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INTERNATIONAL**

## North American Affiliates Meeting

June 29, 2021  
12:00pm - 4:00pm EDT  
Register [here](#).

### Agenda

#### Welcome

*5 minutes*

- The meeting will be chaired by Jan Hochadel and Mark Hancock

**Steve Porter**  
*Sub-Regional Secretary  
PSI North America*

#### Greetings, Introductions, and Opening Remarks

*35 minutes*

**Rosa Pavanelli**  
*General Secretary, PSI*

**Jan Hochadel**  
*PSI Titular for the US  
Vice President, AFT*

**Mark Hancock**  
*PSI Titular for Canada  
National President, CUPE*

#### Inter-America Regional Update

*10 minutes*

- [Solidarity with Colombia](#)
- Campaign against water privatization in Brazil involving the Canadian Pension Plan; see [briefing note](#)
- Recent election in Peru and [GUF statement](#) on the result

**Jocelio Drummond**  
*Regional Secretary  
PSI Inter-America*

#### Highlights from the PSI Executive Board Meeting

*15 minutes*

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## Preparations for PSI World Congress 2022

*20 minutes*

- Standing Orders Committee
- Developing the next Program of Action; see the current [Program of Action \(PoA\)](#)

**Daniel Bertossa**

*Assistant General Secretary, PSI*

## Resolution on Uyghurs in Forced Labor Camps

*Presented by Jan Hochadel*

## Reclaiming Social Care

*15 minutes*

- Manifesto: [The Five “Rs” of Social Care](#)
- [CICTAR](#) work in the social care sector

**Daniel Bertossa**

*Assistant General Secretary, PSI*

## 10-Minute Break

*Video on the Privatization of Water in Brazil*

## Update on the *Our Digital Future* Project

*15 minutes*

- See the project [homepage](#)

**Christina Colclough**

*Project Coordinator*

*Our Digital Future*

## Campaign for Universal Vaccine Access

*30 minutes*

- Information on the status of the [TRIPS waiver](#)
- Briefing on the [Health Before Wealth Campaign](#)

**Susana Barria**

*Trade Justice Campaigner, PSI*

## 10-Minute Break

## Climate Change Issues

*30 minutes*

- Preparation for COP26 in Glasgow

**David Boys**

*Deputy General Secretary, PSI*

## Affiliate Reports

*45 minutes*

- Brief oral reports; written reports may be offered in advance or following meeting

## Wrap-Up

*5 minutes*

**Steve Porter**

*Sub-Regional Secretary*

*PSI North America*

## About the Speakers

### Rosa Pavanelli

Rosa Pavanelli is General Secretary of the global union federation Public Services International. She was elected at PSI's World Congress in November 2012 and was re-elected for a second mandate in November 2017.

In March 2016, Rosa was nominated as Commissioner on the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth (UN ComHEEG), representing the trade union movement, health workers and public services.



Rosa is also a member of the United Nations High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters and of the Cornell University International Labor Relations Worker Institute Advisory Council. She also collaborates closely with the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT).

Rosa Pavanelli was elected to the FP-CGIL\* National Secretariat in 2002 and led the European and International Department from 2005 to 2012. Prior to that, she was responsible for the municipal and healthcare sector and was FP-CGIL General Secretary of the Lombardy region. In these roles, she led successful campaigns against water and health privatization and led the first European project on the role of public services for an inclusive policy for migrants and asylum seekers.

\* Funzione Pubblica – Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (Public Services branch of the Italian General Confederation of Labour).

### Jan Hochadel

Having ample experience in education and the public service through her time teaching science at Wright Tech and Kaynor Technical High Schools in Connecticut, Jan Hochadel currently serves as President of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Connecticut and as a Vice President on the AFT's national executive, where she serves on the organizing committee and the AFT Public Employees program and policy council (PPC).

Jan has represented AFT Connecticut on the state's AFL-CIO's leadership board, and in 2017 was elected as the state labor umbrella's executive vice president. In 2019 she was elected to co-chair the inter-American regional executive committee of Public Services International (PSI), the global voice for public employee unions.



In late 2018, Jan was tapped by then Governor-elect Ned Lamont to serve on his transition committee. The administration then selected her in the spring of 2020 for a major role on the state's "Reopen Connecticut" panel to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. She represented teachers and school support staff on the public education sub-committee charged with developing plans to safely resume in-person learning.

