

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC)  
January 8, 2015  
Pat McGrath boardroom, 11 Holland Ave**

**A // In Attendance:**

- John Jedrasik (GSU)
- Peter Hyduk (UNDE)
- Behiye Cinkilic (UNE)
- Marc Masson (UNE)
- Jo-An Munday (UNDE)
- Michel Tondreau (GSU)
- Rick Lynn (UNE)
- Peggy Coupland (UNE)

**B // Absent:**

- Christine Comtois (UNE)
- Brigitte Coghill (NRU)
- Dianne Brown (UNE)
- Lise Nault (UNDE)

**C // Sending Regrets:**

- Jay Castonguay (PSAC Rgn Rep)
- Tish Johnson (PSAC Rgn Rep)
- Denise Camus (CEIU)

## **1 // Introduction**

Meeting was called to order at 17:30 hrs.

## **2 // Adoption of Agenda**

The Agenda for meeting was reviewed and accepted:

- Motion : - Peter Hyduk
- 2nd : - Marc Masson
- Carried

## **3 // Adoption of Minutes from December's meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting was reviewed and small grammatical additions were made. Motion to adopt with changes:

- Motion : - Peter Hyduk
- 2nd : - Marc Masson
- Carried

## **4// Matters arising from last meeting (s)**

### **A// MDAC's Budget.**

Jo-An's Treasurer report on our budget will be presented in February.

### **B// MDAC Facebook page**

On Jay's return, she will discuss the feasibility of inviting Alroy to conduct a MDAC Facebook training class.

## **C// Threats to the Duty to Accommodate and Telework mandate**

Denise will present her findings in February.

## **D// Pat McGrath Boardroom dedication)**

Information for this important event will be passed on to our group as soon as it is received. MDAC is currently in the preliminary stages of organizing a committee to help with the decorating and logistics i.e. food menu, working on the guest list... etc. Larry Rousseau, (Regional Executive VP) along with members of other Equity Committees will certainly be invited. It was raised that the Aboriginal Committee may request to commemorate the new room with “Smudging”.

*Smudging is an Aboriginal tradition which involves the burning of sweetgrass, sage and/or cedar. Sage and cedar smudges produce a very strong and distinct aroma..... A smudge is burned primarily for purification and to help to create a positive mind set.*

[http://umanitoba.ca/student/asc/smudging\\_ceremony.html](http://umanitoba.ca/student/asc/smudging_ceremony.html)

Concern was raised by MDAC that the practice could be harmful to guests with allergies and sensitivity issues. It was suggested that if a Smudging Ceremony is held; to be done symbolically outdoors with everybody in attendance.

## **E// MDAC Elections**

In our upcoming February meeting, the following Executive positions will be coming up for election.

- President:
- Vice President:
- Secretary:
- Treasurer:

**A // Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for: February 5, 2015.

**B // Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made at: 19:30 pm.

- Motion : - Marc Masson

**C// Minutes prepared and accepted**

Marc Masson  
Secretary

John Jedrasik  
A/MDAC Chair

Date

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