

Minutes - CBC BEC call July 8, 2014

Attendees:

Annick Forest

Dave Croft

John O'Connor

Dominique Delisle

Michael Robert

Michael D'Souza

Marc-Philippe Laurin

Chantal Payant

Gaynette Spafford

Harry Mesh

Sean Laughlin

Naomi Robinson

Wendy Martin

Wil Fundal (joined in progress)

Meeting called at order at 7:35 pm Eastern.

**MOTION** to adopt the agenda

M/S Spafford/D'Souza CARRIED

CMG President Carmel Smyth joined the call.

Smyth talked about the town hall and addressed the reaction, both positive and negative, to her call at the town hall for Hubert Lacroix's resignation. MPL noted that Smyth has a right to her opinion. Smyth said a lot of people see the CBC's new direction as redesigning the CBC for the future, and some were angry about Lacroix's suggestion that the announcement was a happy day. She said some people are also angry with the union for not doing more. She said the union must speak up and be bold as never before. She said a high profile campaign is planned to fight the redirection and a lot of senior people want to be involved. She urged people not to buy into the doom and gloom. MPL said this campaign will be part of next year's federal election campaign. Smyth noted the NEC has money for locals to do awareness and lobbying. Mesh said that in order to run an effective campaign, the union must have a consistent message. Robinson noted that the Toronto LEC voted in favor of a motion, supporting Smyth's call for Lacroix's resignation.

Smyth left the call at 8:07pm.

Several BEC members expressed concern that there is infighting within the CMG and that it must be resolved. MPL said that would be passed along to the NEC. Delisle suggested that it is urgent for us to meet face-to-face to plan a strategy for 2015 and that the fall may be too late.

MPL said a job will be posted for a coordinator to run the campaign, and that the BEC should have a bigger presence on the advocacy committee. D'Souza said there is often very little notice of the advocacy meetings, and there is a need for regularly scheduled meetings, as well as more structure and minutes. He echoed the call for the union to stand together. Payant pointed out that the advocacy committee is a national committee, and disagrees with the CBC BEC taking it over. She said it has done good work. MPL said he will reach out to local presidents to play a bigger role, and said he has heard of some interest already. MPL said that Smyth and the NEC will have to address the unity issue. He said he will try to set up a meeting with the entire BEC and the advocacy committee to bring people up to date, possible in mid-August. Payant said she felt mid-August was too late and that something needs to be in place when Parliament returns in early fall. MPL said he would arrange a call.

There were questions about the departure of the western staff rep to a new position with the CLC. Several people said that no-one was aware the rep had departed. Croft suggested more recruitment for the position be done in western Canada, to try to find a replacement.

**MOTION** to adopt the minutes from May 26, 27, 2014.

M/S D'Souza/Croft CARRIED - 1 abstention

**MOTION** to adopt the minutes from June 10, 2104

M/S D'Souza/Robinson CARRIED - 3 abstentions

### **OLD BUSINESS**

MPL said Jeanne D'Arc has been asked to list the names of committee members on the website.

He will also address with her, the issue of some office emails not getting through to all Guild members. Payant said a lot of members still are not receiving the emails. MPL suggested a campaign, asking members to sign up for CMG emails. Robinson said she would forward a template from other NGO's, asking people to reconfirm their email addresses.

MPL notes that a letter and a donation were sent to Justin Grant, the former LEC president in Halifax, for his participation in a recent ALS fundraiser.

Fundal said he would pend the JEEC item until the next meeting's agenda.

**MOTION** to adjourn. 9:05pm

M/S Delisle/Robinson CARRIED