

Monthly Conference Call - BEC
May 13, 2014
7:30pm EST

Attendees

Marc-Philippe Laurin (Chair)
Allan Gofenko
Gaynette Spafford
Michael D'Souza
Michael Robert
Naomi Robinson
Dominique Delisle
Wil Fundal
David Croft
Annick Forest

Meeting called to order 7:32pm.

Motion to approve the agenda.
M/S Robinson/Spafford CARRIED

Motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2014 call.
M/S Spafford/Robinson CARRIED

President's Remarks

MPL gave an update on current advocacy efforts, in light of the CBC budget cuts. He is urging people to circulate and talk about the CMG letter to the CBC Board of Directors, and the CMG bulletin "Your Right to Speak Up". Some BEC members did not receive the communications from the CMG office, or it went to their junk emails. MPL will discuss this with the office.

The BEC discussed the idea of holding a march of concern during the May convention. Friday at lunchtime seems to be the best time to attract media coverage. The Toronto LEC will help coordinate.

MPL says the advocacy committee is trying to get a complete picture of cuts across the country, and the impact on specific shows and programs. For instance, in Windsor, there will be no more videographers, only VJ's. Specifics are needed to convey the impact of the cuts.

SRC meetings - Ontario region

MPL provided an update on the issue of budgeting for SRC regional meetings. He will arrange a call with Naomi, Michael Robert and Jack to clarify whether this is intended to be a local or regional committee, as this will determine future budgeting.

Bargaining Consultation Policy Report

The BEC will circulate the draft policy at the convention for information purposes only. There needs to be more discussion about whether any changes or tweaks are needed.

JEEC

Wil Fundal says the CBC managers on the JEEC have been told there is no money for travel for meetings, and that videoconferencing is preferred.. The BEC reiterates that face-to-face meetings are important to ensure that works gets done and progress is made.

JE/NJEC updates

MPL updated the call on ongoing JE committee work, and the one case that is currently at the NJEC level. MPL also noted that there are ongoing efforts to meet with SRC management. There have been some scheduling issues, and there are efforts now to arrange meetings for early June.

New Business:

Annick Forest suggests that the Guild should provide information, perhaps in the form of a pamphlet, for members who have 30+ years service, to advise them of their rights/options/benefits. MPL will explore this idea further.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm Eastern.