

Quarterly Regional Report (January to April 2018)

Regional Health and Safety Committee

The Committee has set priorities for the next twelve months which are to increasing committee membership representation from all Components as well as keeping current on regional occupational health & safety issues by having guest speakers present on various topics. In March we had representatives from the Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers deliver a presentation on the services they offer that we can tap into to support our members on health and safety matters. The Committee members got to engage the OHCOW facilitators on a myriad of topics ranging from occupational noise measurements in the workplace to the threat of legionella bacteria's presence & testing for it in our workplace cooling systems.

In the spirit of being pro-active to increase membership and visibility in the NCR the Committee will be attending other various events throughout the year. Our information table will be set-up on Saturday May 26 at the next NCR Annual General Meeting to be held at the Casino Lac Leamy, Gatineau, Quebec. We are also currently working on introducing swag to promote the Committee's work, accomplishments and increase its visibility, various products ideas are being explored.

In February 2018 the Committee established a working group who will be preparing the next PSAC NCR Regional Health and Safety Conference to be held in April 2019.

Other projects are being considered for the Committee, engaging in a letter campaign aimed at the MPs on the hill to improve the working OHS conditions in Federal buildings.

Based on discussions with the Committee members, since January 2018 the Committee has adopted an eco-friendly way of doing business by no longer distributing paper copies of the agenda and minutes during the meetings, instead an electronic copy is projected.

On a final note and just a friendly reminder to all that the Committee meets on the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month. Please come out and join us! For the location of the meeting please refer to the PSAC regional website.

We encourage all components and DCL's to come out and join us.

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