

October 23, 2013

In Attendance: Linda Harding (Chair) (GSU), Tracey Shudo (CEIU), Bill Plemming (GSU), Dave Thompson (PSAC), Bob Bridgeman (UNDE), David McNeary, Lianne Hughes (CIU), Johan Ackerman (UTE), Michael Small (UTE), Tracey Cochran (USGE), Monique Bakker (UEW) and James Little (PSAC)

Regrets: Bob Jackson (REVP BC), Susan Yaciw (UTE), Angela Marafon (UTE), Wayne Little (UTE), Melvin Dureen (USGE), Jennifer Chieh Ho (UNE), Paul Croes (CIU), Sargy Chema (CEIU), Virginia Vallancourt (UVAE), Darlene Stevens (CEIU), Nick Humphreys (UEW), Dianne Mitchell (CEIU) and Kelly Megyesi (CEIU)

Agenda

Roll Call
Accepting the Agenda
Review Previous Minutes
Business Arising
Standing Items
 Ergonomics
New Business
 Asbestos Registry
 Indoor Air Quality
 Shake Out BC
Round Table
Adjournment

Roll Call

Linda conducted a Roll Call

Accepting of the Agenda

Agenda accepted

Review Previous Minutes

1. Change Leanne Hughes to CIU
2. Remove References to CFIA in the sample TOR and make other corrections and then resend to committee members.
3. Add the Names of National H&S delegates and Union School participants to the BRUSH List
4. Hazard Prevention Program
 Share Bill's email address with Tracey Cochrane

5. Ergonomics
Bill will send to me and I will share with others
6. Brush Membership
Bob Jackson is following up with Julie Docherty.
7. WCB Bullying
Linda has provided the WCB link to the Bullying and Harassment prevention toolkit:
<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Topics/BullyingAndHarassment/Resources.asp?reportID=37260>

Standing Items

Ergonomics

The new Service Canada offices at Harbour Centre are seven square feet in size and Tracy Shudo believes this is too small and that ergonomic problems may arise. The GSU – Public Works member participants briefly outlined the new government's workspaces 2.0 initiative and apparently the government is moving to smaller office spaces.

Tracy – there will be no key board trays in the new office. Members need to be informed that their current ergonomic equipment should be moved with them.

Key board trays are essential (Bob Bridgeman) for individuals – E.K Gillin is a private company who offers courses in Ergonomics. It may be something the workplace committee might review with objective of sending some committee members for ergonomic training. The link is as follows: <http://www.ekginc.com/>

Action Item – Send out diagram and photo of new office set up at Harbour Square, the Ergonomic questionnaire and info on retaining and moving ergonomic equipment.

New Business

Asbestos Registry

We reviewed the most current national list of federal building that still has asbestos remaining in them. We discussed the listing and will send the list to all BRUSH members to help identify any errors or omissions from the list.

Action Item – Send out list of Buildings and ask for input for buildings that may not be on the list.

Indoor Air Quality.

Tracey Cochrane (USGE) has asked for assistance with a HOI report. There was a building fire in New West (next to the Parole office) and the building contained asbestos, members justifiably asked about the air quality in there building. The employer changed the air filters but the office still smells of smoke.

Members are asking for air quality tests and a report has been prepared. Tracey is asking for a second opinion on the air quality test results.

The report has been shared with the membership in the effected area but most are still uncomfortable with their current working conditions.

Action Item – Send information to Bill and Bob who have agreed to have a look at the HOIR and make comments/recommendations directly to Tracey

Shake out BC

How many offices participated in the program this year?

UNDE – 1000 members real good exercise 2 hours

CIU – No

CEIU – A few offices participated

UTE – yes 1000.

David – no one person participated on her on

USGE –

GSU – 600 employes

PSAC Regional Office - No

Round Table

Bob Bridgeman – retiring Jan 10, 2014 enjoying social justice.

Leanne Hughes – Terms of Reference send to her.

Next meeting January 29, 2014

With Guest speaker