# Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee

# September 19, 2013 - Ottawa Regional Office

#### **Present:**

Vicki-Lynn Smith – (UTE) (committee chair)

April Malhotra (NHU)

Steve Sharma (NHU)

**Regrets:** 

Linda Sabourin – (GSU) Marianne Charbonneau

Janson Labon

Dominic Lavoie – Regional representative

Mary Barr

Deirdre O'Donnell Gary Bosloy (UNDE)

Patrick St-Georges - (AGR)

Réjean Roy - (UTE)

Pierre Marinier-Regional Representative

Chantal Fortin - (USGE)

Claudette Guibord (UCTE) Dennis Mah (UNDE)

Sylvie Rochon (Regional representative)

Alex Doiron

Annette Coughlin

Michèle Milotte (UNE)

Pierre Parker (Regional Representative)

Mark Scott

Christian Patrin (OLG) Behive Cinkiuc (UNE)

Patrice Lascelles (Natural Resources)

Gary Bosley (UNDE) Denise Camus (CEIU)

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 17:52 by Vicki-Lynn who welcomed everyone.

# Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved

## **Health and Safety Training**

Next week there will be a two day course for beginners. There will be a four day Workers Health and Safety Centre level 1 course in November.

The courses will focus on the *Labour Code*, and the responsibilities and duties of health and safety committee members.

Vicki-Lynn and Sylvie discussed the course outlines.

#### **Website**

Neither the meeting date nor the minutes of the last meeting were posted on the website.

In the future approved minutes will be posted on the website. This includes information from the regional health and safety conference.

The website does not have a calendar because the current design of it does not allow for one. Changes will be made to the website in the near future.

The committee feels that links to health and safety related websites need to be added to the regional website.

#### **Committee Regulations**

There are changes to the health and safety regulations as of June 28, 2013.

#### **Health and Safety Network**

An email has been sent to all local presidents. Sylvie is trying to set up a network of people sitting on workplace health and safety committees.

#### All Affected Campaign

The PSAC is actively involved in this campaign to get members to sign membership cards and send them in. All present discussed the issue.

#### **WHSC Scholarships**

The Workers Health and Safety Centre has two scholarships for an instructor upgrade clinic. They may be offered to Vicki-Lynn and Mark.

# Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Gatineau regional office on October 16, 2013

## **Round Table**

A committee member raised the issue of workplace inspections. She calls the PWGSC 1-800 number. She had a number of other issues and concerns. Vicki-Lynn and Sylvie said that she should be filing complaints if the committee is not following regulations.

A committee member said that workers on disability should not resign under workforce adjustment. People are afraid to speak up because of DRAP.

## **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:00

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