

BEC Monthly Call - April 14, 2015
Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Jonathan Spence
Annick Forest
Michael D'Souza
Gaynette Spafford
Harry Mesh
Dave Croft
Wendy Martin
Wil Fundal
Allan Gofenko
Dominique Delisle
Natalie Clancy
Naomi Robinson
Marc-Philippe Laurin

Regrets: Sean Laughlin, Michael Robert, Chantal Payant

Meeting called to order 7:33pm.

MOTION: to approve the agenda.

Items added: Toronto survey update, JE update, committee on jurisdiction, 2020 plan
M/S Mesh/Fundal CARRIED

CBC CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Naomi said the petition was delivered to Joe Oliver last week. She suggested that a new approach to petitioning the federal government could be when the broadcast spectrum is being sold off, proceeds could be used to support public broadcasting.

OLD BUSINESS

There are still vacancies to be filled on the joint pay equity committee and the joint employment equity committee. MDS will ask Jeanne D'Arc to put out a call for volunteers. Fundal said there won't be time to fill a vacancy on the Health and Safety committee before June.

MOTION: that Fundal and Beaugard (?) continue on the H and S committee

M/S Spafford/Robinson CARRIED Fundal abstains.

Fundal said he had spoken with Ing Wong-Ward and she has agreed to come to presidents council to speak about accessibility standards.

MPL joins call.

MPL said it has been a tough week for everyone. He said a western rep has been hired, and that the NEC must approve the hiring. He noted that Harry Mesh has been extended as Eastern rep until July 10. He said that Carmel Smyth is going away for a few weeks, and Lise Lareau will take on Carmel's role. He also discussed a note received from Ron Ouellette about CBC email access. He said there would be an emergency call of the NEC to discuss the issue, and noted the CMG does not want to lose access to its members at this crucial time. Naomi asked about the Rubin inquiry. MPL said her report is expected in mid-April.

BEC NATIONAL SURVEY

The BEC discussed questions that had been drawn up for a BEC national survey, modelled after the Toronto local survey. Gofenko asked whether the CBC had concerns about the BEC survey. MPL said the CBC did not appear to have the same problem with the BEC questions. BEC members had a general discussion about whether proceeding with the survey was the right approach. Some members argued the survey would be a great mobilization tool. Others argued that they didn't want to step on the Toronto local's toes by sending out a tandem survey.

MOTION: That the BEC send out the survey that had been drawn up by the sub-committee to all members across the country.

M/S Gofenko/Spence

MOTION: To move in-camera. 8:09pm.

M/S Forest/Robinson CARRIED

MOTION: To move back into regular session. 8:27pm.

M/S Spence/Forest CARRIED

The motion on the BEC survey was defeated. Spence/Robinson abstained.

D'Souza suggested that the BEC ask the national office to send out a note reminding people to send in their non-CBC email addresses.

MOTION: That the BEC ask the office to send out an email within 48 hours.

M/S Clancy/Fundal

MPL said he doesn't know if 48 hours is possible.

MOTION AMENDED: the deadline be moved to the end of Friday.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gofenko asked that his motions regarding staff departures from the national office be pended.

Mesh raised concerns about the Welcome to the Guild booklets. He said some information seems to be outdated, and some links no longer work.

MOTION: that the BEC ask the directors of education and new members to look at the Welcome to the Guild booklets, to update the info and links.

M/S Mesh/Spafford CARRIED

Spence asked for an update on the committee looking into jurisdiction. Mesh said he had not heard anything lately. Spence urged the committee to move on this, given the large number of job losses. Mesh suggested we move this to Old Business for our next call.

JE Update

Forest said she got an informal update from the JE committee today. She asked to pend the discussion.

Robinson asked about progress in formulating the CMG's response to the 2020 plan. She suggested that we ask someone with writing or documentary expertise to compile concerns about the plan and digital strategy, because it is such a large undertaking. Mesh suggested that the sub-committee take on the task of finding a person and costing this. Spence suggested a third party might be too removed from the process, and the approach should be more grassroots.

MOTION: That the sub-committee put together an RFP to study the 2020 plan.

M/S Mesh/Spafford CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.