

Minutes

BEC Monthly call September 13, 2016

Attendees:

Gaynette Spafford

Harry Mesh

Wendy Martin

Jonathan Spence

David Croft

Annick Forest

John O'Connor

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Marc-Philippe Laurin

Saida Ouchaou-Ozarowski

Joe Fiorino

Naomi Robinson

Regrets:

Michael Robert

Natalie Clancy

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm Eastern.

MOTION to approve the agenda

Two items were added - an update on the NJC and the working group on Workplace and Culture.

M/S Spafford/Fiorino CARRIED

MPL welcomed Joe Fiorino as the newest member of the BEC.

Fiorino took the oath of office.

MOTION to approve the minutes of the May 2016 call.

M/S Mesh/Robinson CARRIED Fiorino abstained.

MOTION to approve the minutes of the June 2016 face-to-face meeting.

M/S Ouchaou/O'Connor CARRIED Spence/Fiorino abstained.

MOTION to formally adopt the homologate motion approved by email in July:

M/S Spafford/Croft CARRIED O'Connor abstained.

MOTION: that the BEC appoint John O'Connor & Joe Fiorino to sit on the National Health & Safety committee for the remainder of the term.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MPL updated the BEC on a number of ongoing issues.

He noted that Wendy Martin will remain on the BEC while working as temporary staff rep in Atlantic Canada. He said the NEC will have further discussions on the issue of elected CMG

members who are temporarily appointed to staff roles.

Laurin gave an update on the working group on Workplace Health and Culture. He said the group has responsibility for monitoring respect in the workplace.

Laurin said that Chantal Payant has resigned her CMG roles in Ottawa and nationally. He thanked her for her dedication, hard work and passion. He said her resignation leaves vacancies both on the BEC and the NJC.

MPL said that there is still a need to consult with local presidents in Eastern Canada about the staff rep position. He said he will try to set up a call to begin that work. He said a small working group may be needed to coordinate the work. Robinson suggested a wider group of people may need to be consulted.

MPL said that SRC has looked again at the webwriters file, and that a communique will go out soon to advise of the progress.

MOTION that the BEC recognize Chantal Payant for her years of hard work and dedication.
M/S Robinson/Forest CARRIED

VACANCIES

The BEC discussed a couple of vacancies as a result of resignations.

MOTION: that the BEC explore whether any current BEC members are interested in taking on the role of director of Human Rights and Equity for the remainder of this term.

M/S Mesh/O'Connor CARRIED

MPL said he would send an email to the BEC.

MPL noted that there is also a vacancy for the director of SRC East. He asked Saida Ouchaou-Ozarowski whether she would be willing to take on that portfolio. She said she would consider it.

MPL said there is also a vacancy on the NJC with the departure of Chantal Payant. MPL noted the BEC's recent discussions about having female representation on the NJC and said he would send an email seeking interest from female members of the BEC.

Mesh said there is still a need to fill vacancies on the Transmissions Health and Safety committee. MPL said he would ask the national office to issue another call for applications for the four seats.

MOTION: that the BEC issue another call for applications for the Transmissions Health and Safety committee.

M/S Mesh/Croft CARRIED

CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

Ouchaou said the BEC had requested that the NEC post resolutions from the June convention that did not get discussed on the floor. She asked whether the BEC could issue that request again. MPL said that the NEC has not met since the convention. But he said he could contact president Carmel Smyth for a response.

SRC POSTINGS

Ouchaou noted that there are long delays in getting jobs in posted in SRC West. MPL said that CMG reps are aware of the issue and that IR has been included in discussions as well.

Spence asked whether the SCRC president will attend the BEC's next face-to-face meeting

in October. MPL said it will depend on scheduling.

MOTION to adjourn.

M/S Fiorino/Ouchaou CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9pm Eastern.