

BEC Special call - November 3, 2014

Marc-Philippe Laurin  
Michael D'Souza  
Gaynette Spafford  
Wendy Martin  
Michael Robert  
Dave Croft  
Chantal Payant  
Wil Fundal  
Allan Gofenko  
Annick Forest  
Naomi Robinson  
Harry Mesh  
Jonathan Spence  
Michael Tymchuk (Observer)

Regrets:

Dominique Delisle  
Sean Laughlin  
Jo-Ann Roberts

Meeting called to order 7:35 Eastern.

Michael D'Souza shared a document about the outsourcing of weather services in Toronto. He noted it will mean a reduction of 2 jobs. The CBC says it will save about 300-thousand dollars a year, and provide cross-promotion with Pelmorex (The Weather Network). D'Souza said he has approached Jordanna Lake about sitting on a committee to offer a union counter-proposal to the CBC's plan. He said there is only about a 3 week time frame in which to do this.

**MOTION:** To strike a committee to discuss/counter the outsourcing of weather services. The committee will be made up of Dan Oldfield, Michael D'Souza, Naomi Robinson, Jay Scotland and Jordanna Lake.

M/S Spafford/Mesh CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION:** To release the above named committee members for a couple of days to do committee business.

M/S O'Connor/Croft CARRIED UNAN.

MPL updated the BEC on the newly announced cuts. There are 386 corporation-wide, including 153 Guild positions. He noted that the CMG was initially given incorrect numbers.

He said regional directors have been instructed to make it clear to staff that it was not the CMG that made the mistake when communicating about the numbers.

Mesh asked whether the CMG should issue a corrected communique letting people know that the initial numbers were wrong. Forest said this was reflecting badly on the CMG's credibility. MPL said he would talk to the office about sending out corrected information. Robinson noted that the CBC's communication of the latest layoffs by memo was really crass, and wondered why there was no town hall.

Jonathan Spence was sworn in on the call as the new director of education/mobilization.

Payant asked about the planned day of action against the CBC cuts. The group discussed the plan to have everyone wear black on November 13, when the redundancy notices are expected to be handed out. Robinson said CBC heart logo buttons have been sent to every location. She said she hopes the campaign will take off on social media. She said the latest cuts have been overshadowed by the Ghomesi scandal.

Forest noted that a number of CMG members still do not seem to be receiving Guild emails. MPL wonders whether Gmail is at fault. He said that regional directors should chat directly with local presidents about the day of action.

Fundal asked for a review of CMG policies in light of the Ghomesi case.

MPL updated the group on the hiring of Kam Rao.

The call moved in camera at 8:31pm.

The call moved back into regular session at 9:25pm.

It was decided that on the next call, MPL will talk about the BEC budget and Jonathan Spence will raise concerns about freelance.

Next meeting will be November 18, 2014 at 7:30.

Call adjourned.

M/S Spafford/Robinson CARRIED