

**British Columbia Regional Union Safety and Health Committee
(BRUSH)
AGENDA
July 25, 2018
5:30pm
Vancouver Regional Office**

In attendance: Linda Harding (Chair), Wayne Little (UTE), Monique Bakker (UHEW), Bill Plemming (GSU), Jen Horsley (USPGE), Ernest Hooker (UCTE)

Staff: Sharon Barbour

Roll Call:

Linda Harding called the meeting to order at 5:30 and conducted a roll call.

Accepting the Agenda:

The agenda was accepted.

Review of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting were accepted with one amendment (spelling of Sister Ng's name).

Business Arising:

Linda reviewed the May action items.

At the last meeting, Karen Sutton said she would like to see mental health issues PSAC course offered in the Okanagan. Linda was not sure if this had been followed up on.

ACTION: Sharon committed to advise the Regional Coordinator and Education Officer of Karen's request.

New Business:

1. 2018 BC Regional Health & Safety Conference

Linda recently learned that the Conference must take place before the end of 2018 or the funding is lost. This is a very short time-frame. The normal process for organizing a conference must be expedited.

Because decisions about dates, location and theme must be made in a very short time-frame Linda apologized that she could not conduct a call-out / selection process for the organizing committee. She approached 3 people who accepted the positions; Karen Sutton, Jennifer Horsley and Brad Klein.

Additional information and details will be communicated as soon as possible.

2.) Terms of Reference

Linda reviewed the discussion about reducing the number of meetings they had at the previous meeting. She did not receive any feedback from Committee members.

ACTION: BRUSH members will be sent a draft ToR reducing the number of BRUSH meetings from 6 to 4 and outlining the rationale - low attendance at meetings.

The REVP suggested BRUSH insert a quorum in the ToR. After changes at National Convention took BRUSH delegate entitlement away, it isn't clear if that is still recommended.

ACTION: Sharon will seek clarification from the REVP on the quorum suggestion for discussion at the next meeting.

3.) BC Fed Activities

Linda attended the BC Fed OHS Standing Committee earlier in the day. She reported that;

- Nina Hansen – BC Fed Director H&S – will be stepping aside for a period to assist with their upcoming convention. Her job has been posted temporarily but it is not clear if Nina will return to the H&S position.
- The report of the committee to convention is almost complete – a challenge due to the 3000-word max.
- WCB is conducting “house-keeping” changes of the *Workers Compensation Act* and are rejecting participation from Labour. The Committee is concerned that this could result in changing the intent / interpretation of the *Act*.
- WCB added 15 new prevention officers. They feel this is a reflection of Minister Bain's prevention priorities.

Round Table

Wayne Little

Asked if there was information about the conference location and participant selection.

Linda explained the organizing committee had not met yet. The selection process will be one of the first things they establish but it may not be as comprehensive as in the past due to the short time-frame. The location will be in lower mainland and the budget is smaller this cycle – approx. 35000.

Wayne asked about how to get a copy of the Terms of Reference and Linda directed him to the website.

Monique

Suggested that BRUSH participants could help research topics for the Conference. Linda invited her to send her ideas forward.

Ernest

Noted that he did not receive the email invitation / agenda / minutes for today's meeting. Sharon explained that it's possible she is not dealing with the most up-to-date distribution list.

ACTION: Sharon will follow-up to ensure the list is up-to-date.

Bill

Recently completed the Mental Health First Aid workshop delivered to 20 people. Sponsored by the employer. mental health first aid – delivered to dept. He highly recommends the instructor (Carla ABICHAHINE 604-868-2188 carla.abichahine@gmail.com Mental Health First Aid Certified Instructor, CDA Training & Development)

Bill noted this would be his last meeting due to his upcoming retirement and thanked the committee for their work.

The group congratulated and thanked Bill for his work and wished him well in his retirement.

Sharon

Introduced herself

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.