

Draft Minutes
BEC regular monthly call
May 10, 2016

Attendees:

Gaynette Spafford
Harry Mesh
Chantal Payant
Dave Croft
Wendy Martin
Annick Forest
Natalie Clancy
Michael Robert
Marc-Philippe Laurin
Jonathan Spence

Regrets: Saida Ouachou-Ozarowski, Wil Fundal, John O'Connor, Sean Laughlin, Naomi Robinson

Meeting called to order 7:34pm.

Marc-Philippe asked Jonathan to read the statement of human rights.

MOTION to approve the agenda.

One addition: to approve the appointment of Michael Tymchuck to the CCSB.
M/S Spafford/Mesh CARRIED

MOTION to approve the minutes from the April call.

Annick asked that her remarks on the travel policy be expanded.
M/S Forest/Clancy CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MPL said the CMG has been trying various avenues to address violence in the workplace and sexual harassment issues with the CBC. He said there will be a meeting in late May in Ottawa with the CBC. He said it has been frustrating to find the right forum to raise these issues with the CBC.

MPL said he has no update on petty cash, and is continuing to try to get more information. On temps, he said Elaine Janes met with some people in Toronto to do some training around the issue and is willing to help more. He said he talked with Catherine Gregory in IR about pulling more data together. He said the NGC is also talking about the issue. He said the BEC has a national committee in place on the issue, comprised of Jonathan, John and Sean.

MPL said he will make a request to find out where the LTD documents are. These cover the LTD policy agreement with Great West Life which is being updated.

MPL said the SCRC president plans to attend the June convention. He said there may be a labour dispute with the producers union in Quebec and the CMG will need to pull together a document advising our members what to do in that event.

MPL said the NEC had approved hiring a senior staff rep, but the person selected opted not to take the job. He said the NEC will decide how to proceed.

He said the CMG has decided to purchase a building, rather than continue to rent, which will result in a large savings. Jonathan Spence said it's a good location with lots of frontage.

MPL also noted he recently visited Edmonton, Saskatoon and Calgary. He said there's lots of confusion at the reporter level with cross-platform demands. He said there's a big concern in Alberta with videographers now working as video producers. He said he will take both issues to management.

Chantal Payant asked MPL about SRC meetings. MPL said he will renew an official request for a meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION to send thanks to Carla Maloney for her work on the Transmission H and S committee.

Mesh/Clancy CARRIED

Harry Mesh said the committee is on a different time frame than other committees because it's under the CLC. He will try to get an update for June on repopulating the committee.

MOTION

Whereas a sub-committee of the CBC BEC has proposed a number of bylaw amendments which, if passed, will change the composition of the BEC;

And whereas if passed at convention final approval of the amended bylaws by the NEC will likely occur before the end of the current BEC term;

And whereas it would be patently unfair to make those changes during the term while those positions are occupied;

And whereas Article 3.2 of the CBC Branch Bylaws specifies that the CBC BEC is responsible for the interpretation of these bylaws

Moved by: Harry Mesh Seconded by: Jonathan Spence

The CBC Branch affirms that any changes to the CBC BEC structure resulting from the bylaw amendment proposals to the 2016 Convention will only be implemented at end of term on December 31, 2016, and that status quo will be maintained until that time, in order to provide a smooth and orderly transition.

Mesh said the motion was being presented for clarity. Spence said it was procedural. MPL said it was unnecessary. He said it could be clarified in remarks before the structure review is voted on at convention. He suggested it be amended to read that the chair deliver the statement to the convention.

M/S Mesh/Spence CARRIED

CONVENTION PLANNING

Gaynette Spafford said the agenda is ready for the CBC branch day, and documents will be emailed ahead of time to delegates. Both MPL and Gaynette noted that time will be tight at the convention.

MEDICAL NOTES

MPL said the union is preparing a complaint to the privacy commissioner at CBC over the detail required in the CBC medical forms. He said if needed, a complaint will also go to the federal privacy commissioner.

MOTION

Homolgate motion to confirm the email vote, to appoint Michael Tymchuk to the CCSB.

M/S Clancy/Forest CARRIED

Motion to adjourn

Forest/Mesh CARRIED

8:43pm