

## BRUSH Meeting Minutes

25May2016

Members in attendance: Linda Harding (Chair), Bob Jackson (REVP), Kirsty Havard (by phone), Marcelo Lazaro (by phone), Bill Pleming, Jane, Monique (by phone), Jen Horsley (by phone)

Meeting commenced @ 17:33

-James is currently away and we do not know when he will be back. In the interim, please ensure to include Linda, James, and Bob on emails to ensure that someone will be able to pass the information along so items may still be actioned

-previous minutes will be dealt with at the next meeting as they could not be completed in James' absence

-agenda is as follows:

1. roll call

2. agenda

3. new business:

A) BC Fed meetings

B) Education

C) Annual Fire Drills

D) National OHS Resolutions

E) Round table

-there was a question with respect to extending the resolution deadline. The deadline is firm for June 10<sup>th</sup> and cannot be extended/moved

-there were several other questions re: when the resolution callout was sent – it was confirmed James distributed it both in April and May. James had not received any resolutions as of a couple of weeks ago.

3 A) Linda and Bob attended the BCFed meetings. Of note is the Whistler Summer School from 06-10Jun2016. Unfortunately, PSAC does not have subsidies for this event.

-their young worker movement is also very active. Over 23,000 high school students attended courses last year on knowing their rights in the work place. They're currently looking for two more facilitators.

-another significant endeavor has been the 12 week ESL course for migrant workers. They will be having a graduation ceremony June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This course fulfills Part 1 of the Labour Code, and they are looking at putting together a second section for the course.

-The Vancouver Fire Department has a guest speaker on resilient minds. It was a 1.5 hour presentation but ended up being completed in 20min. The talk focused on law enforcement with mental health as a whole, not just PTSD.

-the new WorkSafe site will be up in approximately two weeks and is looking to be suitably improved from the last one.

-Mental Health Awareness day is coming up as well.

3 B) Bill Fleming presented information on the required annual fire drills for federal public services. It does not appear that all work sites are conducting these. A lot of work sites use “operational requirements” as the rationale for not conducting the drills. Bill is looking to see how many departments are conducting these, as well as the frequency.

-DFO keeps stats on fire drills, but not on earthquake drills. These are sometimes included in “Shake Out BC”

-UNDE has been conducting the drills, as has CSC, Service Canada, Indian Affairs, and Purolator (but not for the stand alone stores). CBSA conducts the drills depending on the work location.

-these drills are very important as members need to be able to identify exits, egress, etc.

### 3 D) Resolutions

-resolution regarding accessibility washrooms for disability and gender – submitted by Monique (wording has not been provided)

-after much discussion, it was determined that the resolution was better suited to be brought forward by the HRC or a component rather than the BRUSH Committee.

-Monique had a few other resolutions to submit but did not want to due to time constraints.

-Linda has wording for H&S Activities resolution \*\* (resolution was submitted last week)

-after significant discussion, the resolution passed

### 3 E) Round table

-there was a questions re: building fire codes and hydrants/sprinklers. This information has been distributed previously, but Bill will again forward.

- s. 127/128 assistance has been appreciated by members and representatives

-next Meeting will be July 27<sup>th</sup>.

18:37 – meeting concluded