

Draft Minutes
April 12, 2016
BEC monthly call

Attendees:

Natalie Clancy
Chantal Payant
John O'Connor
Gaynette Spafford
Wendy Martin
Jonathan Spence
Naomi Robinson
Saida Ouchaou-Ozarowski
Annick Forest
Marc-Philippe Laurin

Regrets: Michael Robert, Sean Laughlin, Harry Mesh, Wil Fundal, David Croft

Call to order at 7:37pm.

Gaynette Spafford chairs until MPL can join the call.

Jonathan Spence reads the Statement of Principles.

MOTION to adopt the agenda. Additions: the 1.5 percent wage increase, Elaine Janes' laptop and webwriters.

M/S Payant/O'Connor CARRIED

MOTION to adopt the minutes from the March BEC monthly call

M/S O'Connor/Clancy CARRIED 2 abstentions

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

There was a discussion about doing an email vote among the BEC to fill a vacancy on the CCSB. There are also vacancies for the Northern Director position and on the Transmission Health and Safety Committee.. It was decided we should wait for Marc-Philippe to join the call to talk about the Northern Director's position. Harry Mesh will investigate to find out how many vacancies exist on the Transmission H&S committee.

JUNE CONVENTION

Gaynette Spafford updated members on planning for the convention. She said five hours has been allocated for CBC branch business. John o'Connor said a briefing is planned on filing grievances. Naomi Robinson said there are still some issues around CMG structure that should be addressed, There was discussion about whether the convention would be the appropriate place to raise the issue. Jonathan Spence said there has already been a lot of work done to clarify the structure, and much of it is on the CMG website. Naomi will work on drafting a resolution on structure for the convention. Jonathan offered to help, and to circulate existing documents.

TRAVEL POLICY

Gaynette said the communication around the travel policy has not always been clear, but people are expected to use their common sense, and not rely on public transit if it will result on long waits or unreasonably convoluted routes. Annick Forest said there has to be a balance between saving money, and adding to an already long travel day, for members who already donate a lot of their time.

MPL joins the call.

CCSB VACANCY

The group decided to conduct an email vote to fill the vacancy by this coming Friday. Naomi asked why we don't select an alternate, in case of an unexpected vacancy, especially close to the end of term. Gaynette said this should be considered.

NORTHERN DIRECTOR VACANCY

MPL said the small locations director, David Croft, has agreed to take on this role until the upcoming elections.

MOTION to approve David Croft as Northern Director for the remainder of this term.

M/S Payant/Clancy CARRIED

TRANSMISSION HEALTH AND SAFETY

Carla Maloney has resigned, leaving a vacancy. Harry Mesh will check to see how many members need to be replaced.

WAGE INCREASE

MPL gave the BEC a background briefing on the talks with the CBC regarding the 1.5 percent wage increase.

MOTION to allow Elaine Janes to keep the Acer laptop she has had for CMG business, once she retires.

Naomi Robinson pointed out that the laptop dates to 2007, and Elaine has used it in her roles in bargaining, temp committee work, the BEC and the local Toronto executive.

Gaynette said the CMG office keeps track of all equipment issued to CMG staff and volunteers.

M/S Robinson/Payant CARRIED

MOTION to thank Michael D'Souza for his years of service with the BEC, and to send him a pin signifying the Order of Solidarity.

M/S Clancy/Robinson CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Naomi will send the pin.

JE UPDATE

MPL said the numbers for English Services have been finalized, and members will be notified individually. He said French Services is reviewing what has been done on the English side.

CONVENTION - continued

Chantal Payant asked whether Resolution 6, allowing the locals in Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver to free up executive members for additional days for local work, will be raised at the June convention. MPL said he will ensure it is on the agenda.

Gaynette said she will convene a convention planning call within the next week.

MOTION to adjourn. 9:02pm