

**PSAC NRC Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee AGM
November 15th, 2017 – Gatineau Regional Office**

Present

Imre Bene (Co-chair), Sylvie Leblanc, Robert Basque (Secretary), Edith Knopp, Gary Bosloy, Carole Garneau, Rhea Sandy, Kim Haeck, Pat St-Georges, 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 Sylvie, approved.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The amended minutes of the last AGM were m/s by Bob/Carole, approved.

Welcome

Imre welcomed everyone in attendance and mentioned that our REVP Greg McGillis has graciously accepted the committee's invitation to chair the election and should be here momentarily, the meeting has started, we have items to address on the agendas and will carry on with the election once the REVP arrives.

Subjects

H&S courses:

Imre spoke with Pierre Lebel and was informed that an H&S basic course and an H&S advance course will be run hopefully in the winter session.

Carole inquired if PSAC is also looking at the possibility of providing training on mental health first-aid, she was informed that the education committee is looking into the possibility of having this training also.

ODLC award dinner:

Imre mentioned that a total of 14 committee members had expressed interest in attending this event, the chair mentioned that the committee has the funds to cover two tables so all could attend. A motion from Bob seconded by Carole was tabled that the committee reserves two tables at the cost of 2 x \$450.00 = \$900.00) to accommodate everyone interested in attending. Approved.

Meeting schedule:

The chair mentioned that the committee normally doesn't sit in December and would like to do the same this year. It was unanimously agreed by all that the committee would not sit in December.

Elections:

Greg explained how the election were to be conducted.

The only position open for election is secretary/treasurer – Robert Basque (Bob) was nominated by Pat and seconded by Carole. Bob accepted the nomination. No one else express interest so Bob was re-elected as secretary/treasurer for a two year term.

Being that no other position are vacant, the election was closed.

Round table

Marc informed all that the committee's secretary is now holding the taxi chit books and that members need to approach the secretary with request for chit in future.

Marc also mentioned that Bill C-65, recently introduced, would amend both the *Canada Labour Code* and the *Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act*, it propose stronger legislation to address harassment and sexual violence at work.

Gary mentioned that he's attending the OFL Convention (Nov 20-24th)

Kim inquired as to where she could get support so to better understand role/responsibility of ESDC.

Rhea reminded everyone that Dec 6th is a day of action regarding "violence against woman", an event is being planned at Gilmour.

Greg (REVP) spoke about Phoenix issues, PSAC has set-up a coordination committee looking precisely at how to address ongoing concerns.

Greg also mentioned that PSAC is discussing holding a National day of action in regards to Phoenix.

Greg finally mentioned that the OFL Convention is a major event and PSAC will be holding a caucus.

End of business,

The chair thanked everyone for attending.

Adjournment

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