

**PSAC NRC Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee AGM  
January 17th, 2018 – Ottawa Regional Office**

**Present**

Imre Bene (Co-chair), Sylvie Leblanc, Robert Basque (Secretary), Edith Knopp, Gary Bosloy, Carole Garneau, Behiye Cinkilic, Kim Haeck, Jean Lalonde, Denise Camus, Marc Béland (PSAC Rep).

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Imre Bene.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was moved by Bob, 2nd Edith, approved.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

The amended minutes of the Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 were m/s by Bob/Sylvie, approved.

**Welcome**

Imre welcome everyone in attendance.

**Old agenda item**

**ODLC awards dinner**

Imre mentioned that it was a good time for all, we had two full table (16 members attended).

Imre mentioned that in discussion with the REVP, the regional office mentioned it will play a more active role in supporting this event so to increase PSAC's presence at ODLC organized events in the future.

**New Business**

**Setting priorities next three year**

Imre brought this issue on the floor and ask everyone to participate and provide ideas as to what the committee priorities should be.

1<sup>st</sup> priority – increase membership

Ideas:

- Send invitation to all component to attend our meetings,
- Have each member invite/bring someone to our meetings,
- Have committee members attend component meetings/events to talk about the work our committee does.

2<sup>nd</sup> priority – info bulletin

Create an info bulletin that can be used and sent to every components when legislation changes or new legislation is created that has an impact +\_ on the H&S of our members

### H&S Conference

The committee had a discussion and we decided to hold the next conference on April 6-7 2019. A sub-committee will be stood-up soon to start working on the planning stage. Committee members wishing to participate on the sub-committee should inform Imre.

### Mental Health - tool kit.

Imre distributed to all a copy of the presentation “A tool to plan accommodations for workplace mental health”. The presentation was shared at the last steward symposium.

### Swags

Imre requested ideas from all in regards to type of swags we should procure for the committee

- Thermometer / humidex reader
- Whistle with the committee logo on it
- Pen with a thermometer on it
- Cell phone holder.
- Pen with committee logo
- Note pad with committee logo

### Round Table

Jean mentioned that they are having problems with the temperature in the building and asking what should be done. He was referred to the NJC directive and the grievance process.

Behiye elaborated on the challenges/difficulties dealing with workplace violence and follow-up investigation process.

Edith attended the mental health first-aid course sponsored by the Canadian Mental Health Commission, she mentioned it was a good course.

Denise said she was informed by the OSH advisor attending the ESDC regional WOSH meeting for the National Capital Region the CSST informed ESDC that mental health issues related to problem caused by Phoenix are not workplace injuries and would not be supported by CSST.

She also mentioned having been told that defibrillators are not installed in ESDC worksites because ESDC has studies that demonstrate that CPR is better than defibrillators.

She also elaborated on the difficulties associated with representing employees in workplace violence situation.

End of business,

The chair thanked everyone for attending.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the Gatineau regional office