

Minutes - December 9, 2014
BEC Regular Monthly Call

Attendees:

Michael D' Souza
Gaynette Spafford
Harry Mesh
Wendy Martin
Naomi Robinson
Chantal Payant
Michael Robert
John O'Connor
Allan Gofenko
Sean Laughlin
Dominique Delisle
Jonathan Spence
Annick Forest
Marc Philippe-Laurin

Call begins at 7:30pm Eastern.

MOTION: To adopt the agenda
M/S D'Souza/Spence CARRIED

MOTION: To approve the minutes from Nov 18, 2014
M/S Spafford/Spence CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MPL provided an update on the Rubin investigation. He said the CBC wrongly told people that the Guild's information was inaccurate. He said information that people provide during the investigation can be used for disciplinary action. He said the Guild will issue another communique tomorrow.

MPL noted the upcoming retirement of Dan Oldfield on December 31. He said the NEC will decide how his position will be replaced. He suggested a motion to thank Dan for his many years of service to the CMG.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The BEC decided to pend discussion of forming a subcommittee on the trust fund
- 2) MPL said a committee on the broadcast technology structure will meet next week, and that committee will also tackle the maintenance/IT issue
- 3) John O'Connor said a corrected version of the APS survey had been sent out prior to the last call. There was consensus to send it out to location presidents.

MPL provided a short update on the Ghomeshi file.

MPL noted that there is a steering committee meeting scheduled for December 17. There was discussion about who should attend. It was decided that MPL, Michael D'Souza, Harry Mesh, Naomi Robinson and either Dominique Delisle or Chantal Payant would attend. MPL said there was no specific agenda, but the 2020 plan and communications around the Rubin file would probably be discussed.

**Motion: I would like to move that the CBC Branch extend a standing invitation the CBC Campaign organizer to attend our Branch meetings until the 2015 federal election is over.
M/S Spence/Payant**

MPL said he hopes to have Kam Rao join the BEC on each call to brief the group on lobbying efforts. He said we would need more frequent calls leading up to the election. Jonathan Spence said he worries that the BEC is not as connected to the campaign as we could be. Gaynette Spafford says she does not support the motion, and it should depend on what the agendas look like. Mesh asked that we rephrase the motion to calls that are specific to the CBC Campaign. Chantal Payant said we should not restrict Kam's presence only to those calls.

The motion is amended to say meetings pertaining to the CBC campaign.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BEC Autonomy - Mesh indicates he does not intend to proceed with the discussion at this time.

Mesh noted there is quite a lot of concern about the lack of a plan to replace the Atlantic representative. MPL gave the BEC a brief update on what the NEC might do.

MOTION: I move the BEC whole-heartedly thank Dan Oldfield for his guidance, his expertise, and his enormous commitment to growing the Canadian Media Guild over his many years with the union. Coming from the floor of the CBC newsroom, to leading us as senior staff representative through many challenges, and negotiations, Dan has accumulated a vast body of knowledge and experience that will be sorely missed. The CBC Branch would like Dan to know how much he is appreciated. It is further moved that the BEC bestow the order of solidarity on Dan Oldfield in recognition of his tireless commitment to the CBC branch of CMG and his years of service to its members.

M/S ROBINSON/LAUGHLIN CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF RELATIONS

Chantal Payant asked whether there had been any follow-up on recent discussions about the relationship between staff reps and elected Guild representatives. MPL said the issue had gone

to the NEC and there had been a staff reps meeting. MPL said he would look into it further and report back.

2020 PLAN

MPL asked the BEC members for their thoughts on the 2020 plan. Members expressed wideranging concerns about the plan - from a loss of quality to a lack of vision. Several people said they are very worried that the lack of digital access in rural and remote parts of the country will effectively cut many people off from the new focus on "digital and mobile" at the CBC. Allan Gofenko noted the CBC will no longer be unique or relevant, and says the BEC should let senior management know that we do not support any of this.

MOTION: That the BEC create a sub-committee to work on preparing the branch's position on the 2020 plan.

M/S Payant/Various CARRIED

The subcommittee includes Annick Forest, Michael D'Souza, Chantal Payant and Marc-Philippe Laurin. The first call will be this Thursday at 4:30pm.

MOTION: To adjourn. 8:55 Eastern.

M/S Robinson/O'Connor CARRIED