

**British Columbia Regional Union Safety and Health Committee  
(BRUSH)  
Minutes  
May 24, 2017**

In Attendance: Linda Harding (Chair), Brad Kleine (UNDE), Trish Martin (CEIU), Colleen Girrard (UNDE), Bill Pleming (GSU), Mariah Moraes (USGE), Desery Ng Marcelo Lazaro (UNDE), Wendy Tange, Susan Gunn (USGE), Johanne Ackerman (UTE), Jim Sidel (DLC), Farida Reid (CEIU)

Regrets: Wayne Little (UTE), Sue Yaciw (UTE), Jennifer Horsley (UPCE), Leanne Hughes (CIU),

**Agenda**

Accepting the Agenda:

Review Previous Minutes

Business Arising

New Business

1. BC Fed Activities
2. National H&S Conference Final Regnal Report
3. Resolutions to BC Regional Convention
4. Invitation and Ideas for Guest Speakers
5. Day of Mourning Events
6. NJC Cyclical Review
7. H&S Education/Training

Round Table

Adjournment

**Roll Call**

Linda conducted a Roll Call

**Accepting of the Agenda**

Accepted with minor amendments.

**Review Previous Minutes**

There were some misspelt names which will be fixed.

We reviewed the previous minutes all tasks have been completed.

Accepted as amended.

**Business Arising**

No Business Arising

## **New Business**

### **BC Fed Activities**

Linda gave a brief of the most recent BC Fed all day meeting. They watched a video produced by the BC Fed on the history of the National Day of Mourning, which is a Canadian thing. The video will be available on the BC Fed website.

The province has their working group on asbestos up and running but it excludes the federal sectors.

BC Fed H&S Committee has a preliminary 3-year plan which is still in progress and we will share it with the BRUSH Committee at the next meeting.

**TASK: Linda to provide BRUSH with 3-year plan**

### **National H&S Conference Regional Report**

We have prepared the final report of the National H&S Conference. The conference was held in Montreal from November 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The theme was “Shaping a New Culture for Our Health and Safety”, and it will be structured much the same as previous conferences. The resolutions were debated and both of the BRUSH’s primary resolutions were passed.

The final report has been sent to the National PSAC H&S Representatives for inclusion in the National Report.

Bob suggests that we regularly revisit the goals set by the caucus with the intention of getting things done in a timelier manner.

We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback and we hope that your comments and concerns have been properly addressed.

### **Resolutions to BC Regional Conference**

We reminded members of the three resolutions the BRUSH submitted to the BC PSAC Regional Convention and encouraged members to have a close look at the rationale for these resolutions.

The resolutions appear to be well placed on the priority list of both the General and Finance Committees and will very likely be debated on the floor of the convention.

We asked members to support the resolutions, at the mic, at the upcoming convention and ask others to support them as well.

## **Invitation and Ideas for Guest Speakers**

We had some members make some suggestions at the last meeting and they were not captured in the minutes so we are asking members to resend their ideas to James and Linda. We would like to ask a member of the National H&S Office to do the first engagement on Psychological Health and the Garding Minds Survey and how we can work that into our work.

## **Day of Mourning Events Report.**

The BC Fed led the event in Victoria and it was very well attended by union and non-union members alike. PSAC was well represented and Bob personally thanked Colleen, Marcelo and UNDE for their active participation.

Farida Reid reported on the DoM held in Nanaimo and although she didn't have the opportunity to attend she was instrumental in organizing the event.

## **NJC Cyclical Review**

We informed members of the NJC Cyclical Review and shared with them the email requesting input before June 23, 2017. We have sent out the notice to all BRUSH members and ask for input into this directive.

## **H&S Education and Training**

CLC Part II Course will be taking place in Victoria on March 11/12, 2017 This was well attended and there will be some new opportunities properly in the spring of 2018.

## **Round Table**

Next meeting – July 26, 2017

Adjourned

**TASK: Amend Terms of Reference to define what an active member is for future elections of BRUSH Delegate This will review will take place after the BC Regional Convention.**