

**CMG/CBC Branch Executive Council**  
**June 16, 2015**  
**Conference Call 7:30PM ET**

Attendees:

Marc-Philippe Laurin  
Michael D'Souza  
Chantal Payant  
Dave Croft  
John O'Connor  
Jonathan Spence  
Natalie Clancy  
Naomi Robinson  
Harry Mesh  
Wendy Martin

Regrets: Gaynette Spafford, Wil Fundal, Sean Laughlin, Michael Robert, Dominique Delisle, Annick Forest, Allan Gofenko

Call to order 7:36pm.

The meeting began with a reading of the statement of principles.

**MOTION:** to approve the agenda. 3 items were added: June 22 plans, the status of a communique on member involvement, and the Evan Solomon case.

**M/S Mesh/O'Connor CARRIED**

**MOTION:** to approve the minutes of the Face-to-Face meeting from May 2015.

Michael D'Souza noted he has submitted several FAQ's as requested at the Face-to-Face.

**M/S D'Souza/O'Connor**

**MOTION:** to pend approval of the minutes so people can have time to read them.

**M/S D'Souza/Robinson CARRIED**

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Marc-Philippe Laurin said it has been a very busy few weeks. He said that Carmel Smyth and Martin O'Hanlon had written to the CBC board about the cuts and 2020 plan. He said the board has answered, but the letter has not yet arrived at the CMG national office. Laurin also reported on the CWA conference in Detroit. He noted that the Evan Solomon case developed during that time. He said across the country, people are divided on the outside activities issue - and he noted that the union needs to protect members rights as a whole. Michael D'Souza reported on the first day of arbitration on the outside activities case. The union is arguing against a blanket ban. D'Souza said neither side wants an arbitration ruling but rather want to come to an agreement. Discussion have been suspended until the next meeting. Laurin said that the NGC is dealing with the medical report issue. He said he and Bruce May recently met with

management to discuss it. He said a lot of doctors have recently been refusing to provide the information that CBC is seeking. He said the union has asked the CBC to back off on demanding such detail. He said if it does not stop, the CMG will issue its own form. Laurin said the issues around leave without pay are also under review. He said that the PMSD committee presented suggestions for future steps in February to HR, but the process has stalled. Laurin said that the committee is looking for ways to move this forward. Jonathan Spence asked if anything has happened with the Rubin report. Laurin said he hasn't heard anything yet. Naomi Robinson asked whether all respect in the workplace seminars will now be held as webinars. Laurin said that webinars are only to be used where the numbers involved in a workplace are small. But he said there has been good feedback from locations where the webinars have been used.

**Homolgate Motion:** Moved that we donate \$100 to the Walk for ALS in support of the request from Justin Grant (vote done by email)

**M/S Mesh/Delisle CARRIED**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There is a need to fill vacancies on several committees. NGC is the latest because Anu Dawit-Kanna has been seconded to HR for one year. Wendy and MPL will arrange for Jeanne D'Arc to send out a note from the national office.

## **LABRADOR LOCATION UNIT**

Harry Mesh said there is an issue with the location unit in Labrador. With an upcoming retirement, there is just one person left on the local executive, and there is no immediate interest in filling the positions. He said the location may have to merge with another unit. MPL asked to be kept informed and offered to hold a conference call with the location if needed.

## **LOCATION FUNDING**

Mesh noted that some locations have not been getting their regular financial allotments, even though their reports are up to date. MPL said that Gaynette Spafford has asked for clarification from Carmel and Calum at the national level. We will discuss this on our next call.

## **PRE-RETIREMENT SECTION ON WEBSITE**

Mesh asked whether this section has been added to the CMG website, as directed in the 2014 convention. MPL said two senior staffers at the national office who were working on it, have since left. He will check with the office to see who can pick up this work. Spence said that the national education director has done a lot of work in this area, and he offered to take this on.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Payant asked about a joint communique for members to outline what is acceptable when lobbying for CBC and public broadcasting, as the federal election approaches. MPL said a meeting has been set up for June 24th with Jennifer McGuire, that will also include Natalie Clancy, Lise Lareau, Michael D'Souza and possibly Bruce May.

**MOTION:** to move in-camera.  
M/S Payant/Clancy CARRIED

**MOTION:** to return to regular session  
M/S Robinson/Clancy CARRIED

### **JUNE 22 LOBBY EFFORTS**

Naomi Robinson said information and materials have been sent out to all locations, in the Save the CBC campaign. She said people will be asked to email CBC board members in advance of the June 22 board meeting. She also said the aim now is to have lawn signs up by July 1st. MPL said it is not known yet if the CBC board will agree to meet with the CMG. Payant asked if there is a demonstration planned for Ottawa to coincide with the June 22 meeting. Robinson said Kam Rao felt it would be more effective to have a large number of people email the board members, than to have a demo outside the meeting.

Natalie Clancy said that John O'Connor is doing a great job as western rep.

Robinson asked if there would be regular BEC calls during July and August. MPL said that is the plan.

**MOTION** to adjourn 8:53pm  
M/S Payant/Croft CARRIED