direction that calls for more public oversight and not less, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the PSAC allocate the necessary resources to achieve a strong lobby that could result Canadians enjoying the protections and research that they have come to rely on in our country and to depend on government to uphold public science & research and build on it instead of off-loading it.

RATIONALE: The committee is concerned about the impending report commissioned by the Prime Minister and the impact on public science. This resolution has a direct link to the current PSAC “Think Public” campaign and the fight against privatization.