

Minutes
CBC-BEC Regular Monthly Call
June 10, 2014

Attendees:
Wendy Martin
Michael Robert
Marc-Philippe Laurin
Gaynette Spafford
Naomi Robinson
Harry Mesh
Sean Laughlin
Dominique Delisle
Michael D'Souza

Meeting called to order 7:36pm

Motion to adopt the agenda.

M/S Robert/Spafford CARRIED

Motion to adopt the minutes.

Set aside for the next meeting, so people have a chance to read them.

President's remarks

MPL reported back on meetings with MPs on Parliament Hill. He also noted that we are expecting more bad news on future cuts at CBC, but we have no details at the time of this call.

Annick Forest joins the call at 7:46.

MPL notes that some members have reached out to the CBC board to discuss the impact on the cuts, but the board has not been receptive. MPL will ask the chair of the board directly for a meeting. D'Souza wonders whether we can attend the board meeting as a delegation? MPL updated the BEC on plans for the June 17th lobby effort in Ottawa, to coincide with the CBC board meeting.

Old Business

CCSB discussions. MPL says we will have a sub-committee with the French unions to talk to the CBC about putting on pre-retirement seminars. MPL says the Corporation is interested, as long as there is no cost. He notes there was also discussion with the CBC about difficulty people are having accessing pension information.

MPL notes the CMG national office is looking at putting pension information on the web, as per the resolution from the convention.

The workload issue is going to the NJC. The most recent meeting was cancelled - and there are efforts to have the date of the next NJC moved up.

Dan Oldfield is looking into the issue of the management directive governing outside activities in the Maritimes. Mesh expressed concern about the length of time it is taking to address this issue. MPL hopes for action by the end of day tomorrow (June 11), and says there will be a policy grievance if there is no response from the CBC on this.

MPL notes the issue of second language (employees to be able to use the language of their choice when dealing with management) will be addressed at the NJC as well.

Agenda Items

Robinson asks that a current list of branch committee members be put on the CMG website. MPL will discuss this with the national office and ask Jeanne D'Arc to do this.

Motion: that the BEC sponsor former Halifax president Justin Grant \$100 in a walk to raise funds for ALS.

M/S Mesh/Martin CARRIED

Robinson suggests that we sponsor him in the amount of 200 dollars. Mesh says this is not in accordance with the national policy - but he will resend the link if individuals want to sponsor Justin personally. MPL will send a note to Justin on behalf of the branch.

New Business

Robinson notes that when the national office sends out emails to members, it is hit and miss whether people receive them. She says although the emails show up as sent, people are not always receiving them. People may need to add webmaster@cmg.ca to ensure they receive emails from the office. MPL will ask the office to distribute something to presidents, to be manually distributed to members to alert them of this.

D'Souza says the national office needs to look at the impact of anti-spam legislation, on mass emails to members.

Our next call will be the second Tuesday in July. We will call for quorum. Please let Wendy Martin know if you won't be available.

Motion: to adjourn.

8:13pm

M/S Mesh/Robert.