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## Mark Hancock

Mark Hancock was elected the 6th National President of CUPE in November 2015, following two terms as President and four terms as Secretary-Treasurer of CUPE BC.

Mark became a CUPE member in 1984 and served fifteen years as President of Local 498 representing Port Coquitlam Municipal Employees. Since his election as National President, his priorities have been influenced by his experience as local President and union activist. He believes it is very important to provide locals with the bargaining support they need to gain earnings for their members and respond to attacks from employers.



At the national level, Mark has been an outspoken voice for building a fairer and more inclusive economy, as well as campaigning for the rights of the growing number of precarious workers in Canada.

## Jocelio Drummond

Jocelio Drummond is the Regional Secretary of PSI Inter-America. Jocelio is a Brazilian trade unionist with a long history in the public sector and contributed to the construction of the National Confederation of Social Security Workers, CNTSS, of which he was elected president for three consecutive terms.

In 1997, Jocelio was invited to join PSI staff as a Project Coordinator, working in the Brazilian health sector. He then worked as the Sub-regional Secretary for Brazil. After a decade of successfully building and coordinating sub-regional activities in Brazil, Jocelio became the Regional Secretary of PSI Inter-America.



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## Daniel Bertossa

Daniel Bertossa is Assistant General Secretary at PSI where he manages policy, advocacy, and governance. He leads PSI's economic policy work in trade, tax, debt, and the future of quality public services.

Danny has worked as an organizer and national officer for unions in Australia and the UK covering local government and municipal workers, health and social services, education and private sector service workers, where he led multiple campaigns for better pay and job security, and against outsourcing and precarious work.

He was previously Director of Policy and Strategy at the Department of Premier and Cabinet in the Government of South Australia. Prior to that he was Ministerial Advisor for Public Sector Management, Local Government and Planning, Aboriginal Affairs and Family and Community Services.

Danny is currently the co-chair of the steering committee of the Independent Commission on Reform of International Corporate Tax (ICRICT), member of the Global Reporting Initiatives (GRI) tax Technical Committee, member of the Centre for Research on Employment and Work (CREW) advisory board at the University of Greenwich and member of the committee of the Centre for International Corporate Tax Accountability and Research (CICTAR).



## Susana Barria

Susana Barria is the Trade, Tax and Digitalization organizer for PSI Asia Pacific and is based in India. She has worked in the trade union movement for the past ten years with a focus on trade and the health sector.

One of the campaigns Susana is currently working on, the struggle for universal vaccine access, combines her two areas of interest because it involves obtaining a Waiver to the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights Agreement (TRIPS) at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in order to allow for a more rapid and equitable production and distribution of vaccines.



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## Christina Colclough

Regarded as a thought leader on the futures of work(ers) and the politics of digital technology, Christina Colclough is an advocate for the workers' voice. She has extensive global labor movement experience, where she led their future of work policies, advocacy, and strategies for a number of years. She was the author of the union movement's first principles on Workers' Data Rights and the Ethics of AI.



A globally sought-after keynote speaker and workshop trainer with over 200 speeches and trainings the last 3 years, Christina created the Why Not Lab as a dedication to improving workers' digital rights. She is included in the all-time Hall of Fame of the world's most brilliant women in AI Ethics.

Christina is a Member of the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership on AI (GPAI), and she is Advisory Board member of Carnegie Council's new program: AI and Equality Initiative. She is, furthermore, a member of the OECD One AI Expert Group, the UN's Secretary General Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and is affiliated to FAOS, the Employment Relations Research Center at Copenhagen University.

## David Boys

PSI Deputy General Secretary David Boys has worked in the labor movement for more than 30 years. He joined PSI in 1999 to support the water and energy sectors, with an initial focus on stopping the scourge of privatization. He steered the successful global water campaign, supporting national unions, developing, and nurturing union alliances with civil society, and fighting the World Bank structural adjustment policies.



A first for the labor movement, David was named to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's Advisory Board on water, where he fought a concerted privatization agenda and proposed alternatives such as public-public partnerships and recognizing the skills and expertise of the workers in the utilities. In energy, a number of privatizations were fought, with some important wins, some losses.

David helped form Trade Unions for Energy Democracy (TUED), for the labor movement to tackle the many issues of public ownership and control of energy systems, the transition to low carbon generation, and the appropriate integration of renewable energies.